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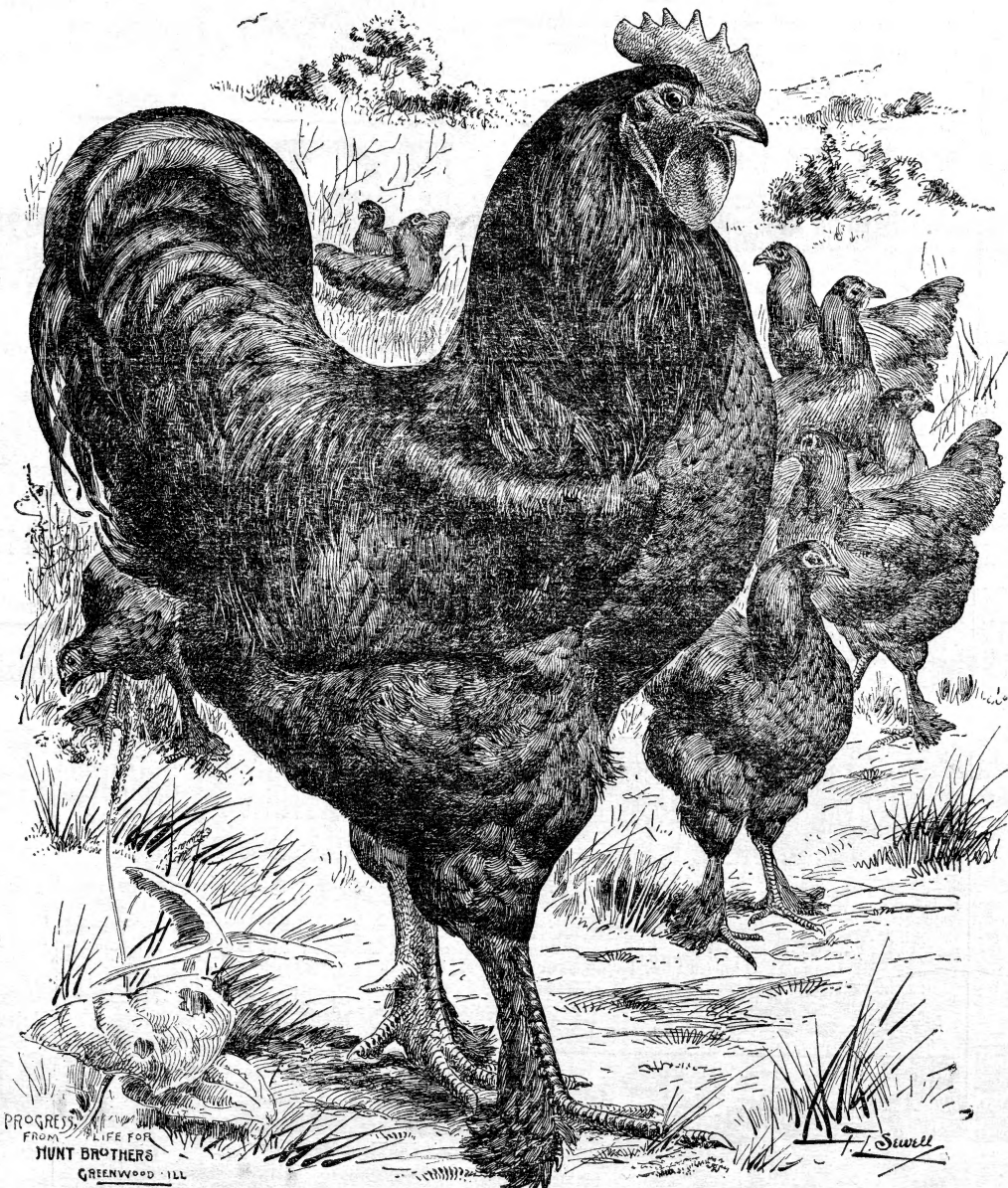
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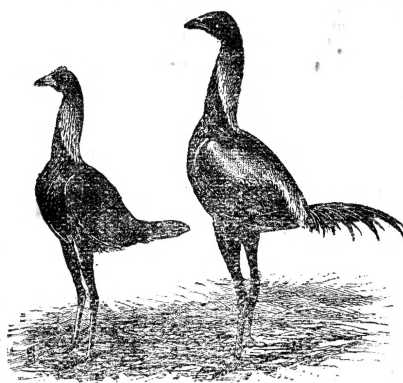
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Show Calendar.

- Aug. 28-Sept. 6.—The Great Inter-state Fair,
Elmira, N. Y. C. C. Thacher, secretary,
Elmira, N. Y.
- Aug. 28-Sept. 2.—New York and New England
Agricultural and Industrial Society, Troy,
N. Y. J. C. Cuyler, secretary, 445 Broad-
way, Albany, N. Y.
- Sept. 4-9.—New Jersey State Fair, Waverly,
N. J. P. T. Quinn, secretary, Newark, N. J.
- Sept. 14-21.—New York State Fair, Syracuse,
N. Y. G. Howard Davison, secretary,
Albany, N. Y.
- Sept. 18-22.—Rhode Island State Fair, Narragan-
sett Park. David S. Collins, secretary,
Cranston, R. I.
- Sept. 19-22.—The Grand Columbian Exhibition
of the Burlington County Agricultural
Society, Mt. Holly, N. J. H. I. Budd,
secretary, Mt. Holly, N. J.
- Sept. 25-29.—The Great Inter-state Fair, Tren-
ton, N. J. John Guild Muirheid, secretary,
Trenton, N. J.
- Oct. 10-13.—Frederick County Agricultural
Society. Thirty-third exhibition. G. W.
Cramer, secretary, Frederick, Md.
- Oct. 10-15.—Hagerstown, Md. John L. Cost,
superintendent.
- Oct. 18-30.—The Columbian Exposition and
World's Fair, Chicago, Illinois. W. I.
Buchanan, Chief Live Stock Department,
Chicago, Ill.
- Jan. 8-12.—Ohio State Poultry Association, Col-
umbus, Ohio. Dr. M. F. Lee, secretary.
- Jan. 9-12.—Rochester Poultry and Pigeon Asso-
ciation, Rochester, N. Y. J. F. Tallinger,
secretary.
- Jan. 16-19.—Saratoga Poultry and Kennel Club,
Saratoga Springs, N. Y. D. G. Eddy, secre-
tary.
- Jan. 16-20.—Piedmont Poultry and Pet Stock
Association, Greenville, S. C. R. Y. Hellams,
secretary.
- Jan. 22-28.—Connecticut State Poultry Society,
Hartford, Conn. R. G. Bailey, secretary.
- Feb. 8-13.—New York Poultry and Pigeon
Association, Madison Square Garden, New
York City. H. V. Crawford, secretary,
Montclair, N. J.

POULTRY.

Cock-a-Doodle-Do.

To the grand fraternity of Amer-
ican poultry breeders; to the
growing and enthusiastic army of
pigeon fanciers; to the innum-
erable lovers of pet stock of all
kinds; to the champions of the
faithful dog, and to the devotees of
that clean and honorable sport,
pigeon flying, THE AMERICAN FAN-
CIER sends its first message and
greeting.

Not born in a day, but conceived
long ago, the embryo grew slowly,
until the glorious fourth of July
when the publishers met and de-
cided to push the growing plant
rapidly, and to-day the fruit is ready
to be laid before the thousands of
readers of this, the first issue of
THE AMERICAN FANCIER.

Christened on Independence Day,
the true American spirit shall pre-
vail in its editorial and business
policy. Fair play to correspond-
ents and advertisers, absence of
personal abuse and petty bicker-
ings, and a stern determination to
protect the vast poultry interests
of America by giving clean, con-
vincing and reliable facts, instead
of glittering generalities; these are
the guideposts for the publishers
of THE AMERICAN FANCIER.

The stubborn fact which has
confronted poultry and pigeon fan-
ciers for the past two years, is that
a weekly paper devoted to their
interests was a thing greatly de-
sired. A paper that would chroni-
cle the events of the feathered
world in a bright and entertaining
way, and which would give the
best thoughts of experienced breed-
ers on mating, managing and car-
ing for the feathered race. Such a
paper was needed, and the publish-
ers of THE AMERICAN FANCIER
have reason to feel highly gratified
at the magnificent support they
have received from fanciers in all
parts of the United States.

The advertising columns speak
eloquently of the confidence Amer-
ica's best breeders have in the new
journal. It is questionable if, in
the entire range of journalism, a
new publication has received more
and better support than has THE
AMERICAN FANCIER.

The few extracts printed else-
where from the hundreds of letters
and press notices we have received,
prove conclusively the above state-
ment, and THE AMERICAN FANCIER
is hailed in advance, as a welcome
weekly visitor.

To all these kind friends we
extend our most profound thanks.

We do not sail under false colors.
We do not live by the fanciers'
support only, to denounce them for
being fanciers. All practical poul-
trymen who breed thoroughbred
fowls are fanciers, and the thous-
ands that begin with scrubs and
crossbreeds sooner or later be-
come such. To all of these THE
AMERICAN FANCIER will be a guide.
Its publishers are practical poul-
trymen, who have had long exper-
ience in the poultry yard and show
room. They realize the pitfalls
that threaten amateurs when com-
pelled to read the perplexing theo-
ries so often found in papers with-
out an experienced pilot at the
helm, and they will exercise due
care to exclude all such matter.
THE AMERICAN FANCIER will be
practical.

From the Editor's Perch.

The beginning of September marks the
entrance of the chicken's most favorable
season. With the approach of autumn,
cool nights and glorious sunshine,
young fowldom takes a brace, after the
enervating dog-days, and, with intelligent
care and food, will reach maturity in
silk attire.

Keep the young stock moving about.
The richer the pasture the better the
results. Poor soils, sandy barrens, rocky
hills and low marshes may keep chickens
alive, but they are detrimental to the
growth of muscle and feathers, unless
augmented by a generous variety of corn,
oats, wheat and beef bones. On the
luxuriant herbage of fat soils, grain food
is but a small factor in the growth of the
chicken. These are facts that every in-
telligent breeder of fowls is well aware of.

Where the best development of cocker-
els and pullets is desired, the sexes
should be separated. Allow the pullets
the freedom of the entire range or farm,
and pen the cockerels in an orchard or
partially shaded lot. Feed the latter
generously on corn and oats with a morn-
ing food composed of bran, cornmeal and
ground oats in equal parts, to which
ground beef bones or meat scraps have
been added. A gill to every 12 fowls is
enough of the latter.

B. C. Thornton of Philadelphia, Pa.,
is strongly advocated as official judge of
Games of the American Exhibition Game
and Game Bantam Club. Dr. Thornton
would make his mark as a judge in the
hottest competition.

Dr. A. T. Beckett is in that delightful
state of coma where man is satisfied
with his existence. He has over 200 Sil-
ver Wyandotte chickens, and about as
many exhibitors' scalps, snatched at past
shows, that he feels at ease with the
world. The Doctor will let some of the

youngsters do the scalping next season,
as he does not intend to show, and will
dispose of all his exhibition stock.

The first club of five subscribers was
sent in by Peter McKie Wells, of the
Johnstown Bank. Mr. Wells is an enthu-
siastic fancier, and makes a specialty of
White Plymouth Rocks. On the same day,
Aug. 17, the second club of eight sub-
scribers was received from M. B. Blauch,
of Lebanon, Pa. Since then clubs from
Geneva, N. Y., Fultonville, N. Y., Salem,
N. J., Louisville, Ky., have been received.

A. C. Chaffee, formerly manager of the
Shady Shore Poultry Farm, and who re-
tired from the fancy six months ago, is
at his old tricks again. He begins his
second time on earth, as poultry superin-
tendent of the Oswego County Fair, and
right here let us emphasize the remark,
that managers of agricultural fairs do
themselves honor, and the fraternity of
poultrymen justice, in selecting men of
Mr. Chaffee's character and ability as
superintendent of one of the most im-
portant departments in the entire outfit.

The day has passed for blacksmiths, law-
yers, doctors, merchants and farmers
without knowledge in poultry matters, to
take charge and butcher exhibits of fancy
fowls as was frequently the case in the
past. Practical breeders, both as judges
and superintendents, should only be em-
ployed.

Our readers' attention is called to the
list of publications we have for sale,
which will be found in another column of
this issue. It represents the best books
before the public, and no fancier or
practical poultrymen can make a mistake
in securing a well-stocked library.

The publishers of THE AMERICAN FAN-
CIER take pleasure in announcing that
Maj. F. M. Gilbert, of Evansville, Ind.,
has been engaged as staff writer and will
contribute regularly every week some of
his valuable pointed and pithy articles to
the pigeon columns.

C. E. Twombly, well and favorably
known among eastern pigeon fanciers,
has been placed in charge of the pigeon
department of the *American Stock-
keeper*. This should insure a clean, able
administration of pigeon affairs in our
contemporary.

Cochin breeders are urgently invited
to read what Theodore Sernberg has
to say in another column on the subject
of breeding full-feathered Cochins. Mr.
Sernberg is not only a brilliant writer,
but an old fancier of considerable ability.
He deals largely in facts, and that is
what amateurs and professionals care
most for.

We know there are decided efforts
being made between the two factions to
compromise the vulture hock disqualifi-
cation clause now existing in the
Standard. Personally we fail to see the
necessity for a compromise at all. Vulture
hocks are serious defects, and should be
treated as such. To disqualify for this
defect is to put in force a flexible standard
if a compromise is to determine how
much stiff, straight feathering really
disqualifies. There is but one Cochin,
and that is a full feathered one, and the
sooner breeders realize this the better for
them and the breed.

The series of articles begun in this

issue of THE AMERICAN FANCIER under the caption of "Poultry Culture in France" will prove of considerable value to American poultrymen, as the methods of one of the most skillful French poultry raisers are fully discussed by our correspondent, Decrue. The incubator described in the first of these articles was first built for the writer of these notes some two years ago, and found thoroughly reliable. Subsequently the Pineland Incubator Company improved on the French model and built an incubator called the Paragon, which embodied the principles of M. Voiteiller's machine, but differed in the construction of the tank. The latter was built cone-shaped instead of circular. While these incubators are not as ingenious in mechanism as our leading American machines, they eloquently demonstrate what simple contrivances will do in the way of hatching eggs artificially if the correct principle is applied.

That artificial incubation in America has reached a very high plane of success can no longer be doubted. Our incubators are the best made in the world, and we need only to refer readers of THE AMERICAN FANCIER to machines advertised in this issue. They represent the best makes, and are not untried toys; on the contrary, they are successfully used by hundreds of practical poultry raisers.

The writer of these notes is no novice in the chicken business, and has learned through years of experience the secrets of hatching and rearing chickens by artificial means. He was one of the first champions of the latter method against attacks made on it by those who believed only choice birds are hatched under hens. To-day the leading breeders of thoroughbred fowls depend on incubators to hatch the choicest eggs.

Practical poultry raisers, those that raise chickens for market purposes only, depend solely on the wooden hatchers, and look upon the old hen as a good old "has been." As the season soon approaches when incubators are started for hatching early broilers, it will be well to send to incubator manufacturers for their catalogues, and order the machines as early as possible, in order to become familiar with them prior to starting up regular hatching.

Contracts for eggs should be made with great care, as to poor eggs more failures can be attributed than to the incubators. Shrewd poultry raisers try to produce the eggs they need from flocks they own or control at home. Distance may lend enchantment, but seldom, if ever, is such the case with hen fruit that is shipped over many miles.

Without fanciers and fancy fowls would there be any poultry papers? Crack this nut, ye practical poultry paper editors.

The amusing spectacle of the venerable Mr. Tegetmeier, of England, attacking fanciers and accusing them of spreading dire disaster among thoroughbred fowls, or in other words killing all the good economic properties of each and every breed they handle, is still more amusing when one reads of the lesser satellites in this country drinking in every word of the English fowl pessimist.

An ugly rumor is travelling around to the effect that one of the chief promoters of the International Decimal Score Association will, if the A. P. A. fails to adopt the decimal system, secede from the old society and become antagonistic to it. As the same individual always professed undying loyalty for the A. P. A. his actions at present are amusing, to say the least.

THE AMERICAN FANCIER is not an organ of the A. P. A. or any other society, clique, or clan, but it believes the good done by the former should not be forgotten by over-zealous advocates of the new decimal infant. The latter is open to criticism just the same as any other organized public body, and it is useless for promoters of such to squeal when they are criticised in any way.

A trio of the best Rouen ducks that could be bought in England by Editor B. Holmes Jr., arrived on the S. S. Bovis last week. They will grace the yards of J. C. Bogardus Jr., of Knox, N. Y. We are pleased to note a return of the interest in what is the handsomest duck extant. Not only in beauty but in utility is the Rouen duck without a peer, excepting perhaps the Pekin, which holds the premier place as a broiler duck.

The writer has often been puzzled why the Rouen duck was neglected as a market fowl. With him it proved very profitable, but it was never sold until late in October and during November and December, after it had attained full growth and was properly fattened.

Owing to the unexpected demand for advertising space in this issue of THE AMERICAN FANCIER, numerous articles on poultry, pigeon, and kennel matters were crowded out.

It is with no little amount of pride that we refer to the high class of advertisers that have favored THE AMERICAN FANCIER with their patronage. We feel confident that our readers will be treated fairly in any or all dealings they may have with the dealers, breeders, and manufacturers advertising in THE AMERICAN FANCIER.

There is nothing in the live stock line that cannot be secured through the medium of the advertising columns of THE AMERICAN FANCIER.

A Great Southern Show. Preparing for the Poultry and Pet Stock Show.

The Piedmont Poultry and Pet Stock Association held a rousing meeting Thursday night at Dr. Norwood's office, and the report handed in shows the association to be in a flourishing condition. J. H. Drevenstedt, of Johnstown, N. Y., one of the best poultry judges in the United States, has been selected to judge the show. The date for holding the same is January 16th to 20th, 1894. Everything points to having the biggest poultry exhibition Greenville has ever known. J. H. Mounce, of Pendleton, S. C., was elected superintendent of the show, with the following committees: On Railroad Rates—A. W. Anderson, Dr. S. T. Lea. On Coops—R. Y. Hellams, R. L. R. Bentz. On Premium List—Dr. S. T. Lea, W. M. Norwood, W. H. Yates. —From the *Greenville (S. C.) News*, Aug. 20.



A BLACK AFRICAN BANTAM.

Handicapping Games for Bantams Dubbed.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

The recommendation that Games and Game Bantams, when competing with undubbed breeds for a sweepstake or special premium, by the International Decimal Score Card Association brings before the public a question of some little importance to fanciers.

I believe the recommendation is right, and I like Games and Game Bantams. I breed the latter and therefore have a personal interest in the recommendation. So far as my Game Bantams are concerned this recommendation if adopted, would affect them, but one has no right to judge a question from a gamely interested point of view. He needs to get a broader view of the matter and to inquire whether or not it is right, whether or not it will work justice or injustice not only to the Games but to the other breeds brought into competition with them. It is in such a manner as this that I shall attempt to discuss the question.

One of the most difficult points to produce in perfection on a fowl is the comb. In all my breeding and judging I have seen but few fowls whose combs could be called perfect. No matter whether the comb is pea, rose, single or leaf or any of the subvarieties of these general classes, it is almost absolutely certain to be imperfect. It is an excellent comb that is cut one and one half points. It is perfectly safe to assume that the average cut for comb on the winning birds that are shown undubbed will be one point or more.

The Game breeder, however, is relieved from the necessity of breeding combs on the male birds. He only needs to require a certain amount of dexterity with the curved scissors and his bird is perfect, so far as comb is concerned. This dexterity is not difficult of acquirement. A very little practice enables a novice to equal the veteran in the business of dubbing, and if the first trimming leaves a few rugged edges a second trimming will remove them.

When dubbed birds compete with dubbed birds, no handicap is necessary for there is a competition of scissors with scissors, but when dubbed birds compete with undubbed birds, as for example for a special for the best bird in the show, then the competition becomes one between scissors and breeding, between manual dexterity and intellectual skill. This is evidently unfair. It gives the Game breeder an undue advantage. It enables him to win with a bird, which if undubbed might be a disqualified specimen, and when the International Decimal Score Card Association says that the dubbed bird shall, in such competition, be handicapped one point, it only aims to

bring the conditions of competition upon something like equality. If it has erred at all, it has erred it seems to me, in making the handicap too small. If when one had a lop combed Plymouth Rock, a big, finely shaped and beautifully colored specimen, he could have the privilege of removing a disqualification by the loss of one point in the score, and that only in sweepstake prizes, would he not think he had purchased the privilege pretty cheaply? And yet that is what the Game breeder is permitted to do. Is that unjust to the Game breeder or his fowls? Is it not a cheaply bought privilege? Could he desire to have more advantage than that, without being open to the charge of extreme selfishness?

Whatever else may be criticised in the recommendations of the International Decimal Score Card Association, it seems to me that this handicap ought not to be. It is not aimed against the Game fowl or the Game breeder but it is aimed to secure the greatest number. It is not for the few but for all, including the Game, for surely the skill which has created that marvel of beauty the Exhibition Game and Game Bantam does not require that it shall have special advantages in competition on other breeds. To ask for special favors is tantamount to confessing inferior skill in breeding, and either I have greatly misunderstood the ability of Game breeders or they are quite capable of taking care of themselves upon an equality with other breeders. With a fowl in the strictest sense thoroughbred and with a genuine love for that fowl, they have studied its matings until the defects have almost vanished. Ought they, under such circumstances, to say, we wish to have the privilege of cutting away with the scissors the few remaining defects and desire other breeders to eliminate the similar defects in their fowls by breeding? Is it like Game breeders to say we wish to compete with you with fowls whose defects are removed by dubbing while yours must be retained, and we are unwilling to be handicapped even one point, though that is less than the best undubbed specimens must lose? I trow not. At any rate as an admirer of Game fowls and a breeder of Game Bantams I wish to go on record as having faith in the fowls to win with no special favors granted to them, in other words as being willing to have them in sweepstake specials handicapped one point as recommended by the International Decimal Score Card Association.

H. S. BABCOCK,
Providence, R. I.

A Good Man.

The *Evansville Tribune*, one of the leading papers of Indiana, contained the following very complimentary article in a recent issue:

"President Buchanan has confirmed the appointment of Mr. Geo. Seeger, Jr., of Lafayette, Ind., as superintendent of the Poultry, Pigeon, and Pet Stock Department of the World's Fair.

Mr. Seeger will begin his duties on September 1st, though the exhibit proper will begin October 16th, to continue six days.

While we feel proud that an Indiana man was chosen for this important place, we are free to say that a better officer than Mr. Seeger could not have been chosen.

That he will conduct the office in such a manner as to merit the high opinion we have of him goes without saying."

The good words of the *Tribune* are not unmerited, Mr. Seeger being worthy of all the praise given him.

Poultry Culture in France.

Artificial Incubation and Incubators.

BY DECRUE.

[Written for THE AMERICAN FANCIER.]

France has long been famous for its market poultry, and it may prove of interest to some of your readers to hear a little more about the methods employed there in hatching and raising chickens by artificial means. For the descriptions and illustrations used below I am indebted to M. Voitellier's book on Artificial Incubation. The illustrations represent the machines invented by M. Voitellier and which can be seen in his establishments at Paris and Mantes.

The incubator consists of a wooden case in the form of a cube, which contains a zinc tank. This circular tank, with its double walls, leaves a space in the centre in which the eggs are placed. This space being covered by two panes of glass, the attendant is able to watch the eggs and the thermometer without opening the machine. The incubator is heated by the hot water contained in the tank, which is surrounded by a solid packing of sawdust, and the temperature is regulated by changing a little of the water in the morning and evening. The machine

ture of 104 degrees as quickly as possible, and it will take about one-third of cold water to two-thirds of boiling water to bring about the desired results. The first water poured into the tank should be cold, as the sudden contact of the boiling water with the metal might cause the latter to bulge out. Two or three hours after the water has been poured into the machine the thermometer should indicate the desired temperature. In the meantime the eggs should have been arranged in the movable trays. They should first be washed in lukewarm water, however, to remove any dirt or grease which might obstruct the pores. In wiping them they should be handled very carefully, as any jarring might affect the germ. When the eggs have been placed in the machine, the temperature naturally falls considerably, as the eggs take up quite a little hot air before they reach the regular temperature. The attendant should not be alarmed, however, and should add no more hot water before the regular hour for doing so arrives. It will suffice, on an average, to draw off 10 quarts of water and to add the same amount of boiling water twice a day for a 100 egg machine.

Nothing is simpler than the care of these machines and it is unnecessary to run the empty machines three or four

must produce a sudden rise of temperature, which would surpass, momentarily, the normal point. This is not so, however, at the hour when, morning and night, a certain quantity of water is withdrawn, the temperature in the egg chamber has dropped about three degrees during the preceding twelve hours. The temperature of the water in the tank has dropped very much more, comparatively. The machine is then opened for a few moments to turn and air the eggs. In doing this the egg chamber is completely cooled off and the eggs themselves are quite cool when they are replaced in the machine and require a large amount of heat to regain their ordinary temperature. The boiling water is then poured into the tank. There is evidently heat given off, but this excess is absorbed immediately, and serves to make up for the loss just indicated.

Outside influences will naturally have some effect. A sudden frost or a decided rise in the outside temperature, or an error in the quantity of water withdrawn from the tank, may cause the temperature to go above or below the required degree. A little experience and judgment will soon teach the attendant how to remedy this evil. A slight increase or decrease in the quantity of water withdrawn and replaced, will very quickly

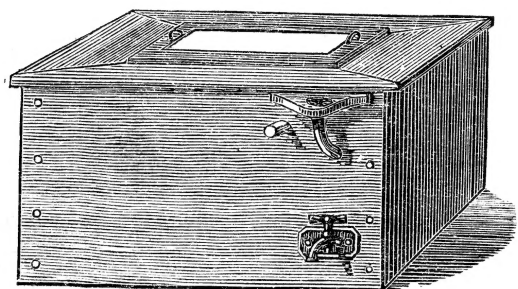


Fig. 1.

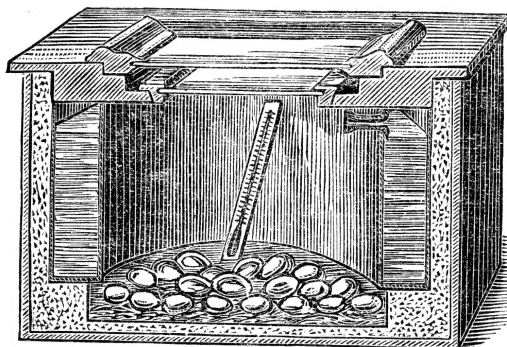


Fig. 2.

can also be heated by means of gas or of a lamp, but M. Voitellier considers the hot water preferable. Ventilation is provided by means of two small tubes, extending from the bottom of the case along the tank and opening a little above the eggs. In order to supply the necessary amount of moisture a layer of sand, about an inch in thickness, is placed in the bottom of the incubator, and the sand must always be kept moist.

The eggs are placed on a layer of cut straw or in movable drawers. The eggs do not come in contact with the metal and receive no heat from the bottom and the sides, and owing to the circular form of the tank, the heat is exactly alike at all points. The temperature being so even the eggs are not moved about in the machine, but are only turned in the morning and evening.

Fig. 1 represents the machine when closed; fig. 2 shows one-half of it, giving a good illustration of its interior construction.

While it is not necessary to keep the machine in a heated room it is a advisable to select a place which is not subjected to very great variations in temperature. The more uniform the temperature, the less watching the machine will require. The incubator should be raised sufficiently from the floor to allow the air to circulate readily underneath it.

The bottom should then be filled with a layer of moist sand and the machine is now ready to be heated up. In filling the tank for the first time it is desirable as a rule to obtain the required tempera-

days, in order to learn its management. No definite rule would be learnt in this way, as the loss of heat is much greater when there are no eggs in the machine. It is well to bear in mind that during incubation a lower temperature is not dangerous, especially not at the beginning of incubation. An excess of heat alone is to be feared.

It is naturally of the greatest importance that all thermometers used in the machines should be perfectly correct, and unless due care be used to obtain such instruments, the very best incubator will prove a failure. The bulb of the thermometer should be on a level with the eggs and the temperature should not exceed 104 degrees, a good average being a temperature of 102 degrees in the night and morning.

The great difficulty, in the eyes of the novice, is how to retain a steady degree of heat in these incubators without the aid of a lamp or stove, but M. Voitellier very quietly assures them that after a very little practice they would find it as difficult to make the thermometer vary as to retain the desired heat.

The steady temperature is obtained by renewing, at regular intervals, a portion of the water contained in the tank. It is the substitution of a quantity of boiling water for an equal quantity of water that has cooled off, which maintains the average temperature around the eggs. One would suppose, at first thought, that the addition of ten quarts of boiling water in a tank which contains about sixty quarts,

help to raise or lower the temperature in the egg chamber.

These unavoidable outside influences make it impossible to give any definite rules as to the quantity of water that should be withdrawn each day. Fully as important as the regularity of temperature is a constant and even supply of moisture. After having experimented with sponges, wet felt and receptacles of all sizes filled with water, the use of moist sand in the bottom of the incubator proved the most satisfactory. The eggs being placed on the tray, the bottom of which is of wood, do not come in contact with the sand, but through the spaces between the tray the moisture is slowly liberated by the action of the heat and the air in the egg chamber is sufficiently impregnated with it. When the eggs are removed from the machine one can readily feel with the hand whether the sand is getting dry, in which case it is only necessary to pour a glass of water on any part of the sand. The water will spread of its own accord, owing to the principle of capillary attraction, over the entire surface of the sand, and will then evaporate evenly.

[To be continued.]

The New York Show.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

The next annual show of the New York Poultry and Pigeon Association will be held at the Madison Square Garden, New York City, February 8, 9, 10, 12, and 13, 1894.

H. V. CRAWFORD, Secretary.
Montclair, New Jersey.

Sternberg's Sallies.

Bright and Pithy Sayings from the Great West.

BY THEODORE STERNBERG.

[Written for THE AMERICAN FANCIER.]

THE AMERICAN FANCIER is the name of the new star now risen in the sky of the world of poultry. The name is a happy one. It is published to help the fanciers in our own land. May it become in truth "The American Fancier," the repository of all the best thought, of the ripest experience, of the closest observation, of the fanciers of America. Success to the paper, success to its owners, success to the thousands of devoted lovers of fine fowls here in America who will be benefited by this new weekly visitor. May the practical and the artistic, the fancier and the pouterer, each find in the weekly visits of THE AMERICAN FANCIER knowledge and pleasure.

With the added experience of each recurring breeding season, I am more and more impressed with the fact that if Cochins are to be bred with well-feathered legs and toes that the extreme of feather known as vulture hock must be stricken from the list of disqualifications. Cochin breeders must make up their minds either to keep up the characteristic heavy leg and toe feathering, or to let all feather go. The simple truth is that the constant tendency of all feather-legged breeds is towards scanty leg feathers and bare toes. Unless the greatest care is taken in preserving feather in the matings, feather gradually shortens, becomes closer and harder, and the leg and foot feathering will soon disappear. This is true in the Brahma and in the Langshans. It is doubly true in the bird of feather, the Cochin. I respectfully submit that every Asiatic breeder knows of this constant tendency away from ample leg and foot feather towards the scanty leg and bare toe.

Messrs. Adams, Purdue, & Young, in their business circular calling attention to their recent importations of English Buff Cochins, tell an absolute truth in the laws of breeding, when they state the difficulty attending increasing feather in the American Buff by introducing the fuller feathered blood only on one side. They gave the effort up and imported both male and female of the fuller feathered birds. Let me give the readers of THE AMERICAN FANCIER a few experiments I have made.

In the winter of 1890 I imported the White Cochin cock Sultan. This bird's half torn portrait has been published in quite a number of our poultry papers. He was a very heavily feathered fowl. I mated him to four American White Cochin hens, scoring from 95 to 95 1-2, all being cut from 1 to 1 1-2 for scanty leg and foot feathering, the middle toes all being bare. The cock is half the pen say the poultry scientists. I thought I could get the desired feather on my whites by importing a fine feathered cock. I raised about 30 chicks the season of '92 from this pen. Result: About half the cockerels had slight middle toe feathers. The balance of the cockerels and all the pullets had bare middle toes. The leg and hock feathering would have passed fairly well as enough for Light Brahmas, but as Cochin feathering it

was far and away below what a lover of feather desires. Not a single case of vulture hock occurred in the whole lot. In the fall, desiring to reduce my varieties, I sold the whole lot, and have not bred White Cochins since. Sultan died in the hands of the purchasers, and I have lost sight of the stock.

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In the fall of 1890 I imported two Partridge Cochin cocks. One was very heavily feathered; the other well feathered. The first cock died before he bred; the other was bred to females of our most prominent Kansas breeder's breeding. About 30 chicks were raised. Nearly all the chicks showed no increase in feather. Bare toes were in the majority, while the heaviest leg and toe feathering was just about enough for a Light Brahma. This cock, while much heavier in leg and toe feathers than any American partridge I have seen, and bred from heavily feathered stock, failed on this first cross to put much additional feathering on his chicks. I also sold my entire stock of partridges in the fall of '91. Last winter I saw this cock and a number of pullets bred from it and his own pullets of the previous season. While leg and toe feathering had become somewhat heavier, as yet none had reached the amount of feather on the cock. This cock never bred a vulture hock in either season.

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In January, 1892, I received as a present a single Partridge Cochin hen with a shipment of Buffs. I got a two-year-old cock I had bred of the American strain before mentioned, which had been out on a farm. This cock would not breed at all with this hen. After repeated failures and late in the season I procured another cock of same strain and raised three pullets; all that hatched were pullets. The English hen is very heavily feathered; the cock the usual slight feathering of the American Cochin. About half of these pullets had bare middle toes, the others fairly feathered as it goes with American birds. For this season of '93 I purchased a pair of birds from the same leading Kansas breeder, and a trio descended from the imported cock before mentioned. The pure American cock was first bred to this English hen, and the chicks hatched as before. I then bred the half English cockerel to this hen, and her chicks all are cockerels, and they for the first time are far more satisfactorily feathered. In all these crosses vulture hock has never been thrown in the chicks.

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In 1890 I also imported a Black Cochin cock. This bird I bred to hens of our famous Kansas strain of blacks. Heavily feathered as this cock was it was not until the present season that the chicks from this cross began to show the increase in feather, the cross acting substantially as in the other illustrations.

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In 1891 I received a setting of Buff Cochin eggs from a leading New York breeder. Four chicks were the result of that hatch. These were American Cochins. All had bare middle toes and one had vulture hocks. I kept one cockerel. The season of '92 I bred this cockerel (one with round hocks) to a very heavily feathered imported hen, and hatched his chicks. Every chick had scanty leg feathering and bare middle toes. After getting this one clutch of chicks I put the cock out on a

farm. All the chicks were eaten except one pullet. This one pullet was bred (it was a very early fowl) last January, and three chicks hatched from the eggs on January 28th. The cock was a heavily feathered English bird. All three of these were pullets, and while fairly good in leg feathering were perfectly bare on the middle toe. They began laying June 25th, and so did the six other pullets of pure English blood of same hatch. These three pullets and the hen were given to a farmer friend, who did not care for the absent middle toe feathers. So none of the blood is left on the place. I am satisfied that it is far easier to lose the heavy feathering, which is the characteristic of and the beauty of the Cochin, than it is to get it back when lost.

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I love to experiment, and one of my fancies has been to take a cock and hen, with the lightest hock and leg feathers, of the pure English Buff, and see how long it would take to run the heavy feathering out. One hen and one cock each year is all that I have used for this purpose, and one setting a year is all I have tried. This is now the second year of the trial. The first year seven chicks were hatched. Of these two cockerels and three pullets had slight middle toe feathers. This season's trial resulted in a hatch of six—four pullets, three with bare middle toes, one with a patch of feathers at end of middle toe, two cockerels all with some middle toe feathers, but not much, and both with the slight round hock. Two more seasons in the same line I am quite sure would make the progeny bare legged.

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I am through with my experiments in this direction. I love a heavily feathered Cochin. To me there is no beauty in the scanty feathered ones. Length of feather in the fluff and cushion goes with heavy leg and toe feathers. My acquaintance with Cochin fanciers leads me to believe that most Cochin fanciers prefer the amplitude of feather. It is only the ruling of some judges and a baseless fear of vulture hock, not on account of vulture hock itself but fear of the disqualification, which permits any slight feathered Cochin to exist at all. A slight vulture hock on a scanty feathered leg is not in harmony. Considerable hock can exist on a heavy feathered leg with abundant fluff and look well. Hocks full of long, soft, flexible feathers, which curve inwards, accompanied with heavy fluff and heavy leg and toe feathers, all looking as if shading into each other, is the perfect Cochin leg, hock, and toe feathering. With this go full cushions and all the beauties of Cochin shape and feather. Let pronounced cases of vulture hock be treated as a defect. Cut the fowl for it so severely that it cannot win, but remove the disqualification. Then, instead of the large numbers of English Cochins which have for twenty years or more been regularly imported by breeders of American Cochins to keep up the feather on the fowls they call American Cochins and exhibit as American Cochins, although from half to quarter English, we American breeders will soon be showing and winning in England itself. In the American Buff classes in the last three years, both in score card and in comparison shows, the leading prizes have been won by English bred birds, or English top crossed birds. And the tendency is towards heavier feathering.

But as long as the contest is kept up to prevent the removal of the V. H. disqualification, as long as a society is organized with its two corner stones of the decimal score card and against the raising of the V. H. disqualification to please one who is not a breeder of Cochins but only opposes the removal in Light Brahmans, although there is no necessary or reasonable connection in the two cases, just so long it is necessary for the Cochin Club of America to stand up and battle for the real Cochin, the full feathered Cochin. So far as the writer is concerned, if the disqualification in practice was applied only to true V. H., viz., stiff hock feathers, he would not care so much, but even in the case of stiff hocks it is best not to disqualify; but so many judges call everything not like a Light Brahma hock V. H. that it is not wise to trust them with the power of disqualifying.

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The English define V. H. as stiff feathers, like the flight. After all, the question is one of form, of outline, and in each case the question is one depending on the form, the quantity, and the quality of cushion fluff and leg and foot feathers in each fowl.

DOWN IN DIXIE.

Chicken Lore From the Growing South.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

All hail THE AMERICAN FANCIER! Another plant to bloom and scatter its chicken program from ocean to ocean. And there is room for it—room for meritorious poultry journals, which are the life and the stimulant of poultry culture. If we had no poultry journals we would have no poultry industry. Of course we could raise fowls, but our trade would be local instead of national, as now. If we had no poultry journals breeders would hardly sell fowls outside of their county, and there would be few fowls and few breeders. Now we sell fowls

ALL OVER THE WORLD.

Why? Because we have poultry journals which go everywhere and the breeders' cards and advertisements in them tell the people where fowls can be bought. If we had no poultry journals people abroad would know nothing of the poultry industry of the United States which has become so great that it is clamoring for recognition by the government and admission in statistical and recorderial form to the United States reports, published at Washington. Our poultry journals encourage, stimulate and build up the poultry business. They

EDUCATE THE PEOPLE

in poultry lore. They are bright, clean, instructive, entertaining, useful, are pure in tone and fit to go in the family circle and be read by the women and children. So when a new journal starts, I say God speed and success to it. And it is the duty of all breeders to support these journals to the extent of their ability. There is no breeder in the land so poor that

HE CANNOT SUBSCRIBE

for a poultry journal. Just think of a weekly poultry paper at \$1.50 a year! And then the monthlies are only 50 cents a year. And if a breeder wants several journals he can get them very low on the club plan. And not only breeders but everybody who keeps fowls should take a poultry journal, which costs little and

yet contains so much information. And when it comes to advertisements, no class of journals are so clean, so free from frauds and traps and deceptions to swindle, as well as corrupt public morals as are the advertisements in poultry journals.—Hence it becomes the imperative duty of citizens everywhere to further, encourage, and help build up the meritorious poultry journals that are born of necessity, full feathered and crowing. By this I mean the new journals which show ability, and which are conducted by

PRACTICAL MEN,

which are managed by practical printers, and experienced editors and breeders. So, I say, all hail and thrice welcome to the AMERICAN FANCIER. That it will be deserving is not questioned. That it will be successful is not doubted.

HOT WEATHER.

We are having an unusual hot summer in Georgia. For nearly two months the mercury in the tube has fluctuated between 85 and 102, and in this humid atmosphere such heat is oppressive, which leads me to invoke the muse and jot down a

GEORGIA SUMMER IDYL.

The pavements are all hissing hot, the streets are fairly steaming;
Out through the pines, and over fields, old Sol is glacin', gleamin';
The little chicks, with wings outstretched, don't think it very nice,
For now they revel, clover high, the wicked mites and lice.

The oleander flaunts its pink blossoms to the breeze,
The honeysuckle's bloomin' neath the shapely cedar trees;
An' the fowls they are a flounderin' an' a rollin' in the dirt,
An' the pesky insects on em' are a goin' to get hurt.

The sugar cane an' cotton fields are clothed in dark rich green;
An' the corn an' the tobacco fill the spaces in between;
Ah, this picture, semi-tropical, would be beautifully grand,
If the creepin' things that 'noy us could be banished from the land.

The sentinel hybiscus with its flashing helmet red
An' the honeysuckle climber their perfume richly shed;
Yes, the photograph is life-like an' my kodak gives reply.
As I spring the tiny button on this hot day in July.

TENNESSEE BREEDERS.

Knoxville, Tennessee, will have a poultry show in January. I think that is the date. However I will give it definitely in my next. A number of public spirited chicken men there have organized "The East Tennessee Poultry Association," with the following officers:

P. H. Bell, president; Dr. John Fennimore, vice-president; Joen W. Flenniked, secretary; W. L. Trent, treasurer. Executive committee, E. F. Mynatt, A. G. Howe, E. M. Boyle, N. H. Camp, all of Knoxville and D. M. Owens, of Athens. The first annual show of this association in the winter will be a good one, and breeders of the south should patronize it. Tennessee is the great chicken growing section of the south, and while millions of market fowl are grown there every year to supply the demands of states further south, it has only been recently that the interest has been awakened in fine fowls sufficiently to organize a local association in East Tennessee. From this on the "hen fever" there will grow, and East Tennessee will become famous for its fine birds. If there is a spot on earth where fowls will thrive, and are hardy and vigorous, East Tennessee is the place. As it has always been the home of the market fowl, so will it now become the home of the thoroughbred.

NEW BERNE, NORTH CAROLINA,

Will also hold a poultry show in February in connection with the Craven County Fish, Game, Oyster and Agricultural society. New Berne has a young but vigorous poultry society, and its annual exhibit, in connection with the Craven county fair, is worth going a great ways to see. In fact people go from New York, Boston, and other Northern points to see the display there and enjoy the healthful exhilarating atmosphere.

PIGEONS.

To Pigeon Fanciers.

In launching our new paper on the somewhat troublous sea of journalism it seems needless to go into any long detail, it having been noticed by us, in our long years of experience, that papers whose promises are too flowery rarely amount to much.

We prefer to let our work show for itself. Yet to the pigeon men (who have a warm place in our heart) a few words may not be out of place. Our chief reason for thus addressing them—separating them, as it were, from the dog and poultry and "other pet" men—is because of our knowledge of the trouble which has so recently disturbed their peace of mind and set some of them at daggers' points.

This trouble has been aggravated by "bad journalism," and we say this with no desire to reflect on any member of the profession, and it is to assure them that journalism of that stamp will not be allowed in the AMERICAN FANCIER that American fanciers are thus addressed in this, our initial number.

The AMERICAN FANCIER is for *all*, and not for a few. No fancier can assume that he knows so much more than other fanciers as to be able to dictate the policy of this paper. Its editors flatter themselves that they are able to separate wheat from chaff, and to do this is a duty, which though at times it may be unpleasant, they will never neglect.

Those fanciers who are eternally finding fault, who are never satisfied, who seem to think that to be a true fancier one must pose as a valiant aggressor, may send their matter (which is generally written over a *non de plume*) to some other paper, for the AMERICAN FANCIER will have none of it.

Neither do we care for long winded articles extolling this or that fancier and setting him up as a sort of royal personage, to whom all the rest should give way.

The struggling amateur, oftentimes also a struggler with poverty, has feelings as sensitive, perhaps, as his more wealthy rival.

To make this more explicit, we do not propose to uphold a sort of monarchical dynasty—a favored few in the fancy to whom all others must bend the knee.

On the broad ground that fanciers take a paper for the information they gain from it, we take our stand.

What we want is practical articles, and it is needless to say that all such will be received with the greatest pleasure. We realize that there are in the American fancy many men of talent and education who would gladly contribute occasionally to a fanciers' paper were it not for the fact that papers which have ostensibly been such have become of late regular depositories for all sorts of bickerings and abuse, and vehicles for the venting of personal spleen.

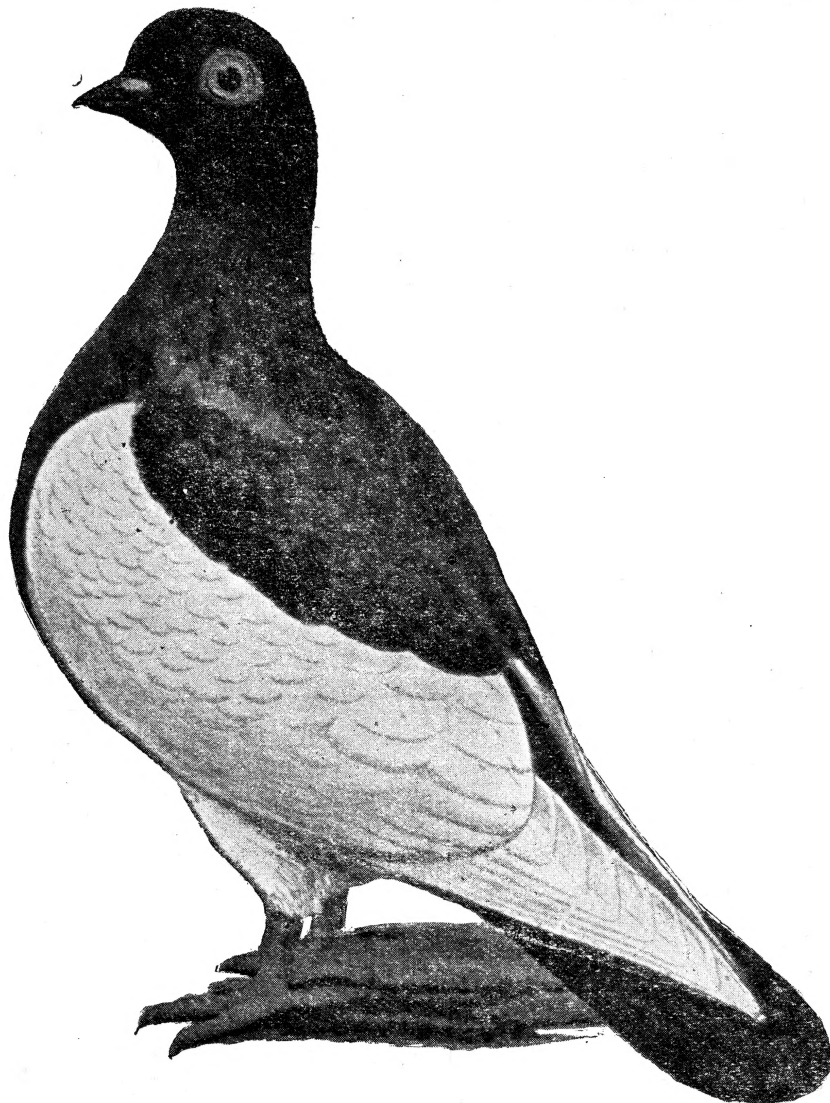
This has a tendency to make those who have the ability—and perhaps the desire—to write, prefer to remain silent, not knowing but that the next issue of the paper for which they wrote, and in good faith too, might contain a harangue from some pugnacious writer, who differed in some minor point, and seized the opportunity to air his wisdom, but unfortunately at the expense of the finer

journalistic principles which should govern all writers.

We trust that we have made our points plain.

There is quite a demand for a clean, wideawake paper devoted to poultry, pigeons, dogs, and pets, and moreover a paper which does not treat almost wholly of any one of the above four fancies almost to the exclusion of the rest. We shall try and treat all equally, and we certainly shall treat all fairly. What we have said is not that we wish to exclude correspondence, but we suggest the style of matter which will be acceptable. When this is thoroughly understood in the start, there can be no rejected matter.

Hoping that the fancy in general will appreciate our animus, we present our first edition, asking your patronage and a kind word if you can consistently give it.



THE MAGPIE PIGEON.

The Magpie.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

One of the most beautiful of the toy pigeons is the Magpie. Wherever it is seen it excites admiration and praise, with its clean cut markings and beautiful lustre, particular in the blacks. The Magpie is well adapted for all fanciers, as it requires little attention, and if given proper food and kept reasonably clean will thrive nicely.

Fanciers have taken quite an interest in this variety lately, and in addition to the fine birds we have here, admirers of this variety have imported some English prize winners, and I look for some very keen competition at this winter's shows for the cups and prizes.

As this variety is becoming so popular, several breeders were induced to start a Magpie Club, which, although only a few months' old, has already eleven members,

and twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) have been donated for special prizes.

Mr. William Ehinger is president; Mr. Robert Joos, 1st vice-president; Mr. A. M. Ingram, 2nd vice-president; Mr. G. A. Fick, secretary and treasurer.

Fanciers of this variety are invited to join, and assist in making the Magpie Club one of the best specialty clubs in the country.

For the benefit of the readers of THE AMERICAN FANCIER I give below a Magpie standard as drawn up by an English breeder:

Size—Small. I find, from actual measurements, that good average specimens, in good condition, will weigh for cocks from 9½ to 10½ ounces, and when standing in a natural position will measure from sole of foot to top of head from 8 to 9½ inches in height, and the length from tip of beak to end of tail, without stretching, from 12½ to 14 inches.

Shape—Apparently long, slender and snake-like, chest full and round, but not broad, the body round, shoulders well defined, but not

with neck to be neat and almost imperceptible, without throatiness.

Beak should be long, thin and nearly equal in substance throughout with slight hook at end of mandible, but no dip in lower mandible, free from coarseness, furnished with wattle, slight, of fine texture, pale in color, approaching salmon color, free from stain or marking, except in blacks, blues and duns, in which colors a very slight Vandyke mark on tip of upper mandible is admissible.

Neck long, thin, quite free from gullet or fullness at the throat, thinnest at the point of junction with the head, swelling gently towards the shoulders, which it should join with a graceful and gentle curve.

Eye and Eye-cere.—Eye white or pearl color, pupil intensely black and clearly defined, what is commonly known as a "fish eye," the eye-cere is seen in various tints, from nearly white to a coral red. I consider in blacks the deeper the red the better, and a shade of pink in other colors, but do not put much stress on this point. The cere should be small and fine in texture, no approach to a Barb eye is admissible, but just enough to show a delicate and even border to the eye, and no more. The general effect of the eye, although prominent, is mild in expression, not bold as in some breeds.

Legs and Feet.—Legs rather long than otherwise, straight, not knock-kneed or cow-hocked. Shanks thin, lean and free from feathering, covered with fine scales. Toes long, thin and well separated, also free from feathering. Toenails white, both legs and feet bright red in their color.

Tail and Flights.—Tail rather long; the feathers narrow and closely folded, containing not more than 12 feathers. I have known strains that frequently threw birds with thirteen and even fourteen feathers. Not swallow-tailed or divided in center. The tail should be carried in a line with the back, just clear of the ground, but not cocked up at all. Flights rather narrow, closely folded, carried close to side, tips resting on top of tail, about half an inch from end, not crossed.

Color.—The whole of the body, except head, neck and breast, back, saddle and tail, pure white, the color on the colored portions to be bright, deep and lustrous as possible; in blacks the iridescent colors and metallic sheen are most important; wherever the color extends it must be of one rich even depth, extending even to the shafts of the tail feathers. Many otherwise good birds often run chequery or ashy about the top of rump and root of tail, which is very objectionable. In order of value, I estimate the colors thus: First, black; second, yellow; third, red; fourth, blue; fifth, silver; sixth, dun. Blues and silvers should have black tail bars.

Markings.—Cut on breast sharp and evenly defined, without artificial assistance, the color extending downwards to about the tip of the breast bone, or a very little below, running across the breast, either in a straight line or slightly curving upwards towards shoulders, showing a slightly convex form. It is advisable to raise the wings, and if many foul feathers are discovered between breast and vent markings, the breast should be carefully examined for foul feathers or trimming.

Cut on Shoulders.—Color extending across the broadest part of the back at the shoulders, from side to side at intersection of the wing with body, tapering evenly and smoothly towards the tail, and forming an elongated heart or V-shaped saddle, showing no ragged edges on shoulders.

Cut at Vent.—Even and extending only a very short distance from beneath root of tail, no foul or colored feathers extending towards thighs or belly.

Plumage close and compact, but not hard-feathered.

Disqualifications.—Trimming or plucking of foul feathers, dyeing or oiling, dark or gravel eyes, heavy markings on back, feathered legs or feet, Tumbler form of head or body, chequered or ashy back or rump, and want of condition.

SCALE OF POINTS.

Size 10, shape 9, carriage 9, head 8, beak 8, neck 5, eye and eye-cere 5, legs and feet 3, tail and flights 4, color 12, markings 12, plumage 3, total, 100 points. G. A. F. Baltimore, Md.

How To Breed Tumblers.

A most complete article on the mating and breeding of Tumblers, by Frank J. Walton, will appear in the next issue of THE AMERICAN FANCIER. It was unavoidably crowded out this week.

carried too prominently as in the Dragon, legs set well back to show breast.

Carriage is a very important characteristic of the Magpie, but if the shape be good and true the proper carriage is almost sure to follow; it should be smart, sprightly and, if I may use the term, ladylike. The body well poised on the graceful and slender limbs, the neck and body forming a continuous easy curve—the Hogarth line of beauty—but the neck must not incline backwards, head and beak carried nearly horizontally, flight and tail neatly folded to complete the tout ensemble. When possible, birds should be trained to the show pen before exhibiting, to enable them to display their proportions to the best advantage.

Head must be long and thin, round on top of skull, showing a soft easy curve in every direction—the term snake-headed is often used, but, to my mind, does not apply, as many snakes which I have seen are flat-headed, which is quite the reverse of what we want in the Magpie—as nearly even in substance throughout as possible, not wedge-headed, no stop at junction of head and beak, but rising with a gradual curve from front to back, fine and neat at back of skull, lean face, with no approach to Owl or short-faced Tumbler form. Junction of head

The Proper Fantail.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

I have been asked by several parties of late to write an article on Fans, and it is in the hope that an article from my pen will stir up some of the other Fantail men, and that we can get up a discussion, that I now write.

Now that the Fantail has become so very popular that the largest specialty club in America is the Fantail Club, it behooves us cranks to get together and decide what the "fad" in Fans shall be this year. I say "fad" because it expresses the matter. As to what constitutes the proper Fan, I have my own idea, and shall always strive to breed to that. If I show this fall the rest of the boys can catch my idea exactly for I have some five pair of young, just about as good as I ever expect to breed. But, they may not suit the judges at all, and I may find that my idea and that of the judges, is widely at variance.

Now to begin. I am opposed, and unalterably so, to the very small bird. The others may breed them if they choose, but I will not, and for this reason—the moment you contract the body, you contract the tail also, and you deprive the bird of its chief glory. I don't mean that I want a great ungainly, fluffy bird, but I do want a tail worthy of the name. This year I have had the best chance of my life to really study the two types, the Scotch and the English, for the reason that I not only got the best English birds that Geo. Brown had, but he went to Scotland and bought for me four of the best and most typical birds that Scotland ever produced.

And right here I want it understood, that I am not trying to "boom" the birds, for they are not for sale. All season I have spent hours and hours watching these two types and trying to decide which I liked best and now at the close of the season I am still as I was last year, *i. e.*, I don't like either best, but like a cross of the two, and I have got it. Now to get right to the bottom of things I want to give a few weights and measurements.

I selected first my 2 year old cock, Ben Hur. He weighed exactly 12 1-2 ounces; his spread of tail is 12 1-2 inches; length of single tail feather, 6 1-2 inches; breadth of each feather, from 1 1-4 to 1 3-4. Of course everybody who knows the bird knows there never was better style. He is as near perfect as we often get them.

But it has been said that he is too big and coarse, so I got a cock I call "Mr. Blair." He is the *smallest* cock in the loft, and was pronounced by Glasgow and Brown, two of the best Fan judges on earth, to be a perfect specimen of the compact Scotch Fan. What do you suppose he weighed? Just 12 ounces. One-half an ounce less than the great(?) coarse(?) Ben Hur. His spread was 10 inches.

Then I took Princess, a grand hen, a direct cross of Scotch and English. She weighed 11 1-4 ounces; spread 11 1-2 inches. Against her I put Baby Blair, the smallest aged hen I ever saw. She weighed 10 3-4 ounces; spread, 10 inches scant.

I merely quote these figures to show the utter folly of the men who want to breed "down" to the size of a humming bird. When with all this breeding down you sacrifice a grand tail and get only one-half an ounce less in weight. I think you strain at a gnat and swallow a camel.

And so, as I said, I am going to keep right on trying to breed what I think is the true type of the Fan, and the rest can do as they please. I believe I have honestly earned the right to my judgment on a Fan, if time and money count for anything.

I want a small head and good, prominent eye, thin neck, but *not* too long. It ought to be just long enough to let the head fit in on the cushion, and there it should stay when the bird is in repose. The breast *very* broad and round, the broader the better, and the back—well, the less back I can find the better I like the bird. Legs short, not duck-legged nor stilty, but in proportion to the rest of the bird. Cushion broad and firm. (All this talk about a cushion so small that a ring will fit around it will do for the old Scotch writers, but its all poppy cock now. You must have a good cushion, or you can't grow a good tail.) Tail, the larger the better. Get your bird as broad in the chest and short in the back as possible, and then get all the tail you can. Just so it is even. Try for every extra feather, every inch of length, and every fraction of an inch in the breadth of each feather, and if ever a man breeds a bird with too large a tail I'll give him a thousand dollars for it. It's all very well to talk about symmetry and pretty curves and delicate size, and all that. That's all very well as far as it goes, but if, to get this, you breed down to a little contracted tail, with about 18 to 20 narrow feathers, then I say we are getting away from the "Fantail" and are breeding something else.

I am not holding up for a coarse, loose-feathered bird. Far from it. I simply want to caution the fair men from making the mistake of letting everything else go to breed "down," and for Heaven's sake don't get what Pete Hager calls a "wiggler"—a bird that screws around and shoves one foot out at an angle, and half the time is braced against its tail, with its head away down on one side. Have a bird that will stand firmly on both feet, with his head back on the cushion, tail up where it ought to be, wings dropped down easily, and breast out like a prize fighter. A bird that will stand that way like a marble statue is what I am trying to breed, and I hit it about once out of one dozen trials. Every bird that I consider a good one is a direct cross of English and Scotch, and that is the bird that the American Standard describes, and the one that I hope the American Fantail Club will take for its typical bird. Of late I have had quite a number of talks with some of the best Fantail men in the country, and they all agree with me.

F. M. GILBERT.

The Turbit.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER.

The popularity attained by this variety within the past few years is marvelous and I attribute it purely to the energetic efforts put forth by its votaries in providing and securing spirited competition at our principal shows.

Without being egotistical I can, I think, safely claim a good portion of this credit and the plan pursued by me at the outset has developed its reward. I made many importations annually of really good specimens and placed them in the hands of aspirants to this branch of the fancy at living prices; not such prices as they had been in the habit of paying for so called turbits 'tis true, for an old friend

and fancier to whom I went for advice, told me it was a useless task to import good turbits and expect to create a market and a price for them as they would not bring over \$3.00 a pair; this was not very encouraging but I resolved to venture a trial, and I am happy to say my most sanguine expectations have been realized, for to-day a good turbit which can win in strong company will bring a 50 dollar note in America. Some may construe this article as a scheme of mine for free advertisement, but I wish to state this is not my intent. My stock is too well and favorably known to require any puff at this time but I simply cite these facts to illustrate how a variety may be popularized and a fever created for it. Get a few cranks with cash at their command interested in a variety; each one will vie with the other for show room supremacy. The result is good special prizes and inducements are provided, and the fever becomes general. This is the turbit's history and career and any other variety may be brought to the fore in like manner if you can get a few enthusiastic hustlers to take hold.

So much as an introductory, now for the points and peculiarities of the breed. There is a vast difference of opinion as to the ideal structural formation and a relative value as to the points in our subject. I have frequently endeavored to bring it to a focus and try to get the principal adherents of the variety to come to a mutual agreement and tabulate an authoritative standard, scale of points showing relative and proportionate value of each and a list of penalties or rules for disqualification, all of which are very essential to the permanent establishment of the variety in its present high state of appreciation. If Mr. Smith and Mr. Jones own turbits and Mr. Brown judges them, is it not imperative that all three should hold as their ideal the same type and structure? I should say it certainly is. This haphazard selection is very unsatisfactory; a bird wins to-day, next week in the same competition he ranks nowhere; this may suffice for the novice, but the breeder who knows what constitutes a specimen difficult of production when he has succeeded in raising such a bird becomes disgusted to see it defeated by perhaps something he has previously discarded as a waster. All this is due to ignorance on the part of the judge, and just so long as we have no authoritative guide just so long will this much to be regretted state of affairs exist. It is a downright shame to see a turbit with adornments entirely foreign to the variety placed in a premier position as many of them have been at recent exhibitions. Get rid of the black tail feathers, the grouse-like limbs, and the black beaks. If such possess remarkable skull properties or other desirable features you desire to perpetuate in your strain, keep them in your loft as *stock birds*, but don't parade them to the public at exhibitions as *ideal turbits*, when they are entitled to as much recognition as a turbitteen, or oriental turbit. My ideal turbit should have a flesh colored beak, twelve white tail feathers and be free from feathers below the hock. I don't wish to imply that these are *all* the essentials of a first-class turbit, but I do hold that they are primary ones. In size I prefer the small broad chested and shouldered birds, short on legs, to the long and narrow ones set up on stilts and with flights and tail like an antwerp; I also want the neck short and thick, skull short from front to back,

broad as possible, well bulged in the frontal and over the eyes, but not sufficiently so to cause any depressions on top. A few years back many preferred the flat skulled bird but the preference for the reserve is now apparent on all sides; a flat skull is usually accompanied with sunken eyes and flat cheeks, two serious defects. The eye I like very prominent, large and bolting, situated as near to the skull as possible and when visioned from the front to project well out from the head, a fair amount of eye cere is permissible and looks well but it must be as fine in texture as possible and of a light flesh color; the whiter the beak the better it looks. Mandibles should be short and stout, lots of substance at the tips and as equal in thickness as possible; the mouth is wanted wide and deep running nearly back to the eye, the space between it and the eye called the cheek to be well filled up. The beak wattles should be of fine texture and just enough to fill the juncture of the mandibles and skull and create a perfect semicircle from the tip of the beak to the base of the beak when viewed in profile. The gullet is a very important feature and though not difficult to maintain when once well established it is hard to get if your stock does not inherit it. Beak frill and mine are all valued properties and all require careful watching for they are easy to lose. Clean thighs in good colored blacks and blues are a rarity and should be cultivated a great deal more than they are. Bishoped wings are a common blemish and difficult to eradicate when once established in a strain. At some future time when more space is at my command I will tell you how to produce rich colors and cite my experience in obtaining them.

CHAS. J. TANNER,

Louisville, Ky.

The Fantail Trophy.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

I called on Mr. F. M. Gilbert at Evansville, Indiana, and got the beautiful silver cup given by him and Mr. Havemeyer as the principal trophy for the first exhibition of the Fantail Club. It is certainly one of the most handsome things in that line I ever saw. It is about two feet high and lined with gold and has a solid top surmounted by a wreath and on one side of the face is a lovely engraving of a Fantail, front view.

This goes to the owner provided he is a member of the American Fantail Club of the best fantail, any color, either sex, bred by him during the year 1893. The man who wins this cup may well be proud of it, for it would grace any side-board in the land.

I will put it away for safe-keeping and be ready to turn it over to the lucky winner after the first show of our Club. It is with a great deal of pride that I make the assertion that the members of this Club, the largest one by the way in America, are such thorough gentlemen, that the winner of the cup will meet only sincere congratulations and not envy and slurring remarks. Never was there more care exercised in getting the very best material in a fanciers' club and I am very proud of the honor the members conferred on me by electing me their secretary.

P. F. HAGER,

Secretary American Fantail Club.

Nashville, Aug. 7th, 1893.

A complete report of the poultry and pigeon show at the World's Fair in Oct. will appear in THE AMERICAN FANCIER.

English vs. American Writers

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

And so we are now to have a strictly legitimate fancier's paper! Perusing the prospectus which was kindly sent me, I was struck with the common sense displayed in it and the entire absence of what I would call "twaddle." That THE AMERICAN FANCIER begins its career at a most opportune time, is manifest to all who have watched the career of the fancy in America.

May we now have a paper which is not filled with quarrels and the furtherance of private schemes and ends but one with malice to none and charity to all; a paper having for its sole aim the instruction and elevation of the fancy.

To this end I will warn you against allowing your columns to be used by every man who has an axe to grind. And just as much would I warn you against the man so self assertive, so conceited (if I may say it) that he thinks himself always right and the rest of the world always wrong. To this latter class belong the majority of the English writers. Look through all weeklies and monthlies, devoted to anything from cattle and horses down to pigeons, and you will always find some English writer who is attacking some one else because he has dared to differ with him, on some unimportant point. The trouble with the average Briton is that when he comes here he at once conceives it to be his duty to revolutionize things.

He is not satisfied to let others do as they please, but proceeds to let them know that his way is the only way and it must be followed even if it disrupts America from Maine to California. The English writer "sniffs the battle from afar" and if he sees two fanciers whom he never met engaged in a discussion in print he at once rushes in and proceeds to show that both are ignorant asses and that he is the only Moses who can lead them out of the wilderness.

And yet the English writer has a good fund of information. Raised in a land where the fancier is not looked on as a kind of *rara avis in terris*, and where every little village has its shows, he would indeed be thick brained if he did not gain a good general knowledge of pets. Aye, but the trouble is that instead of diffusing this knowledge for the benefit of his fellow men he usually prefers to write about something calculated to do good to none and harm to all.

But what about the American writers? Well, forsooth! there are hardly enough of the breed to be worthy of mention. There are in the fancy many remarkably intelligent men, who could write if they would, but have failed to do so because of the low plane of journalism in the fancy in America. I mind a talk I had with one and not longer ago than a month. He had given me quite a long talk on a certain breeding point and his ideas were so good, and they were so well put, that I was charmed, and said impulsively "My dear fellow, you should write that up for one of the pigeon paper. Its good, very good." And what was his reply? "Oh there's no use. Some d--d fool would jump me and say I wanted to show off my learning and end up by getting me red hot." I believe those were his exact words.

There it is. The few men who could write fear to do so and after all I can hardly hold them up to blame.

I believe you have only about one

pigeon writer over in this country who don't seem to "care a continental dern" (there is an Americanism I've picked up) for what his critics say or think of him, and that is Gilbert. I must meet this fellow. I've scored him a few times for lugging in his everlasting fantails into everything he writes, but those who know him say he'd get out of his bed in the middle of night to do a friend a favor, and he can't be wholly bad. However, he is too conceited over what he knows, I think.

My sole object in writing this is not to score the English writers, but to show the difference between the writers (in the fancy) of the two countries.

The Englishman rushes into print on the least provocation, while the American won't write at all. And yet the latter bewails the scarceness of pigeon news. Now that you have come into the field and propose to give us a clean, bright paper, full of matters of interest, perhaps you can wake up some of the reticent ones. I know personally a score of fanciers who could, if they would, make your paper a marvel of brightness. Now that the American Pigeon Club is disbanded, there is nothing left to fight over, and it is my hope that every dove that flies from this on will bear in its beak the olive branch of peace.

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[We hope American pigeon fanciers will act on the advice of the above writer, and contribute their experiences in mating, breeding and showing pigeons to THE AMERICAN FANCIER.—ED.]

The Jacobin Club.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

The first preliminary meeting of the Jacobin Club was held on Saturday afternoon, August 5th, at the residence of Mr. H. V. Crawford, Montclair, New Jersey.

The following officers were elected for one year: President, Atwood B. Hoskins, Glen Riddle, Pa.; vice-president, Geo. Ewald, Cincinnati, Ohio; secretary and treasurer, M. B. Blauch, Lebanon, Pa.

The subscriptions towards 5 cups to be offered by the club amount to \$85, thus far.

It was decided to offer them in the young bird classes, viz., black, red, yellow, white and blue, to be won 3 times for the best young Jacobin, either sex, bred in the season previous to show for competition in their respective classes.

The contests for the 1893 birds will take place either at New York, Baltimore or Cincinnati, and, judging from some of the remarks made there will be a lively time. The place will be decided at the next meeting which will be held in Philadelphia in September, when also an Executive Committee will be elected and constitution and by-laws formulated.

The club also expects to secure a competent judge from abroad in order to have fair and square judging, which feature alone should be an incentive for every Jacobin fancier in this country to join it.

The club cannot boast of a large number of members, but those that have joined thus far, are full of push and energy and will use every endeavor to make it a success, and it is hoped that a few more breeders of this variety of fancy pigeons will apply for admission before the next meeting. Every honorable fancier is welcome.

M. B. BLAUCH,

Lebanon, Pa.

A Barb Club Organized.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

Kindly announce in the first issue of THE AMERICAN FANCIER that the Barb Club has been organized by the election of officers as follows: President, D. E. Newell, New York city; treasurer, W. W. White, Baltimore, Md.; secretary, J. S. Rittenhouse, Reading, Pa.

The members of this club are thoroughly in earnest in their endeavor to further the interests of their favorite variety of pigeon, knowing that the Barb combines qualities which make its culture a hobby of absorbing interest, and the production of a specimen closely approximating the standard type is a triumph of which the most ingenious fancier may well feel proud.

The club is formed with the single purpose of increasing, by every right means, the interest of pigeon fanciers in the Barb; and next winter will witness a display of this pigeon which for numbers and quality has never before been equalled in this country.

The following is a list of members: G. A. Fick, H. Tiemann, D. E. Newell, W. W. White, and J. S. Rittenhouse. This is not a long list of names, but it is long enough to show that the club is not for the special advantage of any person or locality. Anyone fancying the Barb is earnestly asked to communicate with the secretary and become a member.

J. S. RITTENHOUSE.

Reading, Pa., August 22, 1893.

The Proposed Archangel Club

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

Having received additional encouragement during the past few days from Pennsylvania Archangel fanciers, who express themselves as being anxious to see such a club organized, it affords me great pleasure to extend a general invitation, through this the initiatory number of the AMERICAN FANCIER, to all interested in the elevation of this the most beautiful variety of all pigeons, and suggest that those interested in the movement send their names and addresses to me at once. If we intend to have an Archangel club, let us combine our forces and organize without further delay, as the show season will soon be upon us. Should it be agreeable to those who have already signified their intentions of becoming members, move that a meeting be held for organization in Philadelphia some time during the present month, and that the AMERICAN FANCIER be accepted as the official journal of the proposed club. Speak out brethren, if you mean business.

Names of persons who are ready to join are: William Brower, Baltimore, Md., J. H. Burley, Reading, Pa., Alfred Burley, Reading, Pa., Albert Burley, Reading, Pa., Geo. G. Fetteroef, Langhorne, Pa.

GEO. G. FETTEROEF,

Langhorne, Pa., Sept. 1st.

Transfers.

From Fantail loft of F. M. Gilbert, Evansville, Indiana:

To Bruce Steet, Wabash, Indiana, 2 pair young, from imported birds.

To Charles Dicker, Dayton, Ohio, 1 imported hen.

To Fred. Robinson, Indianapolis, 4 pair young from imported birds.

To Fred. C. Weiss, Evansville, Indiana, 2 pair blue splashes, from champion Derby, and champion Ben Hur.

To Shirley Webber, Salt Lake City, 2 pair choice exhibition young.

Washington News.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

Charles Morris has just returned from an extended trip to Lynn and Marblehead, Mass. Mr. Morris reports a very successful breeding season with Satinettes and Ice pigeons and expects to show some fine birds at the end of the season.

Charles E. West has moved into his handsome new house on Florida avenue. He has built in the rear of it, a fine pigeon loft and aviary.

George W. Lee reports some fine young Fantails as well as other stock, for this season.

Henry Boswell has not only an endless variety of fancy pigeons but some of very high quality.

Dr. Brothers is holding his own with Blondinettes and Satinettes, as well as with other varieties.

Samuel E. Rabbit expects to meet the boys at the coming shows with a fine lot of Pouters and Magpies. He has had a very successful season.

John E. Fousinger has had the misfortune to lose most of his pigeons with some mysterious disease.

C. Dorsey has given his attention mostly to Magpies and Satinettes. Mr. Dorsey's loft, while small, contains exceptionally fine birds, especially in smooth-head blue Magpies.

Walter Fowler, of Jacobin fame, has had the sad misfortune to lose his wife. The fanciers of the Capitol city extend to him their deepest sympathy.

Mr. Woods, of the Smithsonian Institute, has gone on his annual vacation. He was one of the successful exhibitors at the great New York show last March.

It is rumored that Samuel Stinemetz will again take up the fancy.

Vincent Petrolia, an old-time fancier, is now interested in breeding Pouters.

L. A. S.

Washington, D. C.

Fall Sale of Fantails.

I now wish to sell some of my large tailed fans for the simple reason that I have bred their properties into my strain and an through with them. These birds were bred by Mr. George Brown of Chesterfield, England, and each and every one is well known to the majority of American fanciers. Many of them are winners both in this country and in England and each and every one is an invaluable bird to any fancier who wishes to improve his stock.

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F. M. GILBERT,
Evansville, Ind.

Pigeon Flying.

Notice to Subscribers.

Our subscribers are informed that we have arranged that all inquiries relating to the breeding, training and management of homing pigeons, and upon all questions bearing upon the history of pigeon flying, both at home and abroad, will be answered by "Fritz" through his columns in *THE AMERICAN FANCIER* weekly, and at the earliest possible opportunity, and should be addressed to

MR. T. FRED. GOLDMAN,
832 Herkimer Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

[All matter that he deems of general and practical interest, or of value to the young and inexperienced fancier, will be embodied in his weekly notes, while other matter will be sent direct by mail. —ED. A. F.]

On The Wing.

The absence of a representative weekly journal devoting adequate space to the great sport of pigeon flying has been seriously felt in the past, but with the publication of *THE AMERICAN FANCIER* a new era will begin. The publishers have determined to recognize the wonderful homing of pigeons as applied to fancy, sport and messenger service, and to this end have already secured the services of Mr. T. Fred. Goldman, the well-known writer and authority in the flying fancy. His brilliant and instructive paragraphs will be a weekly feature. In addition, the news from all parts of the United States, Canada, and Europe will be found in the columns of *THE AMERICAN FANCIER* from our staff of correspondents.

Secretaries of Homing Clubs are invited to send items of interest as well as reports of races flown in their respective sections to *THE AMERICAN FANCIER*.

Points in the Flying Fancy.

A Weekly Review of Events in the Homing World.

BY FRITZ.

Since the withdrawal of my weekly notes from the columns of *The Fanciers' Journal*, I have received very many letters of inquiry from various points, both at home and abroad, and expressing keen regrets as to the cause of their non-continuance and very many kind and flattering hopes of their reappearance at an early day, either in the columns of *The Fanciers' Journal* or some other journal giving space to the American flying fancy.

In the establishment of the new journal, *THE AMERICAN FANCIER*, I am very pleased to be able once more to contribute to the interests of the flying sport, and I trust my many friends and acquaintances in the fancy will continue to find my notes attractive and readable. To the young fancier and beginner I shall endeavor, from time to time, to explain the many perplexing questions and conflicting theories abounding in the sport, and to the experienced old timers I can only promise to try and keep them interested by my weekly review of events in the flying world, both at home and abroad, which very many in their limited reading would not be likely to learn.

The flying fancy has made such rapid strides of late years in America that I am sure the thousands of its followers will hail with pleasure and deep satisfaction the establishment of the new journal, *THE AMERICAN FANCIER*, and rally to its support. I feel honored at the distinction paid me by the management in thus placing me upon the regular staff

of contributors to the journal, and I am assured of their determination to make the Homing Pigeon department a special feature, and one as complete, interesting, and instructive as that of any journal devoted exclusively or in part to the flying sport.

Our sport has now attained such an importance, and merits in its growing needs a full and honest representation similar to other sports, that the American flying fancy will, I am sure, recognize and appreciate the object and determination of the management of the new journal to give them a medium whereby all flying news of interest, and matter pertaining to the fancy may be fully ventilated and at small cost.

While the American journals of the past have certainly contributed much to the advancement of the sport of Homing Pigeon flying and breeding, yet much, in my judgment, has been lacking in recent years to render them complete in interest and instruction. This gap *THE AMERICAN FANCIER* will most assuredly fill, providing it secures the hearty co-operation of all true followers of the sport.

I can only attribute much of this past incompleteness to a seeming disinclination and backwardness of many club secretaries and flying men in general to use the columns of the journals in an interchange of opinion and ventilation of flying news, breeding matters, and items of club interest, which can alone make a journal devoted to the flying sport all around attractive and readable, in conjunction with the efforts of its regular staff of writers.

The Homing Pigeon department of *THE AMERICAN FANCIER* caters to the American fancier throughout all sections, be he connected with League, Federation, or neither national organization, and desires to place a pigeon journal in the hands of every American fancier that can be read with interest and let him know what is going on in all sections as well as his own, and even what is going on of interest among his foreign brethren. All this may be readily compassed and rendered mutually and fraternally instructive and pleasing if but a few in each flying section of the country will but occasionally use the columns of *THE AMERICAN FANCIER*.

Our brethren abroad are far ahead of us in this respect, and there exists no earthly reason why we cannot make the columns of *THE AMERICAN FANCIER* as complete, instructive, and readable as those of many other sports I could mention, and what the name, *THE AMERICAN FANCIER*, should imply.

With this brief introduction and reappearance of my weekly notes, I will now take up the recent all absorbing topic of the flights from the World's Fair grounds in Chicago, Ills., to the several pigeon flying sections engaged.

With one exception the speed made has been but ordinary, and the losses heavy all around, I regret to say. I am not surprised at this, considering the lateness of the season and the contrary winds and extreme heat that prevailed throughout the first days after the start of the New York, Philadelphia, and Washington entries, together with some very nasty weather, misty and hot.

Pre-eminent over all—and the only competitor who managed to secure a return within the coveted limit time for special medals—is the speedy homing of the blue chequer cock, register E. C. 278-91, belonging to Mr. Thos. J. Clarke, of Brooklyn, N. Y., a member of the Empire City Flying Club of New York and vicinity. Liberated at 10:10 A. M. Saturday, July 15, with 37 others, owned by members of this club, the bird passed the wires at the home loft—air line distance 718 miles—on Monday, July 17, at 7:18 A. M., countermarked W. C. E. 27, a truly remarkable performance, and one that is a grand acquisition to American flying records.

The Washington and Philadelphia sections about compare with the New York section in the other general returns and time made, and I think about 25 per cent of the birds engaged is a liberal estimate as being at home, occupying from one to two and three weeks in the journey, the first returns outside of Mr. Clarke's speedy worker, reporting in eight, nine, and ten days.

I shudder when I reflect upon the number of splendid birds that have been dropped in this fly, birds that, to my personal knowledge, have acquitted themselves grandly in former campaigns, and birds that it will take several seasons to replace, if at all.

But we have become accustomed to serious losses, much the same as our brethren in the flying sport abroad, and I sometimes think that after all these occasional Waterloos have their good points in the tendency to not alone spur on the thorough fancier in a determination to build up afresh (and usually with improved material), but in very many cases promotes a healthy and more conservative method in the handling and training of their birds from their first year, and with fewer attacks of this extreme long distance fever.

It would be absurd and inconsistent for me at this point to criticise at length and attribute the heavy losses and ordinary work of the birds to the natural disadvantages and obstacles over the course flown, neither do I believe such. It was a national affair, rendered attractive by the liberal prizes given, and with a reasonable prospective benefit and boom for the sport and hope for better results. It was natural and highly proper for the several sections to engage their birds in the contests as a special occasion, and while the over humane may condemn the attempt and stay at home croakers croak "I told you so," the gentlemen who engaged their birds in the flights are worthy of every consideration for their hearty co-operation in booming their sport and to illustrate to the flying world that on an occasion of such importance American fanciers have every confidence in the gameness and stamina of their birds for such extreme work.

No flying fancier here has denounced with greater bitterness and been so firm in his opposition to extreme long distance flying for years past than I, and I am still firm in my determination not to engage or uphold pigeon flying as a sport beyond a distance that may be compassed by the second day after toss. These Chicago flights to Washington and Philadelphia and New York vicinities I have never regarded in the same light as the extreme long distance flights we have had in the past, nor as beyond a possible second and third day returns, and the speedy journey of Mr. Clarke's bird further sustains me in the belief.

Furthermore, as I have stated in former notes upon the subject, the occasion was one which called for the dropping of prejudice against such extreme work for the once, and although I am classed among the most unfortunate in getting returns, still I am satisfied in the knowledge that I contributed my share to render the contests interesting and complete, and am hopeful of many outs yet getting in.

The lateness of the season and the weather influences unquestionably, in my judgment, have prevented fuller returns and better average work. The time of the contests was originally established as from July 1, and had they taken place upon or near this date I am quite sure much better general work would have been accomplished.

At such a late period in the season as July 15 very many birds are well on in their moult of the flight feathers, and the additional days of enforced home idleness imposed upon the birds by the management in the winging and the date of contests from that originally established unquestionably did much harm.

A bird intended for such work as these journeys called for can scarcely be termed in fit condition in the middle of July so far as his flight power is concerned and so long an interval elapse from the previous fly, for even if he still retained his primal feathers of the wings intact (which few do), the period is so close to shedding time that they become loose and the wings quite inadequate as a driving power, striking forcibly downward as they do in flight. And when compelled to battle against contrary winds, and for such a distance, the real power of the bird, the strength of his wings (no matter how game his heart may be), and the firmness of his flight feathers become seriously impaired and almost useless for speed and long work.

No doubt many of the birds engaged were so handicapped, and I think if the truth were spoken many that were started on the long journey were quite unfit for the work, either by reason of impaired flight feathers, previous poor work, and insufficient training and altogether out of condition.

In connection with the changing of the date of the contests, I have listened to much comment upon the subject, some parties even going so far as to intimate that the date was purposely thrown forward to accommodate a certain section, and very many were quite indignant at having to submit to this change of date, having birds ready to go forward, and with a fair prospect of spoiling on their hands during the imposed delay.

No doubt much of this latter was true. But upon the question of change of date I at once communicated with Mr. W. I. Buchanan when the change was announced, for I, too, had birds spoiling in the coop, and was very disappointed at the change, and the following reply which I received from him should set at rest any doubts upon the subject:

CHICAGO, ILL., July 1, 1893.

Mr. T. Fred. Goldman, Brooklyn, N. Y.

DEAR SIR—Your kind favor of the 28th ult. at hand, and contents noted. I am very sorry that we were obliged to postpone the races, but owing to the heavy press of details connected with the department and the great delay we had in getting our entry blanks it was deemed absolutely necessary to put off the commencement of the flights until July 15. I trust you will appreciate our position in this matter and view it with all the leniency that you can.

Very respectfully,

W. I. BUCHANAN,

Chief Department of Live Stock.

In my next notes I may have something further to say upon this subject of the Chicago flights, being still without official detail of the contests, but which I am looking for daily.

Although in the splendid performance of Mr. Clarke's bird from Chicago the American flying fancy has added an excellent record to its already noteworthy list, yet our Belgian brethren have eclipsed us, and accomplished some work that cannot but excite the admiration of the flying world, for it beats all past efforts.

A Grand National concours was flown from Madrid, Spain, to Liege, Belgium, air line distance 1343.7 kilometres, or 839 miles, on July 11th last, engaging some 509 birds under the management of the Societe Colombophile "Le Progress." The start on July 11th, at 5 A. M., and the following returns certified on July 12th:

Loft of Louis Destinez, 11:26 A. M., speed 1,000 metres.

Loft of Michel Moureau, 4:29.30 P. M.

Loft of W. Jamar, 6:45 P. M.

Loft of Arnaud Pirlot, 6:53.50 P. M.

Loft of Jules Lonhienne, 7:42 P. M.

With over a half-dozen lofts reporting July 13 from 4:20 A. M. to noon.

Such a journey accomplished in less than 22 hours of flight is truly something remarkable, showing a velocity of nearly 1,100 yards a minute, 1,000 metres being say 1,093 5-8 yards.

This passage of the Pyrenees is an extremely difficult one, and has far more terrors for our Belgian brothers and credited with more Waterloos by far than our mountainous ranges from the West. This is the fourth time their birds have crossed the Pyrenees, but the present grand achievement completely dwarfs all past efforts.

Up to Wednesday, July 20th, 150 birds had been verified in this fly from Madrid to Liege, the last prize of honor being won on Monday, July 17, at 5:45 A. M. Next year this club, "Le Progress," intend having another concours from Spain, liberating at Victoria instead of Madrid, owing to the superiority of this place as a point of toss, their treasurer, Mons. Lorinfosse, having noted the advantages when conveying the birds to Madrid, the locality being a plateau which dominates the surrounding country as far as the eye can reach.

Another very important annual race was flown into Belgium during July. The grand national concours from Dax to Brussels, air line about 550 miles, and engaging the cream of all the prominent lofts. This is the Belgium annual race par excellence. The entry was 2917 birds and the winner was a small b. c. hen belonging to the celebrated Mons. Delmotte, of Brussels. The start July 15 at 5 A. M., first return at 6:16 A. M., July 16. And the first sixty prizes were won by 8:50 A. M. The concours closed about 2 P. M.

An interesting feature of these Belgium Grand Nationals, and one that I think could be applied to our own 500 mile races with advantage and considerable interest to the fanciers competing, is that at intermediate points competent gentlemen are stationed charged with the duty of wiring to the Brussels and Antwerp vicinity, the weather and wind conditions at each of these respectable posts.

The telegrams wired from France gave hopes of one day returns, but throughout Belgium the weather was very unsettled. It was pouring with rain in Antwerp, yet Mons. Georges Gits, of Antwerp, a flying fancier, well known to American flying men, managed to take the 12th, also 71st prize, which is superb work.

The crack lofts of Pletineckx, Jurion, Thirionet and Boone, as always, were well up in the race, and Mons. Delmotte can well be proud to be the winner in such company.

The young bird racing season is now opening and in concluding my notes for this week I desire to caution the young fancier against being too ambitious in over working his birds. Go slow, don't risk your all. From the returns of your 75 mile toss withdraw one or two who have performed creditably. Do the same from the 100 mile point. And be content to keep the majority home from 150 miles who have at all shown up well. When the old bird flying season of 1894 comes around you will then be in it and have something fit to represent you. These are good pointers, and you will do well to remember them.

Hempstead Farm.

We call attention to the full page advertisement appearing in this issue of Hempstead Farm. The latter is one of the most complete establishments devoted to the breeding of horses, dogs, cattle, swine, sheep, and poultry in the United States. The proprietor, Thomas H. Terry, as secretary of the Westminster Kennel Club and president of the New York Poultry and Pigeon Association, is universally esteemed in the dog and poultry world. The manager, James Mortimer, as superintendent of the great New York Kennel shows and a judge of canines enjoys a national reputation. We shall soon visit Hempstead and describe the stock, kennels, and poultry yards.

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The Kennel.

The Scotch Collie.

BY HIGHLANDER.

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In selecting for a subject of the first Kennel article appearing in THE AMERICAN FANCIER, the Scotch Collie, I do so with the satisfaction of knowing that whether as a farmer's or poultryman's dog he is entitled to the place of honor above all others. He has been tried and never found wanting in those qualities which make him an indispensable help-mate to the stockbreeder, a trusty companion to his master and a faithful guardian of the household.

To me the Collie possesses a charm entirely absent in other races of dogs, and this lies chiefly in the remarkable intelligence he displays when called upon to do things that few men are capable of performing as well. I have often watched a well trained Collie drive cattle and sheep, and admired his systematic and I might add, diplomatic methods. They were almost

carefully, that the fowls became thoroughly accustomed to his companionship and did not resent his snatching a juicy sister or brother. In my own experience I have never known a Collie to kill a chicken by design. I cannot say as much for a St. Bernard and a Fox Terrier I once owned.

In appearance, the Collie is handsome. He is medium in size, being rather less than twenty-four inches high at the shoulders. The head is long, the skull broad and moderately flat, showing plenty of brain room. The ears are small, and when raised from the dense mane, are striking points of beauty, in fact, add wonderfully to the beautiful outlines of head. The heavy mane and frill are essential points in a Collie, while the dense coat and heavily brushed tail should never be absent.

The hair should be long and somewhat harsh on the outside, while beneath we find a close, fine undercoat. This makes an armor against wind, rain, sleet and snow, and enables the Collie to brave all sorts of weather. The shoulders should be strong and powerful in muscle. The chest should be deep and rounded, the back ribs being short, which gives the



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superhuman. The bright intelligent eye and expressive features are magnetic enough to attract every lover of dog flesh. Robert Burns, whose poems touched the heartsprings of all human nature, had a soft spot in his heart for the Collie. He gives a life-like picture of the latter when he sings:

"His honest, sonsie, bawsn't face
Aye gat him friends in ilka place.
His breast was white, his towzie back
Weel clad wi' coat of glossy black,
His gawcie tail wi' upward curl
Hung o'er his hurdies wi' a swirl."

It is little wonder then, that this faithful friend of man has become the most valuable and popular dog in the canine world. To day no well equipped farm is without a Collie. The cur, so long a tolerated nuisance on many farms, is fast becoming extinct, and the well-bred and useful Collie takes his place. This is as it should be, for a Collie can be made to drive cattle, herd sheep and care for fowls, where a cur would be useless. I remember I. K. Felch, the veteran poultry breeder, telling me of his Collie catching any chicken his master pointed out to him, and it was all done so quietly and

graceful upward curve towards the body under the loins. The latter should be strong and slightly arched; legs should be straight and strong, without any approach to cow-hock on hind-legs; thighs should be muscular and wide across.

In color Collies vary, black and tan, sable and white, black, tan and white being most frequently seen.

Training Collies does not differ much from what is necessary in training all dogs, except perhaps that a Collie is more sensitive and highstrung than dogs of other breeds. The following hints on training, by an old breeder, give an excellent idea how to handle young Collies:

"It is almost useless to commence training the pup until it is six months old, except to teach it obedience, and this can be done at two to four months old. It should be practiced at a certain hour every morning, before eating its meal, that it may understand it has a task to be done. Feed immediately after, that it may soon learn to look upon it as a reward for doing that task. Never allow any one to be with you during the lesson, that he may concentrate his dog intellect

upon the work in hand. He positively must never be struck a cruel blow during the training, or his attention will be drawn to the whip instead of the lesson. Use the whip to motion with. Remember, if you break the will of the puppy by harsh or cruel treatment, it will be useless. The first few lessons may be blank failures; the puppy may lie down and refuse to do what you desire of him, but the chances are he is a very sensible dog; your preparations have impressed his mind, and he fears evil; he is on the alert, and awaits developments, on the defensive; whereas, a less wide awake pup is too dumb to comprehend the situation. To strike your puppy at such a time would take months to overcome and would be downright cruelty. The only course to pursue is, to change the lesson to play. In one or two mornings his fears are dispelled, and he is ready to be handled.

There is one principal idea we would like to impress on the minds of those interested. You must not expect an old head on young shoulders; have patience, and success is sure to follow."

[For the illustration on this page we are indebted to Messrs. W. Atlee Burpee & Co. It gives a faithful representation of the head of The Bard of Fordhook, one of the stud-dogs at Fordhook Collie Kennels. The latter are among the largest in this country, and contains the best blood obtainable here and in England. Hundreds of dogs are annually shipped to farmers in all parts of the United States from these kennels, and when one considers that in addition to the latter, there are several other noted Collie Kennels situated within a radius of 15 miles, which seldom have enough stock to supply the demand an idea of the magnitude of the Collie business can be obtained.—ED. A. F.]

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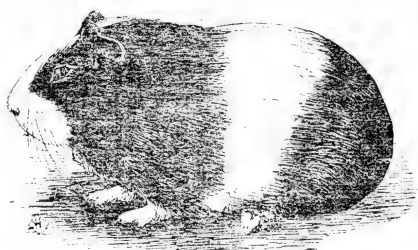
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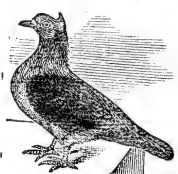
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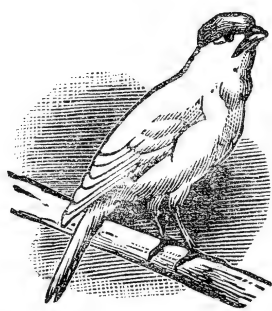
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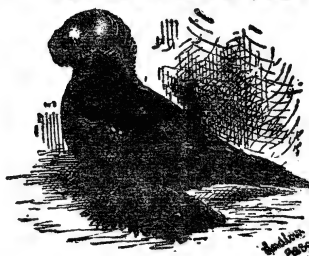
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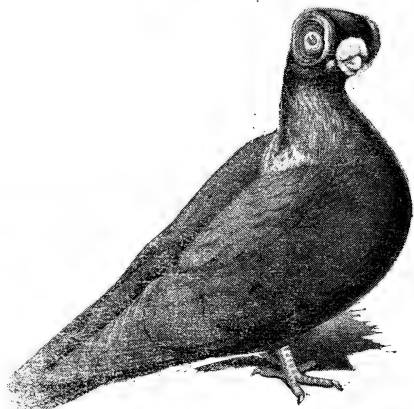
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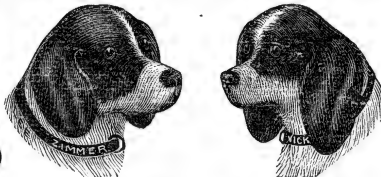
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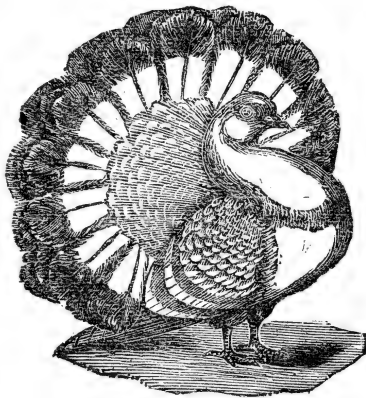
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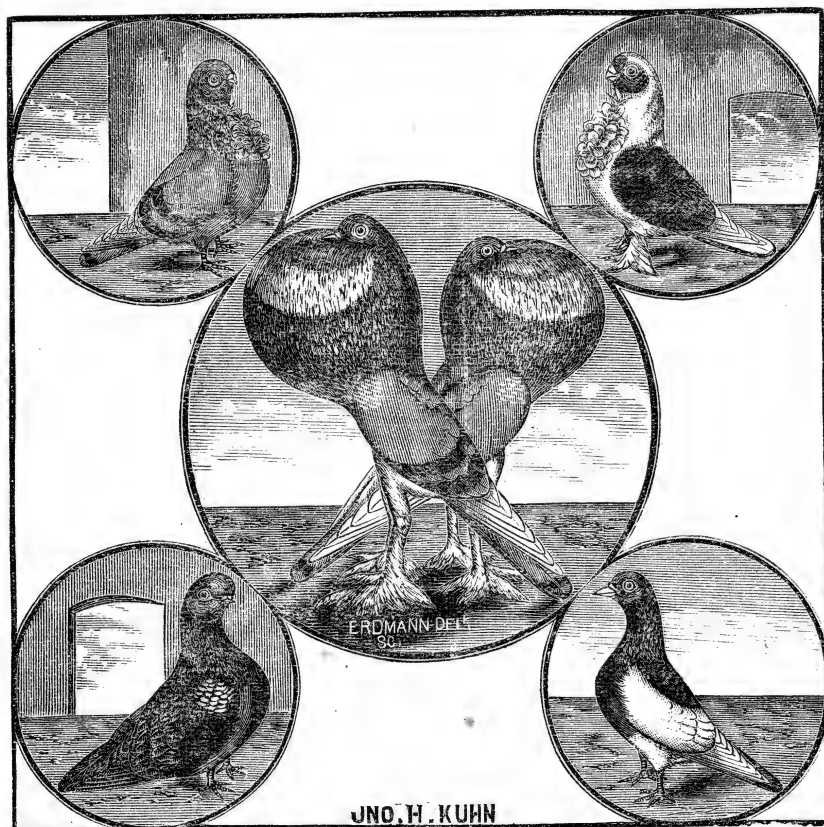
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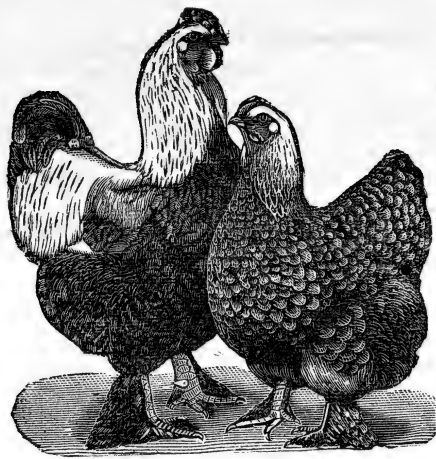
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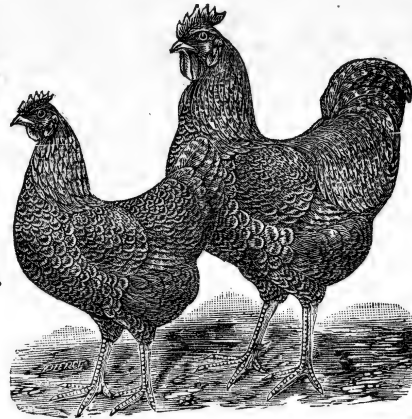
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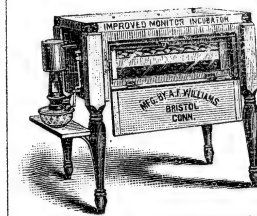
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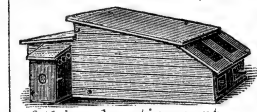
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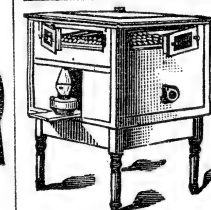
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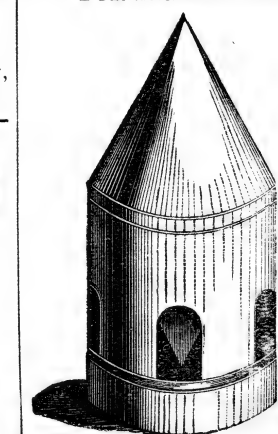
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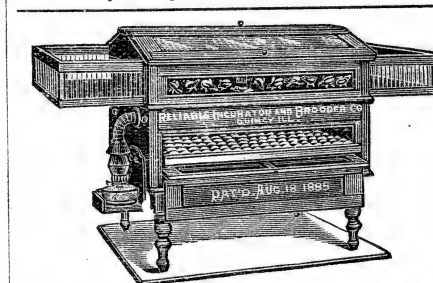
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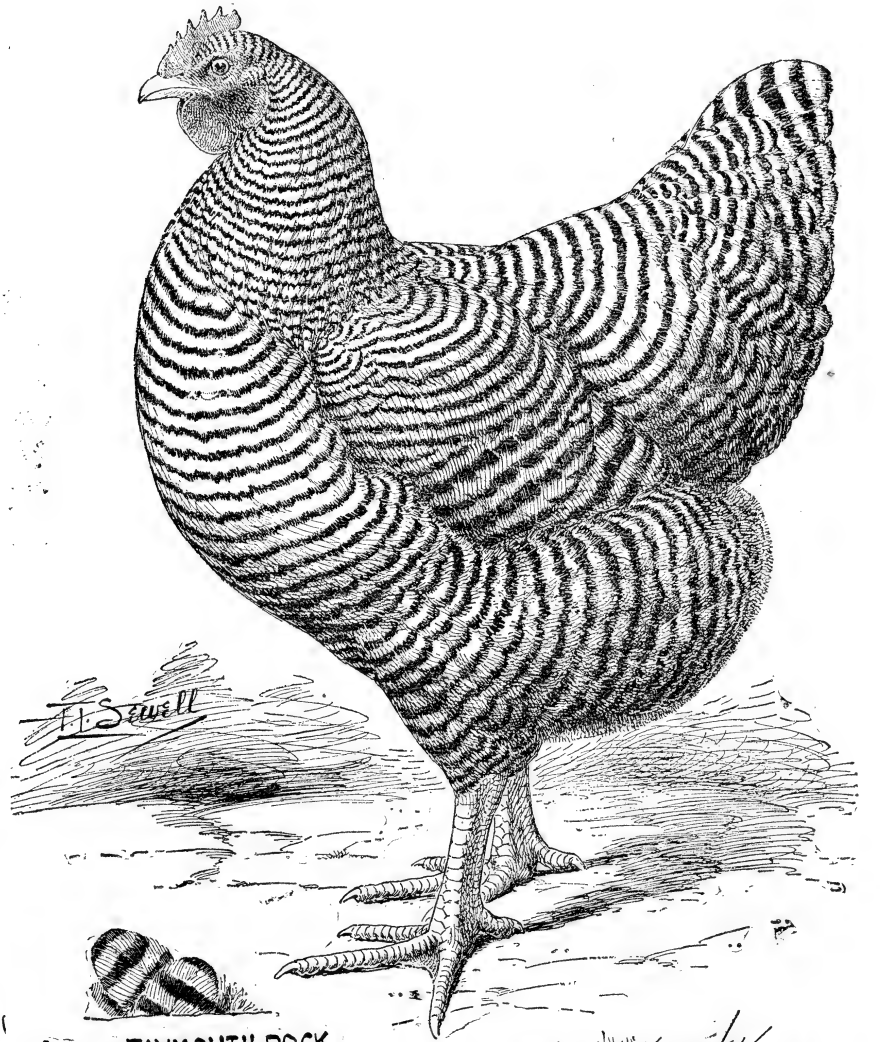
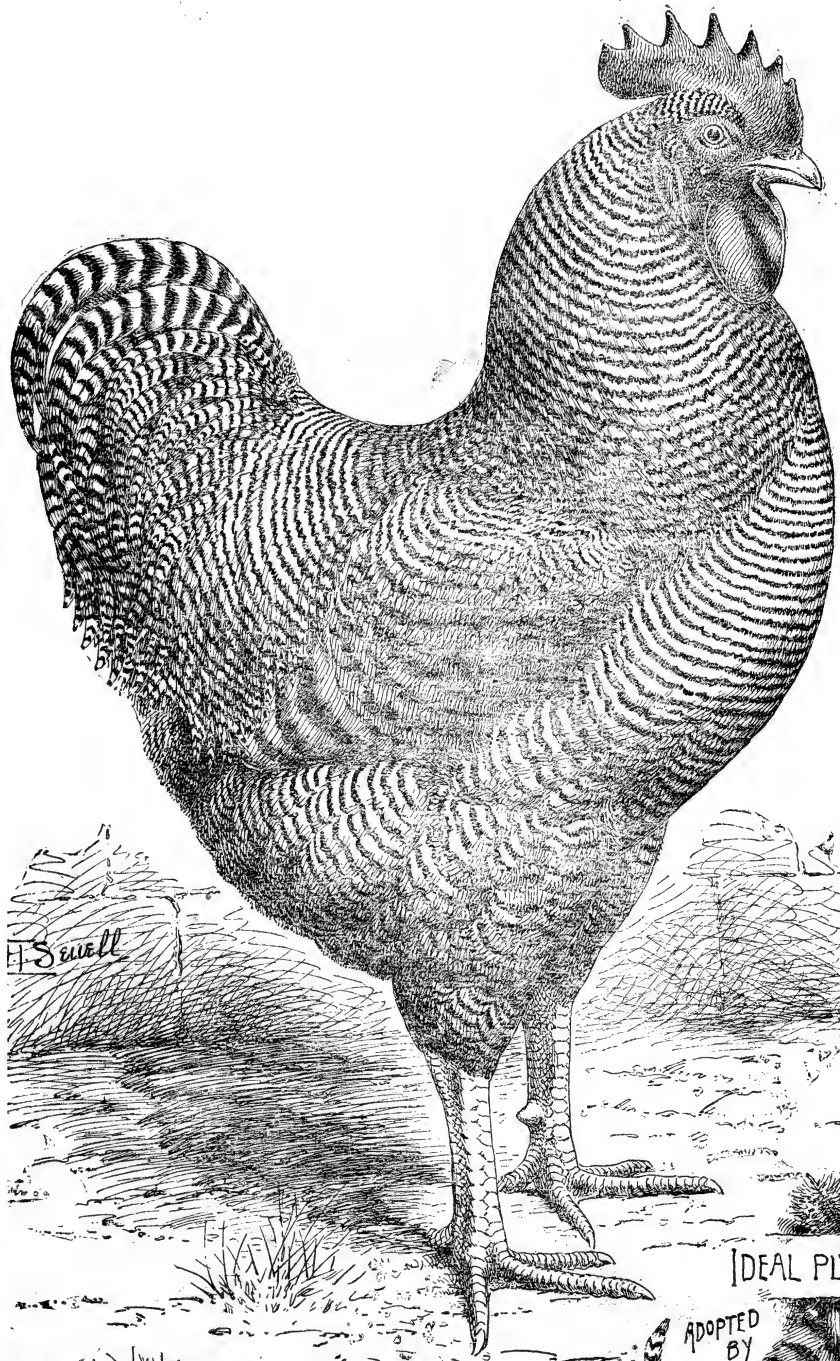
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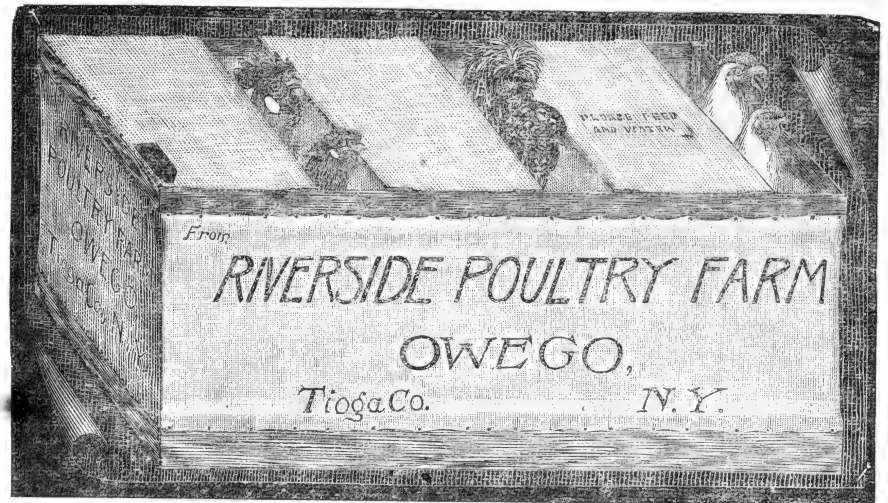
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POULTRY.

From the Editor's Perch.

Our illustration this week on the first
page is supposed to represent the ideal
Plymouth Rock male and female as con-
ceived by the American Plymouth Rock
club. We are not satisfied to accept
either ideal as correct or typical of the
breed. The shape of the male is that of
a Wyandotte, especially in back, tail and
neck, the Plymouth Rock being a more
reachy bird. The head of the male is too
coarse. The plumage is nearly ideal,
the much desired "rings" so dear to
every fancier being well shown. The
female shows too light barring on breast
and back, while the wing is hardly ideal
in its rather peculiar barring. Neck and
fluff are well drawn as is the tail. The
latter is carried too high, a horizontal
line from top of tail striking above the
eye, whereas in fine specimens the same
line strikes a point about in the middle
of the curve of neck. Notwithstanding
these objections, the illustrations give a
fairly good idea what a Plymouth Rock
should be like and Secretary Thompson
and Artist Sewell are deserving of praise
for their share in producing these illus-
trations.

We also give on another page an ex-
cellent illustration of Dr. S. T. Lea's
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uniform excellence. The motto of south-
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gress in fancy poultry culture in the
south.

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disgruntled fanciers are inclined to treat
George Seeger, jr.'s, appointment to the
superintendency of the poultry and
pigeon department at the World's Fair
with very faint praise and occasionally
with a little contempt. This is unjust.
Mr. Seeger worked hard to get the ap-
pointment; so did numerous other can-
didates, and American justice and fair
play dictates that all should join the suc-
cessful candidate in making the coming
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report of the poultry and pigeons exhib-
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Association proceedings will appear in
the same issue. The latter will be unus-
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get a white face has about ruined the
Spanish fowls, which a few years ago
were among the best layers."

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for such statements? "We want to know,"
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add that the full feathered Buff Cochins
has laid as well as its "dishabille" cousin,
at least Theodore Sternberg claims this
to be a fact, and he generally knows what
he is talking about. The white-faced
black Spanish fowl is far from ruined, it
is simply sleeping and waiting until some
level headed fanciers recognize it again
as one of Nature's most useful and noble
feathered productions.

This reminds us of a flock of Wyandottes
bred for feathers for nearly ten
years. The feathers became better each
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first progenitors and the hens lay as
often and as large eggs as the best hens
in the early history of the breed. It was
simply a case of careful selection and
feeding, that's all.

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perienced eye on the Silver Wyandottes
at the Waverly fair last week, a large
tear trickled down his left cheek (his right
eye was closed) and he remarked to his
friend Senator Roggenburger of Pennsyl-
vania: "If, after years of labor in trying
to show Jersey men what a Silver Wyandotte
is like, and they persist in labeling
those caged freaks "Wyandottes" I'll quit
breeding fowls, and make a new departure
and breed silver laced guinea pigs." The
senator winked his other eye and both
smiled and soon were lost in the "mad-
ding crowd."

The beautiful country home of ex-vice
president of the United States, Levi P.
Morton at Rhinebeck, N. Y., known as
Ellerslie, contained among many other
features, magnificent cattle housed in
completely equipped barns, and an ex-
tensive poultry plants. All of these were
destroyed by fire a short time ago. Be-
fore the blackened ruins ceased smoking,
Mr. Morton gave orders to rebuild, and
we are informed that Manager Seely of
the poultry department at Ellerslie has
already ordered ten 300 egg Pineland
incubators for his new establishment.
This means a hatching capacity of over
3000 eggs every 3 weeks, and no doubt
thousands of young chicks will be seen
scampering about before the new year
comes in.

George W. Weed, manager of the
poultry establishment at Elmcourt Farm,
Lenox, Mass., informs us that he has
about completed the handsomest chicken
ranch in this part of the world. Mr.
Weed, when at Torham had the reputa-
tion of keeping his chicken houses in the
pink of condition, and at the same time
getting maximum results from his hens
in eggs. We hope to give our readers a
complete description of the Elmcourt
poultry ranch shortly.

From all parts of the country compli-
mentary letters containing subscriptions

to THE AMERICAN FANCIER have
been received. It is beginning to
dawn upon our progressive fanciers
and practical poultrymen that a weekly
paper is indispensable to them. The
mere everyday routine work of the poul-
try yard requires something more than
dry articles on feeding and on how to kill
lice as a literary feast after a hard day's
work. That is why news of the doings
of fanciers and others is relished. From
the tenor of the letters received both sub-
scribers and advertisers feel the import-
ance of a weekly organ devoted to their
interests.

Our contemporary, *The Fanciers' Re-
view*, with the wisdom of old age, thinks
weekly poultry papers are unprofitable.
This is a new satisfactory conclusion to
arrive at by the publishers of the afore-
said monthly. Never having tried the
experiment of publishing a weekly, their
advice, to say the least, is visionary.
They also throw a gratuitous morsel to
our monthly contemporaries by telling
their readers that inasmuch as monthly
papers come out at different times during
the month, four good monthlies will sup-
ply the weekly wants of poultrymen.
This is indeed kind, and the average
reader will feel highly pleased to think he
need not subscribe to a weekly, when he
can get four monthlies. Price is not
stated, neither is it an object. On the
same lines we might take all monthly
magazines and dispense with our week-
lies altogether, and perhaps, a dozen year-
lies will be sufficient and we can dispense
with the monthlies. The dailies will of
course cease to be printed. Verily, the
brilliant lines of thought that strikes some
of our esteemed monthly contemporaries
are worthy of a Bellamy.

Miss Jennie Vaissiere placed a small
advertisement in THE AMERICAN FANCIER
of September 2nd. On Tuesday, Sep-
tember the fifth in one mail she received
seven replies, and every mail brought
additional inquiries. No need of waiting
4 to 6 weeks for inserting an advertise-
ment and getting replies, when a live
weekly accomplishes the same purpose in
less than two weeks.

We promised our advertisers 10,000
circulation of the first issue. We printed
10,018 copies which can be sworn to.
We do not claim 10,000 subscribers and
never did, and the futile attempt of the
editor of a contemporary to place us in a
false light before the public is readily un-
derstood by intelligent readers. It is our
ambition to gain 10,000 and even 20,000
subscribers, and to accomplish this all le-
gitimate methods known to the profession
will be pursued by the publishers. We
offer no chromos, gold watches, prize
puzzles or tea sets as premiums for sub-
scription, but pay our agents in cold cash
either gold, silver or greenbacks as may
be preferred by them.

*The Friendship of Learning and other
Poems* by H. S. Babcock. This little
volume may occasion surprise among the
fanciers of this country, inasmuch as the
author has always been known as a writer
on poultry subjects. The ripe scholar-
ship of Mr. Babcock, easily discernable
even in the matter of fact chicken essay,
has abundant opportunity to display
itself in poetical metre, and his collection
of poems published under the title refer-
red to above is the happy result. The
book is well printed and neatly bound.

Sternberg's Sallies.

Bright and Pithy Sayings
from the Great West.

BY THEODORE STERNBERG.

[Written for THE AMERICAN FANCIER.]

I note that Mr. Babcock thinks it all right to handicap Games (1) point cut on comb owing to absence of comb, etc. Now I am not just now going to become a party to any decimal score card controversy, but it is funny that the decimal scale eliminates Games. Altogether don't take them in at all. They can't be scored under the decimal system at all if shown dubbed. Now when uncle's attention was called to this, he simply replied that games did not amount to anything any way. Take your decimal scale, and I have seen no amended one published, and you will notice the whole Game and Game class are not in it at all. What is the use of talking about handicaps of a point in sweepstakes for Games when the fowls are barred out and have no decimal scale at all.

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I want to enter my protest against this whole system of sweepstakes between fowls of different breeds. There is no necessity for them, and they cause far more bitterness than they do good. They settle nothing. They do not help the fancy in any way. If sweepstakes are desired confine them to a breed and its subvarieties, for instance, best Leghorns of any variety.

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I never saw the incubator illustrated in AMERICAN FANCIER and never read or heard of it, so when I got on to the idea therein depicted I thought I had a good thing. It was new to me and original but the patent office said nixie. My model differs from the French one in this: My incubator was made square and had hot water on the bottom as well as on the side. The tank of galvanized iron was 24x17 inside measure, 9 inches high, 2 1-2 inches water space on sides and bottom. The top was also of galvanized iron setting in with a wide flange like that on the cover of a wash boiler and fitting very tight. A larger pan of double thick glass was set in the cover. Air was admitted from below by means of metal tubes passing through the bottom, as in the French machine and slides were made on the top to ventilate when needed. I set mine up on wooden horses, placed an ordinary lamp underneath, put in an inch of sand on the bottom, got the thing to the proper temperature, put it in charge of my wife, who placed the eggs on the sand and attended to the whole business, and hatched nearly every fertile egg.

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We set the thing up in the kitchen where it was always, where it could be noticed. I have never seen a more useful, reliable and inexpensive machine for hatching. Mine cost \$3.90. It was all metal and so could not burn, shrink or get out of order and the whole operation is under the control of the operator. I have long since come to the conclusion that it is more in the good sense and careful attention to detail on the part of the operator than it is in the incubator.

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What I have written if read in connection with the very valuable article in the first issue of the AMERICAN FANCIER, can be easily understood. It is on these lines that the fancier apart from the broiler raiser must look for his early and winter

chicks. I did not build my model until last spring but I am easy now on the subject of winter chicks. You see this machine can be made of any size, to hold a single setting or more. They are so cheap that the fancier can have several at a time. Then no expensive incubator building is needed. They can be set up in the kitchen or wherever is most convenient, no going out of doors at night. By the way, in using the lamp to keep up the heat, it is set right under the machine. I raised or lowered the lamp by using books, put another under to add heat, take them away to reduce heat. Of course the flames of the lamp was also controlled, but I kept the lamp far enough from the bottom so the flame burned clear without smoke or smell. This is accomplished by turning the flame up enough to burn freely as does the ordinary house lamp.

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The fancier needs some method by which he can depend on hatching winter chicks at a time when hens are seldom sitting. In fact in January most old hens are yet in moult, while pullets are not yet broody. Last January I hunted the country over for a couple of sitting hens. Of course the broiler raisers are ready at all times, but it is the fancier who wishes to raise but few chicks and does not care to build an incubator house, or to be constantly going up and down the cellar stairs to watch an incubator, whose needs I am trying to assist. No fancier wishes to run a hundred or two hundred egg incubator in January. Such an incubator is too large to be set up in the dwelling house. It takes too many eggs to fill it. He ordinarily has not got the egg, and he has no time to care for many chicks. It ain't a business with him. It must work into his daily life without changing the current. So it is that a small, cheap incubator meets his need, one which can be placed in the house where some members of his family can readily attend to it in his absence attending to business. It is in this line and for such uses that the incubator described in the last AMERICAN FANCIER and the one I made deserves especial consideration.

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I wish to say that in this locality December, January and the first half of February are far better seasons to hatch than March or April. January and June have been the best and most successful months with me, only it has been too difficult to get hatching in January, but this style of incubator fills the bill. All that is necessary to successfully raise winter chicks is a dry room, dirt floor and a small brooder. No lice trouble the chicks. Keep the floor clean and well sanded and the young chicks grow faster than in spring and when spring does come, these chicks are ready to grow and grow, so that when September and October fairs come round you have fine looking young birds in show form. I have had less trouble, it takes less time to care for them, and I have always got more pleasure out of a few winter chicks than I have out of the spring hatch. There is but one thing to guard against and that is don't force Asiatics until the danger of their getting down on their legs is past. This last year my January hatch was all pullets, so I am after all out of an early show cockerel, but these January pullets have laid since the latter part of June and I look forward to having a pen of pullets in good shape for raising January chicks next year. One must have early pullets and early

cockerels in order to get a going in January hatching. Of course I am speaking of Asiatics.

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I am writing more for the small fancier, the million, and not for the large dealers. I have been trying to get my own yards so arranged that I can do all my own hatching before the season for shipping eggs comes.

These December, January and February chicks are ready to sell in August and September and fit to show at fall fairs. Then there is a well defined demand for fowls in the spring, for this demand I call the attention of the fancy to the June hatch. Out of the June hatch should come in pullets, the late January and February show winners. Cockerels of course need from two to three months more age to be in equally as good show form.

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I am delighted with the initial number of THE AMERICAN FANCIER. It is full of go; as you read it, you can feel the motion. The idea of "will it succeed" don't arise as a question in your mind. What a grand success it is, is the thought. There is no sign of rawness. It comes before us in full feathers, in show form, and announces itself to be a winner by either comparison or point judging.

The Moulting Season.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

This is one of the critical periods in the yearly life of fowls. Just when nearly worn out with the season's egg laying, hatching, and brooding, the moulting season comes and helps to complete the work of general exhaustion. We are not of the opinion that this should be classed with the diseases to which fowls are subject, but rather that it is a great work of renovation which the whole animal and vegetable kingdom undergo annually in some form or other, and which if necessary to the continuation of life and health. But although natural and necessary to the existence of fowls, it is nevertheless a trying period to them, and if the food and care are not what they should be it is often followed by disastrous results. It is therefore necessary that we give the subject proper attention, as it is an important one in poultry culture, and cannot be too well understood.

It is absolutely necessary to have the fowls in proper shape to pass the moulting period successfully. This does not mean that they should be fat; on the contrary, they must only be in moderate flesh. It will generally be found to be a good plan to have the flock in good flesh up to the beginning of the moulting season, when the food given should be of a less nutritious nature and as cooling as possible. This will generally be found all the change that is needed. Corn should not be fed exclusively at this period. If the fowls have free farm or other range of equivalent nature then little grain food will be needed, and if it does consist of a few handfuls of whole corn given each morning it will do no great injury. But where fowls can find but a small part of their food it will be best to vary their diet somewhat. Oats and wheat, with some soft food, will be sufficient variety.

This question of food is of first importance. If it is wrongly given or in too great or too small quantities, all other things being right, the fowls will still show the ill effects of improper

feeding. The flock must be watched, and when there appear any signs of poor effects the cause should be looked up and remedied.

We have found that most successful poultrymen use some condition powders, tonics, or something of this order to help nature at this period. This is right and based upon reasonable hygienic principles, and by the experience of a half-score of years we have found that money spent for condiments was well spent. We believe in their use at all seasons of the year, and especially during the moulting season. The good effects following their proper use will be speedily and permanently seen. Many people have an erroneous idea concerning the effects of good condiments. They think egg laying will be stimulated and the hens will be forced to continue laying at an improper season, and their use during the moulting season must therefore be highly injurious. Such would be the case did they have such an effect; but they do not. Proper stimulants only bring the fowl's condition up to a healthy standard, in which state the fowl is prepared to properly do its work, be it developing bone and muscle, as in the case of growing chicks, laying eggs, or growing new feathers.

Plenty of green food is a necessity. The fowls' diet should be light and cooling and what better article of food than green stuff of any sort for this end? We may mention that the cheapest and by odds the most universally distributed is the green grass of lawn and door yard. If the fowls' yards are of sufficient size to permit a good growth of grass nothing further need be furnished. If they are confined in small quarters they must be supplied with cabbage, lettuce, beet tops, grass, apples or something green. This should be given each day regularly.

Shade is indispensable. Shade and a good supply of fresh, pure water are essentials which must not be omitted or all else will not and cannot prevent disastrous results. We find the shade of clusters of raspberry or currant bushes, fruit trees, grape vines or ornamental trees to be much cooler as well as more profitable than the shade of a small fowl house or board wall, although these will beat no shade at all by all odds. But shade of some kinds, dust baths, etc., must be provided. We may learn how important shade is to proper moulting by going with the naturalist on one of his rambles through the August and September woods. Where did we find the grossbeaks, orioles, blackbirds, robins, thrushes, etc., in the early summer and spring months? In the meadows, about the hedge-rows, among the more open commons and in our orchards. But now we look for them in vain in those accustomed haunts. We see all in deep, cool woods, quietly feeding among the mouldering leaves of last summer beneath thick laurel brambles and the tangled matings of the hazel and wild grape. And when they again emerge into the glare of the sun in late September and October it will be clad in new feathers and ready for the southward trip.

If cocks and hens can be separated during August and September all the better. But on farms where the fowls are permitted to run at large all the time, and no special preparations are made for confining them this will not be practicable. It will, however, be to the interest of all farmers to have some small enclosure which can be thus utilized. A few fowls are frequently wanted to be kept in some

place away from the main flock, and if a place is provided there will be many occasions for its use. The males need a rest, they will moult all the quicker, usually, and the hens will be free from the worse than useless attentions of the males. C. L.

The Langshan in the South.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

It is with great pleasure that we notice the wonderful support that the Langshans are receiving from the breeders of the South. This majestic, stately, and noble breed is steadily taking the lead and just winning its way to fame and favor by its superior merits. I claim for Langshans here in the South, after breeding them and many other breeds for the past ten years, that they are superior to all other breeds for the following reasons, viz: They are large, hardy, active, good foragers, bear close confinement, good summer and winter layers, good setters, good mothers; as a table fowl they have no equal, possessing plenty of the juiciest meat in the right places. The chicks mature early, often beginning to lay when only five (5) months old. Even those who have been the bitterest opponents of the Langshan in the past have been forced to acknowledge the splendid utilitarian qualities they possess. There is no variety of the thoroughbred fowl that is better adapted to the South than the Langshan; in fact, there is hardly a breeder of any prominence at the South to-day but what breeds the Langshan, and many have discarded all other breeds in their favor. If you want to see the most popular fowl of the South, visit any of our shows, and you will find for quality and number of entries the Langshan surpass all other varieties. At the A. P. A. meeting, held at Charleston, S. C., the Langshan numbered 144; Greenville, S. C., 90; Columbia, S. C., 70. Here at the South there are two types being bred. The English type with their long legs, as if they were standing on stilts, heavy weight, short, fluffy, almost dead black feathering, large beefy combs, long back, and short tails. The other type with medium sized comb, fine in texture, legs medium in length, weight 8 1-2 to 9 1-2 lbs. to the male, high head, short concave back, large full spread tail extending on a level with the comb, full round breast, deep body, and long glossy close feathering of the entire body. Both these types have their admirers. Here in the South we start our breeding season in January. Many breeders have their future prize winners off by the 15th February. From past experience I would say chicks from the 15th February to 15th April are the birds that give more satisfaction for the fall and winter shows. Chicks hatched up to the 1st of May will mature in time for the winter shows. After this, we find, especially the large breeds, do not mature to standard size and weight. Our great trouble in breeding later than May 1st is from mites and lice. The South being so warm during the summer months, we find it almost impossible to keep these pests from incubating and spreading through our young stock. With great care and the free use of kerosene oil, lime, sulphur, carbolic acid, and clean pens, we can keep these pests from doing any damage to our growing stock. Most breeders set no eggs after May 1st, as we find that these pests always start from the setting hen. Stop the cause and the cure will always follow.

STEPHEN T. LEA.

Cokesbury, S. C., Sept. 2nd, 1893.

Poultry Culture in France.

The Hatch.

BY DECRUE.

[Written for THE AMERICAN FANCIER.]
PART II.

The time has arrived when the artificial brooding hen ceases to be a machine, it becomes animated, so to speak, in giving life. On the 20th or 21st day the hatching could begin, if the eggs have been rightly handled. These twenty days of waiting has seemed very long, and it is with anxiety that one leans over the machine to see, through the glass covering, if any change has taken place. The first cry of the little chicks, still enclosed in the shells, causes quite a sensation, and this indication of their existence suffices to make us await more confidently the result.

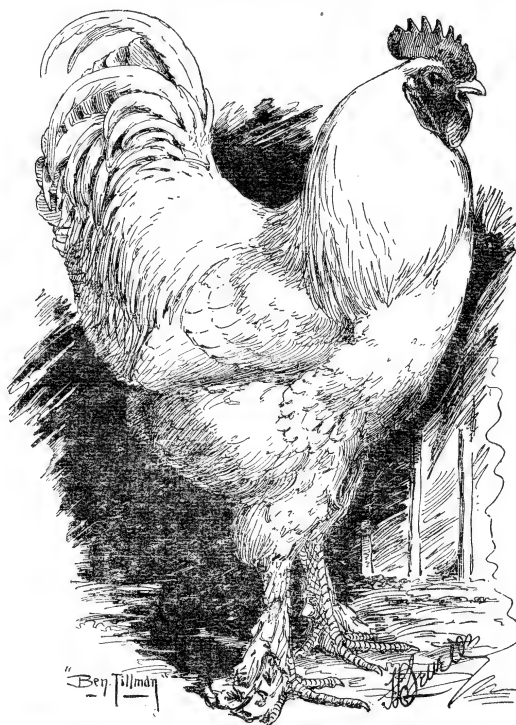
About this time the question arises whether it is necessary to aid nature? It is claimed, by some, that the hen breaks the shell with her beak and helps the chicken to free itself from its covering. Others advise soaking the eggs in lukewarm water. All this is unnecessary,

end of a few hours the shell, thus moistened, is dryer than it was before.

It is a moist atmosphere that is wanted in the machine, and the best way to obtain this is to wet the sand under the eggs thoroughly with a few glasses of tepid water, or by hanging a large wet sponge under the glass in the machine.

As soon as the first egg is pipped the eggs should not be cooled any more, and the machine should be left open no longer than is absolutely necessary to turn them by hand. They should be examined carefully, and the pipped side should be placed on top, otherwise the beak of the chick would be turned towards the bottom of the machine and the few drops of liquid which still remain in the shell would roll towards the narrow opening and the little chick might be smothered before it had time to break the shell sufficiently to breathe more easily.

The hatching process is very rapid. At the centre of the egg the inflated shell rises up and forms little cracks; little by little the opening grows, and the beak of the chicken appears. To its repeated blows the shell finally gives way and breaks all around. The neck and feet are liberated and with a last effort the



White Langshan Cockerel,

Bred by Dr. S. T. LEA, Cokesbury, S. C.

nature will act alone, and the help we might try to give her would only impede her work. In order that this work progresses readily, without fatigue to the little chick, a regular temperature of 104 degrees is more than ever necessary. Above this point, the membrane which surrounds the chick becomes dry and grows hard instead of expanding and breaking with the shell. With the temperature below 100 degrees the chick seems to lack the necessary vigor to make its last efforts; the hatch is delayed, and if this state is prolonged for several hours, the hatch may be seriously injured.

Some persons think it advisable to spray the eggs with tepid water in order to facilitate their hatching. We do not sanction this practice, however, and even believe that water applied under these conditions produces the opposite of the desired effect. It certainly requires a great deal of moisture at the time the eggs are hatching, but the drop of water thrown on the shell evaporates under the influence of the heat and carries off with it all the moisture that has escaped through the pores of the shell, and at the

chick escapes from its covering and is free.

However great the temptation may be, it is not advisable to be in too great a hurry to take the chicks out of the machine. Remove those in the evening that have been hatched in the morning, leaving all others in over night. Open the machine as little as possible. As long as the temperature remains at 104 degrees there is no cause for alarm, and the novice need not worry about the apparent disorder in the machine.

The machine should only be opened at the accustomed hour in the morning and evening, when the newly hatched chicks may be removed and the machine put in order. As the hatch lasts generally two days, the eggs that are not pipped should be turned as usual, and incubation will continue regularly until the end. After the first chicks have been removed from the machine it will be well to make an allowance for the consequent loss of heat, by slightly increasing the supply of hot water when filling the tank.

The little chickens should not be fed too soon after they are hatched. They

can easily remain from 24 to 30 hours without taking any nourishment, and all food given to them before that time endangers their health.

[To be Continued.]

About Pit Games.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

Among the various breeds of poultry that can be used for all purposes the Game fowl stands in the front rank of the procession. Of the numerous strains and varieties of the game family perhaps no other has more admirers than that termed the "Pit" Game. A prominent author has said of these beautiful fowls that "they are the aristocrats of the Game family." The oldest Games are the pit Games; their origin is buried in obscurity, dating back for ages. India is claimed as their birthplace, but is disputed as often. That the pit Game was once closely allied to some of the jungle races of India it is very probable in the opinion of the writer. At any rate, it is safe to say that the pit Game is the oldest breed of domestic poultry, anti-dating even the grotesque Malay and the good old Dorking.

To my thinking the pure pit Game is one of the best general purpose fowls to be found in the whole list of recognized breeds—a conclusion that is not "jumped" at, but brought about by nearly thirty years of close observation and continued experience. The points of merit I claim for well bred pit Games are, excellent laying qualities, superior table qualities, and easy keeping. Nearly all of the pure European or American pit kinds possess these qualities. They are not confined to any one strain or variety. The old style English Game is a most excellent specimen of an economic fowl—grand layer, plump bodied, and with very superior flesh. The Heathwoods, some of the Shawlnecks, and various other strains of American pit Games are equally good general purpose kinds. The "pure pit" Game (so called when free from Oriental blood, as Jap, Aseel, &c.), is always handsome and of a general similarity of type. The head is small, wedge shaped and neat, eyes large and keen, neck medium length, with full, tapering hackle. Shoulders broad, back flat and short, wedge shaped but not too narrow at stern. Body flat, wide at breast; legs medium length and cordy but not too thick. Tail rather high, fanned and large. Stylish, springy, and active. Such is the general description of a good pit Game cock—of the kind that is good to look upon and profitable to keep. Pugnacity in pure pit Games is greatly over estimated as a rule. This need be no drawback. I have raised hundreds of them in a season and easily managed them. Pit Game breeders are probably more numerous to-day than at any previous time. Shut out from the standard, what other breed of fowls would hold their own in public favor like the pit Game? I think no other kind. They are not kept on the face of the earth by the sporting class either. Where there is one cocker there are at least three fanciers who breed pit Games for other purposes than the pit. Prejudice because of the pit Game's pugnacity is disappearing day by day, and many prominent breeders are taking up these fowls for their beauty and other desirable attributes.

F. H. GRAVES.

Viroqua, Wis.

Jersey Jottings.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER.

Once more has the poultry world been called upon to welcome within its bosom a new friend. Judging by comparisons i. e. the start usually made by new journals and the start made by this paper—the “American” bird is bound to be a glorious “star spangled” success. Take the two latest kids, *THE AMERICAN FANCIER* in the north and the *Poultry Talk* in the south and then we can sing, “Oh! what will the harvest be.”

There is always plenty of room at the top and I know—from what I know of the editors—the youngsters will grow and be shining lights to the poultry fraternity. Success to you, brother Drevenstedt, enclosed you will find

MY SUBSCRIPTION

which is always a substantial way of expressing one's self and showing how one's efforts are appreciated. Some men are very charitable if it doesn't cost anything. A good brother was once approached by a poor hungry looking man and asked for a few cents to buy some bread with. The good brother's heart was moved within him and stretching forth his hand and patting the poor fellow on the head said: “God bless you, God bless you my brother. Move on my friend, move on.”

Liberality of chin music don't amount to much in this poor hungry world, and I can echo brother Davis' words most heartily that we all ought to patronize the poultry journals to the full amount of our ability. Not with empty words but with good hard cash.

A FACT

generally overlooked by poultrymen, especially the farmer or those who do not make a specialty of poultry, is the great necessity of supplying bulky food to the fowls. Poultry will not do their best confined to a grain ration exclusively. It makes no difference whether the birds are confined in yards or have full liberty. A neighbor of mine who gives his fowls full sway at all times except during the breeding season told me the other day that he never could make his hens lay half what they ought to without the use of cut clover hay. (The leaves, heads, etc., left on the floor where hay is thrown down for horses is better than the cut article and should be used when procurable.) He said it didn't make any difference whether his fowls were running at large or penned up. I have noticed this with my own fowls.

OF COURSE.

something besides cut clover is necessary. Boiled small potatoes should be given also and in winter I give the clover one day and potatoes the next and so on. The potatoes and clover are used as a foundation composing about one-third of the whole.

Thoroughly steam the clover—using only enough water to mix the mess stiff and crumbly—then add bran, middlings and ground oats equal parts, also a little salt and from one-sixth to one-eighth of ground meat. This mixture should be fed early in the morning and only what the fowls will eat up clean in say five minutes. I did not start out to tell all about feeding but to impress the necessity of feeding bulky food and especially cut clover. Second crop clover makes the best and it would pay all breeders of poultry to procure some second crop hay and store it for future use. The growth of stalk is much shorter and finer and the head has more seed than the first crop. In the fall, small or second sorting pota-

atoes can be bought very cheap, from 50 cents to 75 cents per barrel, and make excellent feed for hens. In fact if clover and potatoes are used there will be no occasion for giving the fowls other green food.

If cabbage or other green food is at hand the fowls will appreciate it of course, but for two years past I have not used any green food at all excepting the clover and my hens' egg record is excellent; equal to the best I have seen, in fact. Remember that the care and feed has more to do with the egg yield than the breed has although good active stock, thoroughbreds or their crosses is necessary, and it is gratifying to know that poultrymen are catching on. Let the American bird scream.

R. W. DAVISON.

Glendola, N. J., Sept. 7th, '93.

New England Pigeon Association Meeting.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the New England Pigeon Association was held at the usual meeting place, on Wednesday evening, September 6, with President Haven in the chair. Messrs. Latimer, Ingram, Ford, Pratt, Murray, Middleton, Haven, Albee, Kendall and Twombly, were present.

The minutes of previous meeting were read and approved. Messrs. N. D. Blake, J. and Henry Johnson were voted to membership. Some discussion was entered into as to how future meetings should be conducted, and Mr. Middleton favored that they be run as previously. Mr. Twombly recommended that all future meetings be conducted according to the ideas of the president. There being no further business before the meeting, it was voted to adjourn.

The next meeting will be held on the 20th of this month, and the varieties to be shown in the open classes are: Homers, all except solid colors; Dragoons, all except solid colors; Carriers, all colors, and Antwerps, all colors. All members are requested to be present.

C. E. TWOMBLY, Sec'y.

Am. Poultry Association.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

It might be well to once more call the attention of the members of the American Poultry Association, also all interested fanciers to the fact, that the eighteenth annual meeting of this association will be held in the city of Chicago, Ill., on Wednesday, October 18th, 1893, at 10 o'clock A. M., in Assembly Hall upon the Exposition grounds.

As this will undoubtedly be one of the largest and most interesting meetings that the American Poultry Association ever held, we trust all fanciers will be present.

GEORGE E. PEER, Secretary.

The American Buff Cochins Club.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

There will be a special meeting of the American Buff Cochins Club held in Assembly Hall upon the Exposition grounds at Chicago, Ill., on Thursday, October 19th, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

As this is during the great Poultry exhibition, and inasmuch as subjects of great importance will be discussed, it is hoped that every breeder of Cochins in America and Canada will be present.

PHILANDER WILLIAMS, President.

GEORGE E. PEER, Secretary.

New Jersey State Fair.

A Large Exhibit of Poultry and Pigeons.

The thirty-fifth annual exhibition of the New Jersey State Agricultural Society was held at Waverly, N. J., on September 2, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8.

Poultry and pigeons are always a feature at this fair, as far as number of entries are concerned, and this year both were fully up to the average of past shows. It required two buildings and a tent to hold all the feathered tribe; large fowls and bantams occupying the main poultry building, pigeons and cage birds being allotted an immense floor in the manufacturers' building, while turkeys, ducks and geese were crowded into a large tent.

It took two full days to judge all the birds, notwithstanding the excellent arrangements of most of the exhibits. T. Farrar Rackham superintended the show and did his work in a thorough manner, especially when the strange and weird coops of the Society and some of the exhibitors are taken into consideration. It would really pay the New Jersey Agricultural Society to have a large building, containing two stories, fixed and furnished for poultry and pigeons. The Society should also encourage the single entry system and not award prizes on pairs, as is now the case. With prizes offered on single specimens, and a reasonable entry fee, there is no reason why an annual show at Waverly would not be of as much importance as any of our large winter shows. A thorough revision of the premium list and entry books is, however, advisable.

The Asiatic class was well filled, except in Light Brahmas, the latter being the smallest class seen here in many years, and I am afraid the noble old breed is losing ground in New Jersey. The quality of the birds was not up to high-water mark, the old fowls being mostly in poor feather, and the youngsters not far enough advanced to claim much admiration. The Dark Brahmas were a good lot, one pullet shown by C. A. Reid being exceptionally fine in pencilling and booting, of that true steel-grey color, so rarely found.

Buff Cochins were very numerous and above the average in quality. The first cock and hen out-classed all the others in color and heavy leg and toe feathering, the cock being blessed with a clean buff tail and a clean pair of buff wings. The first pair of chicks were so much older than the others that no fair comparison is possible. Many of the youngsters were exceedingly promising.

Black and White Cochins each had numerous entries, some fairly good old birds and a very good pair youngsters in the Blacks being noteworthy.

The Langshans were not up to those of former years in quality or numbers, the Blacks being decidedly the best, the Blues hardly worthy of being called Langshans.

The American class made a good showing. The Barred Plymouth Rocks of C. S. Thomas being worthy of special mention, but I must protest against the exhibitor who placed the best cock in the class with a hen carrying a fatty tumor below her crop. Such a bird is unfit for showing; at the same time kills the chances of the bird she is paired with.

White Plymouth Rocks were fairly good in quality. The Buff Plymouth Rocks were unworthy the name.

White Wyandottes might have been shown in better condition.

Silver Wyandottes, excepting one pair of old fowls, were below the average. This is a pity, as many of the best Silver Wyandottes in America are bred in New Jersey. The Buff Wyandottes were, if anything, worse than the Silvers.

The grand feature of the entire Wyandotte exhibit was the large exhibit of Golden Wyandottes. It was the best showing of the latter ever made in New Jersey, and surpassed the display at Madison Square Garden of last winter.

C. W. Johnson's champion cock was at the head of the procession, and age does not seem to affect this grand bird, the plumage being as rich and perfect as ever. The old warrior also had the pleasure of seeing his sons and daughters walk away with all the blue and red cards. “Blood will tell,” and Mr. Johnson has reason to feel proud of his strain of Golden Wyandottes. The second pair of old fowls is also worthy of mention, both cock and hen being far above the average.

American Dominiques were better than are commonly seen, the winners being true types of an almost forgotten breed, and not Rose Comb Plymouth Rocks that so often masquerade as Dominiques.

Leghorns were not as numerous as in past shows, the absence of W. J. Andrus and J. C. Haynes having a marked effect on the quality and quantity shown. In single comb browns, the first pair had a walk over. Rose comb browns were numerous enough, but, excepting the chicks, notably R. Button's fine pullet, were not of high-class. A white streak seemed to run through the adult fowls, most of them being disqualified.

A few very good Black Leghorns made one remember that there is such a breed.

White Leghorns, single comb and rose comb, were quite numerous, and showed up strong classes, the winners being of high-class. I am glad that such a sterling fowl should reign as the favorite in New Jersey, and no farmer can make a mistake in keeping White Leghorns.

Buff Leghorns were far better than I expected, the cockerel of D. C. Hoff, Jr., being the best male ever shown, in my estimation. He was true buff in color, had a correct shape, fine white lobe and excellent comb. Even the sickles and tail feathers were buff in color. Mr. Hoff has a jewel in this bird, and should no faults appear as the cockerel matures, the blue ribbon at New York is at his mercy.

Black Minorcas showed up well, the winning old birds being good in size, comb and lobes. White Minorcas were creditable, also.

Black Spanish, always a feature at Waverly in the past, were but a small class and not extraordinary in quality.

Dorkings made a fair showing in colored and white varieties.

Houdans, a good even lot. Polish classes were well filled, but the old birds were not in the best of feathers, and a Polish does not shine to advantage unless completely covered with feathers. However, it is the most attractive fowl at fall shows, and for its beauty alone should be more extensively bred.

Games were out in goodly numbers, but the almost endless subvarieties of Pit Games should be eliminated from the lists, and only Standard Games given classes, all the Pit Games competing together.

Black reds were confined to several good pairs, the fine condition of the winners carrying them through, the second pair being very much out of feathers but of high quality. Neither Duckwings nor Red Pyles were up to a high notch, but black Games and white Games made a very strong showing.

Pit Games were out in force, the magnificent birds, especially the chicks of D. G. Hetfield catching the eye of the judge first of all. While it is not my purpose to dwell on the fighting qualities of these birds, I must express my admiration for the grand muscular development, clean, hard feather, alert movement and fearless expression of Mr. Hetfield's thoroughbred Games.

Indian Games, few in numbers but fair in quality.

Hamburgs were quite plentiful, but some of the exhibitors of Golden Spangled Hamburgs forgot there was a standard for the breed, otherwise the solid black breasted males would have been conspicuous by their absence. The Golden Pencilled and Silver Spangled varieties were up to the average.

Among the odd varieties the fine Frizzles of J. M. Kaighn attracted considerable attention. Many of the other freaks are familiar to fall shows, having been on the circuit many years.

The Bantam show was very large, and in many classes excellent. Game Bantams were, of course, the chief attraction, notably the large class of black reds. A. A. Parker had out a very strong team of birds, all showing up in fine fettle. The winning cock is well known, and leaves little to be desired in color and station, but has grown too large. The winning stag is a reachy, high-stationed bird, having a fine skull and head, good tail, and with good color. He should make a hard one to beat later. The second was an imported bird, small, hard feathered, but too straight in tail and coarse in head. Hens and pullets showed a very even lot of high quality.

Brown reds were especially fine, notably the old pair shown by Heywood & Co. They are sure winners wherever shown.

Among the Duckwing Games several very promising pullets were chiefly noticeable. Black Games were not typical of the breed, neither were the White Games, excepting the winners.

The Polish Bantams of Heywood & Co. made a very attractive exhibit, while the Golden Sebrights of the same firm showed marked improvement over what is usually shown in this variety at fall shows.

Silver Sebrights also contained individually fine specimens, notably the hen shown by Dr. Maple.

Black Africans were excellent, the winning birds being small with fine combs and lobes. White Rose Combs hardly up to blacks, but of good quality.

Buff Pekins not very strong, but chicks were of good quality. White Pekins quite well represented, as were Black Pekins. Among the newer varieties the Black Silkies and Madras of Dr. Maple were chiefly noticeable.

The exhibit of Turkeys was very large, all varieties being represented, the Slate and Narragansett varieties taking the lead in numbers, closely followed by the White Turkey. There were some excellent specimens of the latter. Geese made a strong collection, the magnificent Embden of Carl Heimerle attracting most admiration. The first pair of Toulouse was decidedly fine. In Ducks D. A.

Mount had two pair of Pekins that swept everything before them. They are the largest and best of this variety I have seen since Rowland's day, and fully equal to any the latter showed. Cayugas, Rouens, Aylesbury, and Call Ducks were all well represented; in fact, the entire water fowl exhibit was worthy of special mention.

Pigeons and Cage Birds numbered about a thousand, and nearly every known variety was shown, H. W. Vahle, B. R. Ivins, and W. Kraft being the largest exhibitors. It was impossible for me to obtain the complete awards, owing to the complicated system of entries, in time for this week's paper. It would certainly be to the interest of the New Jersey State Agricultural Society, and a great saving of time to its secretary, to adopt a simpler method of entering the awards. The newspapers should have better facilities for getting awards, and exhibitors will certainly be benefited thereby, as the prompt publication of prizes won enables them to make sales. Superintendent Rackham should see to this another year. I give the awards as far as obtained:

BRAHMAS.

LIGHT.—Fowls 1 C. A. Reid, 2 F. Erhard; chicks 1 and 2 Reid.
DARK.—Fowls 1 Reid, 2 Griswold; chicks 1 and 2 Reid.

COCHINS.

BUFF.—Fowls 1 Reid, 2 G. Ball; chicks 1 Ball, 2 Reid.
PARTRIDGE.—All to Reid.
BLACK.—Fowls 1 J. M. Kipp, 2 Reid; chicks 1 Kipp, 2 Reid.
WHITE.—All to Kipp.

LANGSHANS.

BLACK.—Fowls 2 Smith; chicks 1 Freeman & Button, 2 Smith.
WHITE.—Fowls 1, chicks 1 and 2 Smith.
BLUE.—Fowls 2, chicks 2 Smith.

PLYMOUTH ROCKS.

BARRED.—Fowls 1 C. S. Thomas, 2 Headley & Wooley; chicks 1 and 2 Thomas.
WHITE.—Fowls 1 C. Heimerle, 2 Headley & Wooley; chicks 1 Headley & Wooley, 2 Davis Bros.

WYANDOTTES.

SILVER.—Fowls 1 W. Griswold; chicks 1 Headley & Wooley, 2 Smith.
GOLDEN.—Fowls 1 C. M. Johnson, 2 Griswold; chicks 1 and 2 Johnson.
WHITE.—Fowls 1 Headley & Wooley, 2 Smith; chicks 1 Smith, 2 Headley & Wooley.

AMERICAN DOMINIQUE.

Fowls 1 J. G. Darlington, 2 Griswold; chicks 1 Darlington, 2 Griswold.

JAVAS.

WHITE.—Fowls 2, chicks 1 and 2 Smith.
BLACK.—Fowls 1 Griswold, 2 J. Seeley.

DORKINGS.

COLORED.—Fowls 1 Heimerle; chicks 1 Smith.
SILVER GREY.—Fowls 1 Freeman & Button, 2 Smith; chicks 1 Smith.

RED CAPS.

Fowls 1 Heimerle, 2 Smith.

ERMINETTES.

Fowls 1 Smith.

HAMBURGS.

GOLDEN SPANGLED.—Fowls 1 Griswold, 2 Seeley; chicks 2 Smith.
SILVER SPANGLED.—Fowls 1 Seeley, 2 Smith; chicks 2 H. Vandermass.
SILVER PENCILLED.—Fowls 2 Smith.
GOLDEN PENCILLED.—Fowls 1 and 2 H. A. Beyler; chicks 2 Griswold.
WHITE.—Fowls 1 Smith, 2 Beyler; chicks 1 Smith.
BLACK.—Fowls 1 and 2 Beyler; chicks 1 Griswold, 2 Smith.

LEGHORNS.

S. C. WHITE.—Fowls 1 Headley & Wooley, 2 Freeman & Button; chicks 1 Headley & Wooley, 2 Frank Erhard.

S. C. BROWN.—Fowls 1 J. J. Kling, 2 Headley & Wooley; chicks 1 Headley & Wooley, 2 Kling.
DOMINIQUE.—Fowls 1 Smith, 2 Headley & Wooley; chicks 1 and 2 Headley & Wooley.
R. C. WHITE.—Fowls 2 Freeman & Button; chicks 1 White Bros.

R. C. BROWN.—Fowls 1 Headley & Wooley, 2 Smith; chicks 1 Freeman & Button, 2 Griswold.

SPANISH.

WHITE FACED BLACK.—Fowls 1 and 2 Headley & Wooley; chicks 1 and 2 Smith.

MINORCAS.

BLACK.—Fowls 1 A. D. Mangles, 2 Smith; chicks 1 Headley & Wooley, 2 Smith.
WHITE.—Fowls 2, chicks 1 and 2 Smith.

ANDALUSIANS.

Fowls 1 Reid, 2 Smith; chicks 1 Smith, 2 Headley & Wooley.

POLISH.

GOLDEN.—Fowls 1 Headley & Wooley, 2 Smith; chicks 2 Headley & Wooley.
SILVER.—Fowls 1 Headley & Wooley.
WHITE.—Fowls 1 Headley & Wooley, 2 Westervelt Haywood & Co.
G. BEARDED.—Fowls 1 Headley & Wooley, 2 Smith; chicks 1 Headley & Wooley.

S. BEARDED.—Fowls 1 Headley & Wooley.
W. BEARDED.—Fowls 1 and 2 Headley & Wooley; chicks 2 Haywood & Co.
W. CRESTED BLACK.—Fowls 1 and 2 Headley & Wooley.

BUFF.—Fowls 1 and 2 Headley & Wooley.
GAMES.

INDIAN.—Fowls 1 D. C. Huff; chicks 2 Freeman & Button.

PIT.—Fowls 1 D. G. Hetfield, 2 J. W. Good-liffe; chicks 1 and 2 Hetfield.

B. B. RED.—Fowls 1 A. R. Rinehardt, 2 R. V. Struck; chicks 1 H. Harms & Bro.

BROWN B. RED.—Fowls 1 Harms & Bro.; chicks 2 Struck.

BLUE PYLE.—Fowls 1, chicks 1 and 2 W. C. Carr.

RED PYLE.—Fowls 2 Struck.

WHITE PYLE.—Fowls 1 and 2, chicks 2 Struck.

WHITE.—Fowls 1 and 2, chicks 1 Harms & Bro.

BLACK.—Fowls 1 Harms & Bro., 2 W. H. Caviston.

BLUE.—Chicks 2 Carr.

GOLDEN DUCKWING.—All to Krouse.

SILVER DUCKWING.—Fowls 2, chicks 2 Krouse.

BLACK SUMATRAS.—Fowls 1, chicks 1 Krouse.

HOUDANS.

Fowls 1 Freeman & Button, 2 Smith; chicks 1 and 2 E. C. Condit.

CREVE-COEURS.

Fowls 1, chicks 1 Smith.

BANTAMS.

B. B. RED GAME.—Fowls 1 A. A. Parker, 2 Darlington; chicks 1 A. A. Parker, 2 Darlington.

BROWN R. GAME.—Fowls 1, chicks 1 and 2 Westervelt Haywood & Co.

WHITE GAME.—Fowls 1, chicks 1 H. Kochersperger.

G. DUCKWING GAME.—Fowls 1 Darlington.

S. D. GAME.—Fowls 1, chicks 1 Darlington.

WHITE PYLE GAME.—Fowls 1 Westervelt Haywood & Co., 2 J. C. Maple.

RED PYLE.—Fowls 1 P. M. Orth & Bro., 2 Westervelt Haywood & Co.; chicks 1 and 2 Orth & Bro.

RED PYLE MALAY.—Fowls 1 H. C. Filkin.

G. SEABRIGHT.—Fowls 1 Westervelt Haywood & Co., 2 Maple; chicks 1 J. Bass, 2 Johnson.

S. SEABRIGHT.—Fowls 1 Maple, 2 A. C. Treichler; chicks 1 Westervelt Haywood & Co.

WHITE BOOTED.—Chicks 1 Darlington.

R. C. BLACK.—Fowls 2 Maple.

R. C. WHITE.—Fowls 1 and 2, chicks 1 Westervelt Haywood & Co., 2 Smith.

BUFF PEKIN.—Fowls 1 Westervelt Haywood & Co., 2 Smith.

BLACK PEKIN.—Fowls 1 Maple, 2 Kipp; chicks 1 A. T. Klusmeyer, Jr., 2 Kipp.

WHITE PEKIN.—Fowls 1 Westervelt Haywood & Co., 2 Kipp; chicks 1 Murman & Smith.

PARTRIDGE PEKIN.—Fowls 2 Klusmeyer, Jr.

WHITE BEARDED POLISH.—Chicks 1 Westervelt Haywood & Co.

BLACK B. POLISH.—All to Westervelt Haywood & Co.

WHITE CRESTED W. POLISH.—Fowls 2 Maple.

W. CRESTED W. BEARDED POLISH.—Fowls 2 Maple.

BLACK TAIL JAPANESE.—Fowls 1 Maple.

MADRAS.—Fowls 1 Maple.

BLACK BOOTED.—Chicks 1 Maple.

WHITE B.—Fowls 1 and 2, chicks 2 Maple.

DOMINIQUE.—Fowls 1 and 2 Maple.

WHITE SILKIES.—Fowls 1, chicks 2 Maple.

BLACK SILKIES.—Fowls 1, chicks 2 Maple.

TURKEYS.

BRONZE.—Fowls 1 Freeman & Button; chicks 1 Kipp, 2 Reid.

WHITE.—Fowls 1 Seeley; chicks 1 Reid.

BUFF.—Fowls 1 Seeley, 2 and chicks 1 and 2 Reid.

BLACK.—Fowls 1 Seeley, 2 and chicks 1 and 2 Reid.

SLATE.—Fowls 1 and 2 Seeley; chicks 1 and 2 Reid.

NARRAGANSETT.—Fowls 1 and 2, chicks 1 and 2 D. C. Hoff.

DUCKS.

ROUEN.—Old 1 Freeman & Button, 2 Reid.

WHITE CRESTED.—Old 1 and 2 Reid.

WHITE PEKIN.—1 D. A. Mount, 2 B. C. Edgar.

CAYUGA.—Old 1 and 2 Reid; young 1 Heimerle, 2 E. Stevenson.

AYLESBURY.—1 Seeley, 2 Stevenson.

GEESE.

TOULOUSE.—1 Ripp, 2 Seeley.

EMBDEN.—1 and 2 Heimerle.

WHITE CHINA.—1 Seeley.

BLACK CHINA.—1 Griswold, 2 Stevenson.

AFRICAN.—1 Stevenson.

WILD.—1 Griswold.

GUINEA FOWL.

PEARL.—1 Seeley, 2 Kipp.

WHITE.—1 Pratt Dilte, 2 Smith.

PEA FOWL.

1st to Smith.

The Standard Revision.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

We hope that every chairman on the various breeds that were appointed at Los Angeles to revise the American Poultry Standard will have the full report of his whole committee ready to forward, to be presented at the next annual meeting of the American Poultry Association.

GEORGE E. PEER, Secretary.

ACTIVE AND WIDE AWAKE.

The official announcement of Messrs. Blunck & Drevenstedt is at hand, and we are now waiting for the promised AMERICAN FANCIER, which, judging by the team that is to propel it, will positively be an active, wide-awake youngster. All new comers have our best wishes, and none more so than the FANCIER.—*Poultry Bulletin*.

Public Opinion.

HUNGRY FOR EBULLITIONS.

We await with interest the appearance of the AMERICAN FANCIER, promised for September 2d, and bespeak for it the good-will of the fraternity. We are hungering for Drevenstedt's ebullitions, and are prepared for a regular literary feast.—*FLEETWOOD, in Poultry Bulletin*

MORE THAN PLEASED.

The initial issue of the AMERICAN FANCIER is to hand, and am more than pleased with the good amount of pigeon news contained therein. I congratulate you upon securing Mr. Gilbert to your staff of correspondents, and with such a well balanced, pointed and versatile writer to furnish you news, the pigeon department will not only be interesting to us, his personal friends, but also to the entire pigeon loving community. I am particularly pleased with the elegant taste displayed in the set up of my page advertisement; it is the most attractive I have ever seen. With best wishes I remain,

Very truly, JOHN H. KUHN.
Louisville, Ky., Sept. 2, 1893.

APPRECIATE OUR STRENGTH.

Wishing to be of service to any enterprise connected with the poultry interests that you give your time and talent to, we are induced to give you a small order for advertising space, though we had decided not to be induced to take any more space.

We appreciate your strength and enthusiasm in your new venture, and wish you great success.

Fabius, N. Y., Aug. 25, 1893. KNAPP BROS.

SIMPLY IMMENSE.

Its simply immense and no doubt will fill a long felt want as a weekly. With such men at the wheel success is assured. Enclosed find check for one year's subscription. My advertisement will follow shortly.

Troy, N. Y., Sept. 4, 1893. JOHN H. DUKE.

HIGHLY PLEASED.

Having procured a copy of the first number of THE AMERICAN FANCIER and being highly pleased with its contents as regards pigeons, I enclose my subscription for one year.

Baltimore, Md. W. WALCH.

ON TOP.

On top from the start. "Long may she wave." Enclosed find my subscription for one year.

Reading, Pa. BERNARD MOHAN.

LONESOME NO LONGER.

Many thanks for sample copy of AMERICAN FANCIER. I have been lonesome ever since the weekly page of Flying Notes by "Fritz" in the *Fancier's Journal* were dropped, and it is with pleasure that I enclose price of subscription for one year. Send paper at once, I don't want to miss a number.

Olean, N. Y., Sept. 4th, 1893. GEORGE SHIBER.

TO THE POINT.

Allow us to congratulate you on the appearance of the first number of THE AMERICAN FANCIER. We predict it will be success in every departure. It certainly is spicy, pithy and to the point.

Philadelphia, Pa., September 4th, 1893. W. ATLEE BURPEE & CO.

THAT LONG FELT WANT.

The initial number of THE AMERICAN FANCIER came to-day, and if the succeeding numbers are half as good it will fill a "long felt want." I thank you for your kindness, and enclose subscription for one year.

Elgin, Ill., Sept. 6, 1893. DR. GRANT GOODRICH.

NEAT AND INTERESTING.

I like your paper very much for its neatness and interesting reading.

Nashua, N. H., Sept. 6, 1893. ARTHUR R. HOLBROOK.

REASONABLE AT \$1.50.

To me the \$1.50 is reasonable enough under any circumstances. A kindly wish for your future welfare.

Cambridge, Mass., Sept. 8, 1893. A. J. O'CONNER.

BEST WEEKLY POULTRY PAPER.

It is the best weekly poultry paper printed. Enclosed find check for one years subscription.

Fort Edward, N. Y., Sept. 5th. J. R. LANE.

KIND WISHES.

I wish to congratulate you both and trust that the future prosperity of your undertaking will be rewarded by a large subscription list and a full complement of advertising. Enclosed find amount of subscription for one year.

Plymouth, Mass., Sept. 6. H. L. HAYDEN.

Poultry at Elmira, N. Y.

There were about 1,500 fowls exhibited at the fifth annual exhibition of the Great Inter-State Fair, held at Elmira, N. Y., August 28 to September 9. All exhibitors were promptly paid on the last day, a very pleasant annual feature at this excellent fair. J. Y. Bicknell and G. W. Chidsey judged the birds, and the perennial A. S. Stillman looked after the comforts of the feathered tribe. The awards are as follows:

BRAHMAS.

LIGHT.—Pen 1 C. H. Akerly, 2 S. H. Laney; cock 1 Akerly, 2 Laney; hen 1 and 2 Akerly; cockerel 1 Akerly, 2 W. Q. Minton; pullet 1 Charles McClave, 2 Minton.

DARK.—Pen 1 M. T. Burn, 2 F. R. Terwilliger; cock 1 McClave, 2 Burn; hen 1 Minton, 2 Terwilliger; cockerel 1 McClave, 2 Burn; pullet 1 McClave, 2 Burn.

COCHINS.

BUFF.—Pen 1 Burn, 2 Akerly; cock 1 W. L. Keyes, 2 Minton; hen 1 J. A. Seacord, 2 Minton; cockerel 1 and 2 Seacord; pullet 1 Seacord, 2 Burn.

PARTRIDGE.—Pen 1 Keyes, 2 Burn; cock 1 Minton, 2 E. H. Von Alta; hen 1 Keyes; cockerel 1 Keyes, 2 McClave; pullet 1 Keyes, 2 McClave.

BLACK.—Cock 1 Seacord, 2 McClave; hen 1 McClave, 2 Burn; cockerel 1 McClave; pullet 1 McClave.

WHITE.—Cock 1 Burn, 2 Seacord; hen 1 McClave, 2 Seacord; cockerel 1 and 2, pullet 1 and 2 Burn.

LANGSHANS.

BLACK.—Pen 1 Keyes; cock 1 Keyes, 2 Akerly; hen 1 Keyes, 2 Akerly; cockerel 1 Keyes; pullet 1 Keyes, 2 McClave.

WHITE.—All to Cunningham & Blair.

AMERICAN DOMINIQUE.

Pen 1 Walter Shriner, 2 L. D. Atwater; cock 1 Shriner, 2 Watson Westfall; hen 1 Shriner, 2 McClave; cockerel 1 Shriner; pullet 1 Atwater, 2 Shriner.

PLYMOUTH ROCKS.

BARRED.—Pen 1 M. E. Phelps; cock 1 Phelps, 2 McClave; hen 1 George Trost, 2 Phelps; cockerel 1 and 2, pullet 1 and 2 Phelps.

WHITE.—Pen 1 W. A. Alexander; cock 1 R. E. Coe, 2 Minton; hen 1 Coe, 2 McClave; cockerel 1 Alexander, 2 McClave; pullet 1 McClave, 2 Alexander.

WYANDOTTES.

SILVER.—Pen 1 E. B. Smith, 2 C. Hamerschmidt; cock 1 Smith, 2 Minton; hen 1 Phelps, 2 McClave; cockerel 1 and 2 Phelps; pullet 1 McClave, 2 Phelps.

WHITE.—Pen 1 Phelps; cock 1 Minton, 2 Barber & Son; hen 1 Barber & Son, 2 Minton; cockerel 1 and 2, pullet 1 and 2 Phelps.

GOLDEN.—Pen 1 Cunningham & Blair; cock 1 Cunningham & Blair, 2 Akerly; hen 1 Phelps, 2 McClave; cockerel 1 Akerly, 2 Cunningham & Blair; pullet 1 Phelps, 2 Akerly.

JAVAS.

BLACK.—Pen 1 Hamerschmidt; cockerel 1 and 2, pullet 1 and 2 M. Kleason.

WHITE.—Pen 1 Terwilliger, 2 Keyes; cock 1 McClave, 2 Terwilliger; hen 1 McClave, 2 Terwilliger; cockerel 1, pullet 1 Keyes.

JERSEY BLUES.

Cock 1, hen 1 Kleason; cock 2, hen 2 Gardiner.

W. F. BLACK SPANISH.

Pen 1, cock 1, hen 1 and 2, cockerel 1, pullet 1 M. T. Burn; cock 2, cockerel 2 Haskell; pullet 2 D. A. Batterson.

ANDALUSIANS.

Pen 1 Terwilliger; cock 1, cockerel 1 McClave.

MINORCAS.

BLACK.—Pen 1 C. Hamerschmidt; cock 1 Barber & Son, 2 Akerly; hen 1 Burn, 2 Barber & Son; cockerel 1 Akerly, 2 Barber & Son; pullet 1 Akerly, 2 Barber & Son.

WHITE.—Hen 1, pullet 2 Burn; cockerel 1, pullet 1 Cunningham & Blair.

LEGHORNS.

S. C. WHITE.—Pen 1 and 2, cock 1, hen 1, cockerel 1 and 2, pullet 1 C. E. Howell; cock 2, hen 2, pullet 2 Burn.

R. C. WHITE.—Pen 1 and 2, hen 1, cockerel 1, pullet 1 Terwilliger; cock 2, hen 2 Walter Shriner; cockerel 2, pullet 2 McClave.

BLACK.—Pen 1 Akerly, 2 Terwilliger; cock 1 Akerly; hen 1 Burn, 2 Terwilliger; cockerel 1 Akerly, 2 Terwilliger; pullet 1 Akerly, 2 Burn.

S. C. BROWN.—Pen 1 Keyes, 2 Hamerschmidt; cock 1 Barber & Son, 2 McClave; hen 1 Howell, 2 Akerly; cockerel 1 Howell, 2 McClave; pullet 1 Keyes, 2 Howell.

R. C. BROWN.—Cock 1, hen 2, cockerel 2, pullet 2 McClave; cock 2, hen 1, cockerel 1, pullet 1 Shriner.

BUFF.—Pen 1 H. M. Clark; cock 1, hen 1 Akerly; cockerel 1 J. E. Seacord, 2 Atwater; pullet 1 Atwater, 2 Kleason.

POLISH.

WHITE BEARDED.—All to Burn.

GOLDEN.—All to Burn.

SILVER BEARDED.—Pen 1 Burn; cock 1 Burn, 2 McClave; hen 1 McClave, 2 Burn; cockerel 1 Burn, 2 McClave; pullet 1 Burn, 2 McClave.

WHITE C. BLACK.—Cock 1 Burn; hen 1 McClave, 2 Burn; cockerel 1 McClave; pullet 1 Burn, 2 McClave.

BUFF.—Cock 1 Burn, 2 Kleason; hen 1 Burn, 2 Kleason; cockerel 1 Burn, 2 Seacord; pullet 1 Kleason, 2 Burn.

GOLDEN.—All to Burn except pullet 2 to Terwilliger.

SILVER.—All to Burn.

WHITE.—Pen 1 and cock 1 Burn; hen 1 Burn, 2 Barber & Son; cockerel 1, pullet 1 Burn.

HAMBURG.

GOLDEN S.—Pen 1 Terwilliger, 2 Burn; cock

1 Burn, 2 Terwilliger; hen 1 Terwilliger, 2 Burn; cockerel 1 Terwilliger, 2 Burn; pullet 1 Terwilliger.

GOLDEN P.—Pen 1 Burn; cock 1 Burn, 2 McClave; hen 1 McClave, 2 Burn; cockerel 1 Burn, 2 McClave; pullet 1 McClave, 2 Burn.

SILVER P.—Pen 1 Burn; cock 1 McClave; hen 1 Burn, 2 McClave; cockerel 1 and pullet 2 Burn.

SILVER S.—Pen 1 J. Hazard, 2 Haskell; cock 1 and 2 Hazard; hen 2 Burn; cockerel 1 Haskell, 2 Burn; pullet 1 Haskell, 2 Burn.

BLACK.—Pen 1 Burn, 2 Terwilliger; cock 1 Burn, 2 Moody & Miller; hen 1 Moody & Miller, 2 Burn; pullet 1 and 2 Burn.

WHITE.—Pen 1 Burn.

RED CAPS.

Pen 1 E. Joslyn, 2 Cunningham & Blair; all other to McClave.

HOUDANS.

Cock 1 Coe; hen 1 Coe, 2 Burn; cockerel 1, pullet 1 Shriner.

CREVE-COEURS.

Hen 2 Nelson Gardner.

LA FLECHE.

Pen 1 Gardner; cockerel 1 and 2, pullet 1 and 2 Kleason.

DORKINGS.

SILVER.—Pen 1 Westfall, 2 Burn; cock 1 Burn, 2 Westfall; hen 1 Westfall, 2 Burn; cockerel 1 and 2, pullet 1 and 2 Westfall.

WHITE.—Pen 1 Burn, 2 Shriner; all others to Burn except pullet 2 Shriner.

GAMES.

B. B. RED.—Pen 1 Burn; cock 1 Kleason, 2 Akerly; hen 1 Akerly, 2 Burn; cockerel 1 and 2, pullet 1 and 2 Burn.

G. DUCKWING.—Pen 1, cock 1 Burn; hen 1 and 2 Kleason; cockerel 1 Kleason, 2 Burn; pullet 1 Burn.

RED PYLE.—All to Burn.

WHITE.—Cock 1 Kleason, 2 Akerly; hen 1 Kleason, 2 Akerly; cockerel 1 and 2, pullet 1 and 2 Kleason.

BLACK.—Cock 1, cockerel 1 Kleason.

SUMATRA.—Pen 1 F. N. Cormer; all others to Kleason.

INDIAN.—Pen 1 Van Alta; cock 1 Akerly, 2 Van Alta; hen 1 Akerly, 2 Van Alta; cockerel 1 Minton, 2 Van Alta; pullet 1 Minton, 2 Van Alta.

WHITE INDIAN.—All to Akerly.

PIT.—Pen 1 Terwilliger, 2 Kleason; cock 1 Kleason; hen 1 Kleason, 2 Terwilliger; cockerel 1 Terwilliger, 2 Burn; pullet 1 Burn.

RUSSIANS.

Cock 1 Shriner, 2 Kleason; hen 1 and 2 Shriner.

GAME BANTAMS.

B. B. RED.—Pen 1 W. J. Hill & Son, 2 Adrian W. Smith; cock 1 Hill & Son, 2 Smith; hen 1 Hill & Son, 2 Smith; cockerel 1 P. M. Orth & Bro., 2 Smith; pullet 1 Hill & Son, 2 Smith.

BROWN RED.—Pen 1, cock 1, hen 1, pullet 2 Kleason; cock 2, cockerel 1 and 2 Stanton; pullet 1 Smith.

RED PYLE.—Pen 1 Smith, 2 C. L. Miller; cock 1 Orth & Bro., 2 Smith; hen 1 Smith, 2 Orth & Bro.; cockerel 1 Orth & Bro., 2 Smith; pullet 1 Orth & Bro., 2 Smith.

WHITE.—Pen 2, cock 1, hen 1, cockerel 1 pullet 1 Smith; hen 2, cockerel 2, pullet 2 Kleason.

SILVER DUCKWING.—Pen 1 Wm. Minton; cock 1 Orth & Bro., 2 Smith; hen 1 Smith, 2 Kleason; cockerel 1 Kleason, 2 Smith; pullet 1 Smith, 2 Kleason.

BANTAMS OTHER THAN GAME.

GOLDEN SEBRIGHT.—Pen 1 Burn, 2 Kleason; cock 1 Burn, 2 Kleason; hen 1 Burn, 2 Kleason; cockerel 1 Kleason, 2 Burn; pullet 1 Kleason, 2 Burn.

SILVER SEBRIGHT.—Pen 1 Carl Hart, 2 Kleason; cock 1 Burn, 2 Kleason; hen 1 Burn, 2 Kleason; cockerel 1 Kleason, 2 Burn; pullet 1 Kleason, 2 Burn.

R. C. BLACK.—Pen 1 Terwilliger, 2 Burn; cock 1 Burn, 2 Smith; hen 1 Smith, 2 Burn; cockerel 1 Terwilliger, 2 Burn; pullet 1 Kleason, 2 Terwilliger.

R. C. WHITE.—Pen 1, cock 1, hen 1 and 2, cockerel 2, pullet 1 Kleason; cock 2, cockerel 1, pullet 2 Shriner.

JAPANESE.—Pen 1 Kleason; cock 1 Burn, 2 McClave; hen 1 Kleason, 2 Burn; cockerel 1 Burn, 2 McClave; pullet 1 Burn, 2 McClave.

PEKIN.—Pen 1 Terwilliger; cock 1 Burn, 2 Cunningham & Blair; hen 1 J. Seacord, 2 Kleason; cockerel 1 and 2 Cunningham & Blair; pullet 1 Kleason, 2 Cunningham & Blair.

BOOTED.—Cock 1, hen 1 Burn; cock 2, hen 2, cockerel 1 and 2, pullet 1 and 2 Kleason.

W. C. WHITE POLISH.—All to Kleason.

TURKEYS.

BLACK.—Pair 1 McClave.

SLATE.—Pair 1 McClave.

WHITE.—Pair 1 Shriner.

BUFF.—Pair 1 Alexander.

GEISE.

TOULOUSE.—pair 1 McClave, 2 Vanderhoff.

EMBEN.—Pair 1 McClave.

CHINA.—Pairs 1 and 2 McClave.

DUCKS.

ROUEN.—Pair 1 McClave, 2 R. E. Coe.

AYLESBURY.—Pair 1 McClave.

WHITE MUSCOVY.—Pair 1 McClave.

COLORED MUSCOVY.—Pair 1 McClave.

CAYUGA.—Pair 1 Alexander, 2 McClave.

PEKIN.—Pair 1 McClave, 2 Burn.

WHITE CALL.—Pair 1 McClave.

WHITE CRESTED.—Pair 1 Shriner, 2 McClave.

GUINEA FOWLS.

Pair 1 McClave.

MISCELLANEOUS.

INCUBATOR.—1 to Andrews Universal Hatcher, 2 to Monitor.

BROODER.—1 to Andrews Universal, 2 to Monitor.

BONE MILL.—1 to Webster & Hannum, 2 to F. W. Mann.

PIGEONS.

WHITE POUTERS.—1 Jacob Miller, 2 A. P. Hall.

BLACK PIED POUTERS.—1 A. P. Hall.

BLUE PIED POUTERS.—1 and 2 Hall.

RED PIED POUTERS.—1 and 2 Hall.

WHITE CARRIER.—1 Hall.

BLACK CARRIER.—2 Miller.

BLUE CARRIER.—1 Hall.

BARBS.—All to Hall.

FANTAILS.—All to Miller.

WHITE JACOBINS.—1 Miller.

RED AND YELLOW WINGED TURBITS.—1 Hall.

SILVER OWLS.—Miller.

BLUE SWALLOWS.—1 and 2 Hall.

RED SWALLOWS.—T. C. Stanton.

In The Berkshire Hills.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

The desire to get around has been so strong of late that I could not resist it. So John (that is my horse) and I talked the matter over, and at John's suggestion we started off to see some of the boys in Lenox, Mass. To the south we went about six miles, making our first stop at the store. Our inquiry for Mr. Root was answered by Willis, and after a hearty handshake we started up the hill to take a look at his chickens. The hen house is 75x20, is well made and convenient and has one incubator and a few brooders. He has had good luck for a beginner and will surely be successful. He intends to keep Black Langshans and S. C. White Leghorns. But the time flies and we are off again bound for Mr. Charles Lanier's place, one-half mile south of Curtiss' Hotel. As we (John and I) go past the superintendent's house to the stable I hear some one say, "How are you Bob?" (everyone calls me Bob,) and out comes Mr. A. H. Windgate. To meet him is to like him. He's another new convert—a baby, but a good one, and cutting his teeth fast. Taking everything into consideration, Al. has had remarkable luck with chicks. He has a temporary brooder house with five mothers and two incubators. We saw about 800 chicks, some of which were beauties. His loss has been less than 10 per cent. But come with me to the new house, which is 100x16. It corresponds with the other buildings on the place, (the dairy is said to be the finest in the world) and is, in fact, as fine as can be built. Mr. W. will keep S. C. White Leghorns and Plymouth Rocks.

After a three-quarter mile ride towards the west we reach Mr. A. P. Stokes' place, where we find Superintendent George C. Henderson, another new convert, who gave us a regular Scotch welcome. Here I found a very handsome chicken house about completed, 150x16, with incubator room and brooder house in the same condition. Chickens for the table is the motto, and games the breed. Mr. Stokes knows that there is no better meat than a Game chicken. After a very enjoyable dinner we start off for home.

The next morning finds our desire to see the world not quite satisfied, and we start out once more, this time for Adelbert Wilmer's place at Coltsville. He has a house 100x16 and seven smaller ones, and keeps nothing but Barred Plymouth Rocks. You may take my word for it that if ever he shows his stock, you will say these young boys are making it too hot for us old chaps. Four or five hundred chicks came up to be fed. Two incubators brought them into the world, hens being a thing of the past on this place.

Time flies and so do we as we journey to W. S. Barton's. S. L. Wyandottes are his hobby (friends of yours I believe, Mr. Editor.) The way Ben. gave Dr. Beckett Dalton eloquence at the New York show was a caution. I understand that they finally both called heads, grasped hands, and parted hoping to meet again next year.

Next we went to Geo. Maynard's, who breeds B. B. Red Games, and has a fine lot of them. Uncle Putman comes

with his opinion of Indian Games. Says he has one female, a year old, which has not laid an egg and wanted to set twice. Has this record been beaten? Smiling Frank Grossbeck joins us later, and before we know it we are surrounded by more than a dozen cranks all wanting to talk at the same time, and if we could take all they said without salt, even Uncle Isaac would think there were other kinds of chickens besides Brahmas.

Master Marshall Crane started in business this year with S. C. White Leghorns and has some good ones. While in Dalton City it would never do to pass Sam Parker. When any one says he cannot breed B. P. Rocks he is off. It was too dark to see them, but he said he had some good ones and Sam's word goes anywhere.

After remaining home three days John wanted to take another day off. As he had been so obliging I could not do more than say, "go," and where do you suppose he took me? When he stopped and snorted I looked up, and who should walk out but that old timer, Lester B. Gunn. If there is any one man in the business I like to talk to it is Lester B. Chickens, score cards, comparison judging were dished up on all kinds of plates, and before the last course was served we had got around to the starting point, both willing to begin over again; but time forbade this, and with a "come again" we are off for C. H. Valentine's. Mr. Gardner, the superintendent, takes more pride in showing his Indian Games, Red Caps, Rocks, Bantams and Turkeys than he does the other fine animals on the place.

Our next stop was at F. A. Smith's, who keeps a few hundred R. C. B. Leghorns. He has two 100x16 houses, besides other room for fowls. F. A. says he has had mighty good luck with chickens, and to count them would take more time than we had at our disposal.

Across the road we find F. N. Milner, another new convert, with two hundred fowls and several hundred chicks all looking fine. Have you ever heard of William Branch? If not, imagine yourself introduced to a wholesouled Yankee farmer, who says he makes more money from his hens than he does from his farm, and you can rest assured he knows January 1st, just how he stands. He has about 1000 hens, 7-8 W. Leghorn blood. They are kept on two farms. Between thirteen and fourteen hundred chicks make the grasshoppers tired, and a finer lot as regards health I have never seen. William B. cannot take any credit for their looks, all is due to young Miss Walch who is, I think not over fourteen, and has entire charge of them. She tells me she never gives a hen more than thirteen eggs and this year has averaged 7 1-2 chicks. When she had 784 chicks past the danger point only 143 had died. Last year this "child" raised over 1,200 chickens, and let me say if you have never raised that many with hens—don't try. I've been there myself and had an elegant sufficiency. Eggs and chickens from this farm supply Curtiss' Hotel, Lenox, Mass. If one talks incubator and brooder to Mr. B. he always gives the same answer—guess I am too old. But we'll convert him before another year.

Now we are home again. Shall I stop or tell you about the chicken boys in Pittsfield proper or shall I beg pardon for every word too much that has been written? ROBT. A. COLT, Pittsfield, Mass.

PIGEONS.

Practical Pigeon Pointers.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

I am in receipt of the initial number of THE AMERICAN FANCIER and am satisfied from its general make up and appearance that it will please all interested in its specialties, and that its very reasonable price will bring to it a large list of subscribers. I had heard rumors that a new weekly was to be placed before the fancy, and my experience in this line of journalism led me to have grave doubts, considering the number of publications now before the fraternity, as to its chances for success. The project has been frequently in my mind, and I have waited with a great deal of interest for its first appearance and now it comes to me, clear, bright, newsy and attractive, and my doubts and fears are all removed, and I can see for it a brilliant future. It is offered at so low a price that it is certainly within the reach of all, and the fancier must be poor indeed who cannot spare three cents a week for so desirable a medium of instruction and amusement. I notice that it is very evenly balanced as to its poultry and pigeon departments, a fact that must please the pigeon men, for as a rule in journals of this class, pigeons as compared with dogs and poultry have been a secondary consideration. Being a great admirer of pigeons myself, this particular department attracts my attention more than any other and I note among other articles, that of Mr. Gilbert on Fantails, and must say, I think "he strikes the nail on the head," when he advocates a medium between the large coarse English Fan, and the narrow tailed small bodied Scotch. They may both be all right in their particular spheres, but when they are set forward as types of a perfect Fan, according to my views, they are complete failures. What he describes is the ideal bird. Small head, thin neck, swan-like, but not too long, full bright eye, breast broad and round, short back, full broad cushion, and large round tail, with at least 30 to 32 long broad feathers, and carried at such an angle that the head is always clear of it, when standing upright; and length of leg enough to keep such a tail clear from the floor. Combine all these qualities and you get symmetry and pleasing curves enough to please all good judges. Speaking of number of feathers in the tail, it is not always the number of feathers in a tail that gives it a fine shape for as a rule the more feathers you get the narrower they are and we have seen birds with 42 feathers that did not show as fine a tail as others with only 32 to 34. The Fan is to me one of the most interesting of the pigeon family, and time devoted to their breeding is full of interest and pleasure to the breeder. Other varieties have their full measure of attraction, but to my mind nothing exceeds in beauty and attractiveness a well bred collection of pure white Fantails. I notice that the Fantail Club offer a splendid silver cup as a prize for the best Fantail any color or sex bred in 1893, this ought to be stimulus enough for all Fantail breeders to put forth their best efforts to produce a perfect bird. No doubt the finest exhibition of the Fantail Club will call forward many fine youngsters, and tax some one's brain and experience in making a correct selection of the winner. The prize winner must already

be in existence, and many an anxious breast no doubt daily scans its growing flock, noting their merits and defects, and as yet undecided which shall be its choice for the representative bird. In this connection I would note that the selection made, frequent handling for the purpose of giving confidence, will prove a great factor in the way of success. Placing them in a show cage and familiarizing them to visitors also is a point gained. Nothing is more provoking to the exhibitor and the judge than to see his favorite Fan, that at home among its fellows seemed the "pink of perfection," crowded into one corner of its exhibition cage, with head down and tail thrown over its head, the very picture of abject fear and terror. No amount of coaxing nor driving will cause a bird to improve when in this condition, and the owner has the provocation of seeing a naturally inferior specimen win, because it, from some cause, is bolder and more courageous. So we urge upon intending competitors the necessity of doing all they can to inspire their pets with courage, and so while presenting a pleasing appearance to the visitor aid in rendering their chances for success more

certain. I shall watch with interest the result of this competition, and trust that the judgment when rendered may be so righteous that the most inveterate "kicker" shall find no cause to complain. And now, dear FANCIER, we have seen you started on your experimental voyage, we wish you favoring winds and currents and an abundant patronage, and hope that the coming years may prove years of success and satisfaction, and that THE AMERICAN FANCIER may long be considered a help and a necessity to all admirers of poultry, pigeons, and pet stock the world over. We shall watch for your weekly visits with interest, and drop you an occasional line when we have ideas we think will be acceptable to all.

JOHN HOPEWELL.

New York, Sept. 12, 1893.

Evidently Suited Him.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

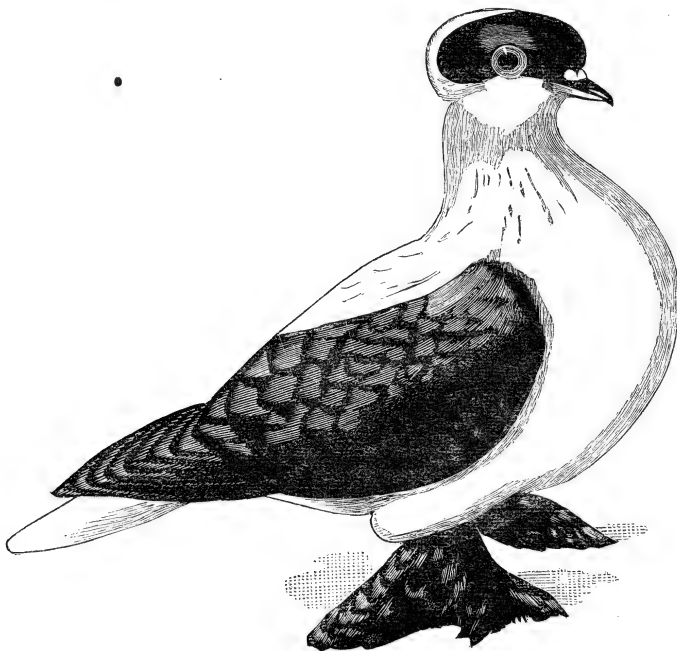
I am assuredly under obligations for the copy of your initial number, so kindly forwarded to me at this point. Though not competent to state just what you have accomplished, in typographic parlance, I can say that it is very clean looking, very neat looking, and there is

something about the way it is printed that is refreshing. As to its contents, it strikes me that your fanciers can say truthfully,

This is the one we long have sought,
And mourned because we found it not.

Rarely have I seen an issue of a fanciers' paper that was so entirely to my taste. There is a ring of manliness, of independence in it that is admirable, and if you carry out the ideas embodied in your leading editorial, I take it you will strike a popular chord, and instead of a dozen factions all clashing, all striving each to undo the other, you will have absolute harmony in the ranks and that true spirit of emulation, without bitterness, that should actuate all. So pleased am I that I enclose a list of the prominent fanciers on the other side, and I trust that you will send them sample copies. Few have any idea of the extent of the fancy in the States, and an issue such as your last will surely astonish them.

I am aware that the average critic, either of a new paper, a magazine, or a publication of any kind, feels called upon to find some fault in his first review. In this case I am fair to say I can find nothing to criticise. If you will continue



THE SWALLOW.

as you have begun, you will certainly please all fanciers whose good opinion is worth anything. Trusting that you will receive that ready financial response without which no publication can succeed,

I am, very truly,
SENEX.

The Swallow.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

Germany is the home of the Swallow Pigeon, and it is loved more to perfection there than anywhere else, owing to the interest Germans take in, and the patience they devote to this particular variety.

Swallows have been popular here for many years, and there are very few of the old fanciers that did not at some time have some of these beautiful toy birds in their lofts.

They are good breeders, sitters and feeders, easily kept, being hearty, and if kept clean and fed properly have few of the disorders the higher class of birds are subject to,

There are four colors, black, blue, red and yellow, also a plain wing, white bars and dark bars on wings; also plain head snip and full head. The plain head

and snip are generally called Fairy Swallows. Swallows are very difficult to breed what is termed clean, as they are apt to have a few odd feathers, where they should not be, but with a little patience and proper mating this can be overcome. A number of fanciers are at present breeding this attractive pigeon, and they have no trouble in getting good marked birds.

The standard swallow should be entirely white, except the upper half of the head to the crest of the wings, and the feet feathers, the hocks should be white, the white on the back should form a perfect heart.

The shape of the Swallow should be squatty like a duck. G. A. F.

American Magpie Club.

Constitution and By-Laws.

ARTICLE I.—NAME.

The name of this Society shall be the American Magpie Club.

ARTICLE II.—OBJECTS.

The objects of this club are to promote and improve the culture of the Magpie Pigeon, to see that this variety receives a proper classification, and to offer specials, to be competed for only by members of the club, at the different shows.

ARTICLE III.—OFFICERS.

That the affairs of this club be conducted by a president, two vice-presidents, secretary and treasurer.

ARTICLE IV.—ELECTIONS.

That the officers be elected annually, those receiving the majority of votes to be elected. Election to be first Monday in April.

ARTICLE V.—VACANCIES.

Vacancies in office caused by resignation, suspension or death, may be filled by the officers, said appointee to continue in office until the next annual election.

ARTICLE VI.—MEMBERSHIP.

That a proposed candidate for membership shall be endorsed by two active members of the club, and the application must be approved by the officers.

ARTICLE VII.—INITIATION FEE.

The initiation fee shall be one dollar, and must accompany the application for membership.

ARTICLE VIII.—DUES.

The dues shall be one dollar a year, to be paid semi-annually—October 10th and April 10th.

ARTICLE IX.—MEETINGS.

That this club hold an annual meeting at one of the prominent shows, to be decided by a majority of members, and the members be notified by the secretary, thirty days before the date of the show, at which the meeting will take place.

ARTICLE X.—AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.

At the annual meeting it shall be competent for any active member to propose any alteration to the constitution and by-laws.

ARTICLE XI.—RECORDS.

That a careful record be kept of the club's transactions, and suitable reports be made to the members and published.

ARTICLE XII.—DISSOLUTION.

That this club can only be dissolved with the consent of two-thirds of the active members, called specially for the consideration of such dissolution. The funds of the club to be distributed among the active members according to the amount each paid in.

ARTICLE XIII.—QUORUM.

That five members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I.—PRESIDENT.

The president shall preside at all the meetings, in his absence, one of the vice-presidents shall preside. The president shall officially represent the club on all proper occasions.

ARTICLE II.—SECRETARY AND TREASURER.

The secretary shall keep a record of all the minutes, and record the same; he shall also keep a record of all the names and addresses of members, date of election, and all other matters pertaining to the club, keep a correct account of all money received and disbursed, and shall make a report at the annual meeting, he shall notify members of their arrears, attend to all correspondence, and keep a copy of the same.

As treasurer, he shall receive all money belonging to the club, and pay all orders signed by the president and secretary.

ARTICLE III.—ARREARS.

Any member in arrears shall not be entitled to vote, or compete for special prizes offered by the club; the secretary shall notify the said member of his arrears, and if the member in arrears does not pay the same in thirty days from the date of the secretary's notice, he shall be suspended, and cannot be reinstated except by a two-third vote of the active members, and the payment of all arrears.

ARTICLE IV.—EXPULSION.

Any member of this club, detected in any questionable transaction or dishonorable dealing, shall be expelled by a majority vote of the active members.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

- 1.—Calling to order.
- 2.—Reading minutes of previous meeting.
- 3.—Application for membership.
- 4.—Report of committees.
- 5.—Election of officers.
- 6.—Unfinished business.
- 7.—New business.

OFFICERS FOR 1893.

Wm. Ehinger, Jr., president; Robert Joos, first vice-president; A. M. Ingram, second vice-president; G. A. Fick, secretary and treasurer.

LIST OF MEMBERS.

Wm. Ehinger, Jr., Geo. W. Spohn, Chas. J. Pollock, Philadelphia, Pa.; Samuel Rabbit, Henry Boswell, Washington, D. C.; Robert Joos, Peoria, Ill.; Frank Erdelmyer, Indianapolis, Ind.; A. M. Ingram, Quincy, Mass.; Henry Tiemann, Louis G. Muller, G. A. Fick, Baltimore, Md.

Baltimore Columbian Society.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

The Baltimore Columbian Association met on September 4th, with a full attendance. The following members were present: G. A. Fick, W. W. White, T. S. Gaddess, G. B. Hart, William T. Levering, W. J. Robertson, William Broemer, Louis G. Muller, F. A. Rommel, J. D. Abel, and H. Tiemann. Mr. F. A. Rommel presided.

The committee on hall reported, and thought it best to drop the chickens, and that they could get the hall on the dates set by the club.

It was moved and seconded that the report of the committee be accepted.

It was then moved that we hold an exclusive pigeon show, beginning December 28th to January 2nd, 1894.

It was then moved that the president appoint a committee of five to take charge and have full control of the show. The president appointed the following: Messrs. William T. Levering, W. J. Robertson, G. A. Fick, F. A. Rommel, and H. Tiemann.

It was moved and seconded that the secretary should extend an invitation to all the Specialty Clubs to meet with us at the Baltimore Columbian Association show.

As there was no other business, it was moved to adjourn.

HENRY TIEMANN, Secretary.

PIGEONS AT CHICAGO. — A complete report of the pigeon exhibit next month at the World's Fair will appear in THE AMERICAN FANCIER of October 28.

Pigeon Flying.

Notice to Subscribers.

Our subscribers are informed that we have arranged that all inquiries relating to the breeding, training and management of homing pigeons, and upon all questions bearing upon the history of pigeon flying, both at home and abroad, will be answered by "Fritz" through his columns in THE AMERICAN FANCIER weekly, and at the earliest possible opportunity, and should be addressed to

MR. T. FRED. GOLDMAN,
832 Herkimer Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

[All matter that he deems of general and practical interest, or of value to the young and inexperienced fancier, will be embodied in his weekly notes, while other matter will be sent direct by mail. —ED. A. F.]

On The Wing.

We received an interesting letter from our Boston correspondent, J. C. Harris, and among other things he writes:

"At present I am very busy with peaches; as soon as they let up I will make it a point to visit some of the lofts in this vicinity and see if I can find anything fit for publication.

I hope there will be no mud slinging, as it not only incurs bad feeling between the parties who throw the mud, but between their friends, and I have personal knowledge of its having broken up good clubs.

I hope your paper will encourage interchange of opinion in regard to fitting homers for work, their feed, care, etc., also symptoms of disease with their remedies; such a paper will be interesting in the season when we cannot fly.

There is in my opinion, one mistake many of the old fanciers make, they sell a young fancier birds whose parents, and perhaps brothers and sisters have done 500 or more miles, writing them in such a manner to incite them to emulate the work of older fanciers, forgetting that birds to do such distances must be got in condition just as much as anything else that is to be subjected to such a strain, and it certainly is a strain for a bird to fly for several continuous hours. Few people realize it, and of course few beginners understand how to condition birds for such work, the consequence is they start their birds, they do well up to 100 or 200 miles, and the first rough time they strike they get lost and the fancier retires in disgust.

If the same fancier had been satisfied with a short distance the first season he would have been pleased, and by the next season both him and his birds would have gained experience, and one more fancier added to the list."

The above views are in line with those of the writer of these notes, and the excellent suggestions contained in Mr. Harris' letter should be heeded by all pigeon flyers. THE AMERICAN FANCIER is a medium for the interchange of opinions between its subscribers and readers. The editors have no personal axes to grind, and look forward to the time when pigeon flying will be a legitimate sport conducted on true sporting principles. The formation of the league was a step in the right direction, and while the work of organizing this association was hard and even difficult, and the subsequent career of it was not entirely smooth and frictionless, it weathered the storm and its future seems full of promise.

It is a source of considerable regret to all true pigeon fanciers to learn that H. V. Lansdale of Washington, contemplates giving up his hobby, and retiring from the fancy. He offers his entire stock of crack homers for sale and we are certain they will soon be taken up, for the strains are of the best, and the birds

themselves have established excellent records for speed and distance. When Mr. Lansdale's business interests will permit, he may again become a light in the flying fancy, and we certainly hope such a day is not far distant.

Points in the Flying Fancy.

A Weekly Review of Events in the Homing World.

BY FRITZ.

One of the most important items in connection with the sport of pigeon flying is an absolute correctness in timing the returns on race dates, and yet I'll wager my bottom dollar that in all the detail of the sport there is no point more frequently at fault, defective, and incomplete, both intentional and unintentional, than in this direction.

When I say an absolute correctness in timing returns, it applies equally to the correct standard time of the day, as well as the timer doing his duty correctly. And if the truth were known, I'll be bound, not a season passes by without more or less errors of the head, heart, and timepiece creeping in, and dealing out more or less injustice to those concerned.

During my long and continuous experience in flying and managing pigeon races, I have had full opportunity to study and fully digest all the weak and strong points connected with the sport. And I have long ago arrived at the conclusion that this careless and indifferent supervision in the timing of returns is a monster evil and defect that should receive a deep and careful consideration by all flying clubs. And yet there is no point in the sport that presents greater difficulties, more embarrassing thoughts, nor demanding a nicer adjustment.

In dealing with this all absorbing question, the two important and essential factors to be considered are: Firstly, an intelligent and reliable party as timer; secondly, a reliable watch in his hands that has absolutely correct standard time of the day, and proved and checked at reliable sources the day of the race. But is this always the case? Do timers and their timepieces always fill the bill? And are all telegraph office clocks correct? Are there not lots of flying fanciers whose experience with timers and their timepieces fully bear out what I advance? And now wherein lies the remedy and solution of this vexed question?

The best protection of the flying records up to date is unquestionably the checking of returns at the lofts by intelligent and reliable timers, carrying correct and reliable watches in the interest of a competing friend. With many the supplying of a timer for a race is a difficult job, and in view of this I think that too frequently the seriousness of the service to be rendered is overlooked, and the prime thought is only to secure a representative, no matter who, and his name sent in. Very often the party secured is totally unfit for the service, and equally as frequent the timepiece engaged is at fault.

Now when one considers that in so many races the result is determined by such small margins, the importance of correct and close timing should be manifested to all.

No competitor should hand in the name of a representative as timer in his interest unless he schools him well in the service to be rendered, sees that he has a reliable watch, and that it bears correct time, secured that morning; that he should promptly compare his time with that of the owner of the loft he is checking at, and also with any other time he comes in contact with during the service. He should check at every opportunity. In case the times don't agree, the timer should check arrivals by his own watch, and if the owner objects to his timing, to go to some reliable source after the returns are in and check and so adjust.

The timer goes in the interest of his fancier friend, and it is natural to assume he will jealously guard his friend's interests in the contest, and give the loft he times not one second more than it is entitled to.

The owner of the loft alive to his own interests, will if he is a thorough flying fancier be equally exacting and careful to see that the timer's watch is not against him.

We have here therefore a complete protection of the records made by the contrary interests engaged, and if every precaution is taken by both timer and owner in adjusting the returns to a nicety then there can be no better protection of the flying records.

It is therefore highly important that this question of timer and timepiece should be well considered by all flying clubs and both be of the best quality obtainable.

I well remember a very humorous story told me some years ago when I was serving as a club secretary and which made quite an impression upon my mind at the time, and only served to illustrate the slackness and defective service sometimes rendered by careless and indifferent timers, who very frequently fairly represent careless and indifferent competing flying fanciers.

A certain race from one of the further distances was being flown, and the birds had a hard day's work before them owing to contrary winds.

One of these careless and indifferent timers of whom I speak, presented himself at a certain loft in my vicinity, supplied with the necessary credentials, but as it proved a very indifferent timepiece.

The owner of the loft was perforce compelled to be absent owing to certain business arrangements, and the party who related the story to me was left in charge. Now this party is a well known joker, and I would readily acquit him of ever attempting anything dishonorable, but it is an old and well known saying in the flying fancy that "I would trust Mr. So and so with my life, but not in a pigeon race."

During the several hours of tiresome watching the timepiece of the timer sent to this loft had actually lost nearly a half-hour, running constantly slow. The party in charge who made this interesting discovery chuckled inwardly to himself, and watched for returns with renewed interest. Several hours more passed away and still no returns, but while there was daylight there was hope(?) and finally the sun went down, and the disagreeable and heart breaking realism of no birds home and the timer's watch 35 minutes and over to the good. The

timer was reluctantly discharged, but the feelings of the party in charge can be well imagined at losing such a golden opportunity to land a winner *if only a bird had got in.*

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Now I simply relate this little incident in order that these defects may be guarded against, and that a minute or half a minute very frequently does great injustice, and may as often be the result of unintentional carelessness and the consequence of a poor timepiece, as a determined attempt at fraud, and an intentional steal from a simple and careless timer green to the service.

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Our English cousins are not in the habit of working their young birds so severely as we in the United States are inclined to do, but occasionally we learn of some ambitious fancier over there attempting something out of the common and emulating the work of their Yankee or Belgian brethren.

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From the *Stock Keeper* of recent date I learn that a young bird belonging to Mr. Brodie of Pimlico bears six different societies' stamps on its wings: "On Aug. 9th, it flew in with the South London Club's birds from Semley; on the 12th from the same place, on the 16th from Crewkerne in the S. L. C.; on the 19th again Crewkerne in the K. H. S.—from Exeter on the 23d and 20th. Thus in the space of seventeen days it flew no less than 744 miles." The item would have additional interest were we informed as to the birds success and velocities in the flights, covering as it does the theories of not flying from the same place twice in succession, and the old cry of over-working young birds, for here is overwork with a vengeance.

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Should this comment of mine reach the eye of the writer of the Homing Notes in the *Stock Keeper*, I should be very much pleased if he can supply the information touched upon through his journal.

That eminent fancier, Mr. J. W. Logan, of England, in writing to the *Homing News* of a recent visit to Belgium, and having been present at the distribution of prizes to the winners in the Grand National race from Dax, which I touched upon in earlier notes, gives to the journal some additional items of interest concerning the great fly, which may prove also interesting to American flying men. Mr. Logan writes: The race is open to all fanciers living in Belgium. The total number of fanciers who entered this year was 1,700. A very large number only entered one bird each, for the total entries amounted to 2,917, or at the rate of seven birds for every four fanciers. It will therefore be seen that it is the number of men at the sport and not the number of large strong lofts that support the game in Belgium. The total receipts for entrance fees and pool money amounted to £2,240 (say \$10,920), or an average of a little over 15 shillings (\$3.66) per bird, pools included. The total sum available for prizes, after payment of all expenses, was about £2,100 (\$10,237.50). This sum was divided into about 400 prizes, or nearly one prize for every seven birds. Mons. Delmotte netted £80 (\$390) by his hen's win. He also won the 52nd prize, which, with the pool, was worth £36 (\$175). The last, or 400th prize, was worth about 30 shillings (\$7.32).

In concluding his letter Mr. Logan remarks: "Now shall we ever see the like in England? Well in spite of our bad weather I venture to prophecy we shall. For the fancy is making giant strides in this country, and as we have now in England any number of as good birds as ever flew into Belgium, we shall with experience (dearly bought it may be but what experience worth having has not been dearly bought?) become professionals in the art of long distance racing.

What do English fanciers say to a national race from La Rochelle next year?"

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It would not surprise me in the least to see this eminent flying fancier succeed in stimulating and encouraging the English flying men into having a great national from their 500 miles station in the near future, and I must confess that many a time I have indulged in similar thoughts for the flying fanciers in my own vicinity.

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The Philadelphia and New York sections could unquestionably with their large number of good flying men, have a very respectable grand national once a year from the 500 miles station, and while not of course upon the extensive lines of our Belgian brethren, or even those of our English cousins, yet of ample quality and quantity to ensure grand sport, big honors and a large share of public interest. Now American flying men, here is another subject well worthy of your careful consideration during the coming winter, and if flown under the management of the Empire City Flying Club and Philadelphia Flying Club is practical and enjoyable.

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In a short letter to the editor of the *Homing News*, Mr. Logan also touches upon the subject of automatic verification, having seen when in Brussels a timing machine which appeared to give satisfactory results, which he has secured and intends testing thoroughly and promises to report later on how it works. I shall watch the progress of Mr. Logan's efforts in this direction with much interest for I was deeply engrossed some time ago myself on this subject of automatic verification, but received from the other side little of encouragement to my inquiries owing to the large cost and incompleteness of the several machines in the markets and also from their complicated mechanism. I have often wondered that Yankee ingenuity had not mastered the subject and still think the question needs but thorough introduction among our crack machinists and inventors to secure satisfactory results.

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Timing clocks of various kinds have long ago been a common and perfect production in our country and I think if the readers of THE AMERICAN FANCIER in all the various sections will speak of this question of automatic verifiers as occasion offers, some good may result from such united interest.

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I have received during the past week a number of letters coming from fanciers unquestionably of unripe experience. Some complaining of sickly and dwarfed youngsters in the pans, and others of ailing old birds, and soliciting my advice and opinion and remedies.

To all such I now repeat that almost all this deplorable condition of their feathered pets may be traced to this senseless practice of breeding too late in the season, when their birds should be at

rest. At this period the birds should not be expending vitality in raising young, but should be permitted to yield all their energy to the demands of moult, and thoroughly recuperate for the next spring campaign.

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The remedies I submit is the clearing out of all crippled young, eggs and nest pans. Close up your breeding boxes, and if the loft permits of it, separate your sexes. Feed liberally, give light daily exercise and you have solved the problem of your complaints.

I am very much surprised at receiving such a sameness of inquiries and regret to find this senseless reproduction so common.

That the use of our birds for messenger service is becoming quite general both here and abroad by newspapers is well known, and when such an enterprising and prominent newspaper like the *New York Herald* takes hold of a subject it invariably carries it out upon very liberal lines and no half measures.

Last spring I had the honor of being approached by the *New York Herald* upon the question of establishing a perfect loft of Homing pigeons at its superb new building then in course of erection for its special and private use as news bearers. I consequently drew up the plans for a perfect flying loft, and superintended its construction to the minutest detail, afterwards stocking it with a few pairs of my choicest young birds, just ready for settling in their new quarters, and to-day this principal daily of the great Empire City can boast of having in the privacy of its own superb building as perfectly equipped a flying loft, with birds of the very bluest blood, that exists anywhere.

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That the idea is both practical and valuable and particularly desirable may be gathered from the following, which I quote from the *New York Herald* of September 8, in reporting the trial races of the American cup defenders to select a yacht to meet the English yacht Valkyrie, now on its way over:

"Pigeons from the homing station on the *Herald's* new building in Herald square brought the first authentic tidings of the incidents previous to the race, the start, the details of the contest, and the finish to this city. They bore swiftly, speedily, and surely despatches written on the spot, and which were infinitely more authentic than those written by observers along the shore."

I carried a comfortably lined basket on board the *Herald* tug yesterday morning as that boat started for the scene of the contest. In it were six Homing pigeons, strong, prime, and true birds, selected for the occasion from the *Herald* homing station. Each of the lot was in condition for its task. Like the cup defenders they had just come off the ways, having been in training for a few days before the service required of them.

The first bird, No. 42, was taken from the basket at 15 minutes past 11 o'clock. A message detailing the exact situation at that time had been written on a sheet of tissue paper. This was then folded into a small note, placed about the leg of the waiting bird, and fastened there with fine wire.

The bird was in the air two minutes later, high above the canvass of the yachts and the smoke of other craft. For a minute or more it circled round and round as if taking a final survey of the

scene below. Then it turned its head toward this city, spread its wings and started for home straight as a crow ever flies. It was exactly one minute before noon when the bird passed swiftly over the buildings south of Herald square, and then descended to the station, where the keeper took the message and the bird in, neither the worse for the swift passage from the Highlands.

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No. 52 was released at 15 minutes after 12 o'clock, bearing a message telling the time of the start, how the Colonia, Vigilant, and Jubilee crossed the line, the failure of the Pilgrim to start, and subsequent withdrawal of the Jubilee. Like the first bird, it bore swiftly away for Herald square, and was received with its message before one o'clock.

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The third bird, No. 40, was released at 15 minutes after 2 o'clock, and was taken into the homing station with a message giving perfect details of the race up to the time of its flight. The bird hovered about the lot some little time before entering, seemingly not at all wearied by its long trip.

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No. 56 was the bird selected to carry the results of the race. The Vigilant passed the finish line at 19 minutes and 8 seconds after 3 o'clock, and at 10 minutes to 4 o'clock No. 56 flew true to his home with a full account of the finish and all details, including incidents along the course. It had been released at 25 minutes after 3 o'clock, and its flight over the bay and the city was accomplished in 25 minutes.

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There are other New York newspapers employing Homing pigeons as news bearers, but they are pressed into service from the lofts of fanciers residing miles away from the newspaper building, requiring another transmission by telegram or messenger on foot to the newspaper, which, of course, is a serious disadvantage.

Like many other special features with which this superb new building of the *New York Herald* is equipped, it can with pardonable pride point to its own special and private loft of Homing pigeons, and in the birds that it now possesses—all of last spring hatch—it has the foundation of many hardy and true swift message carriers of the future, all bred from birds I have fully tested and flown speedily and reliable up to 500 miles.

Pigeons Do Not Fly by Sight

The numerous experiments made by balloonists have proved that pigeons are incapable of flying at any great height. Birds thrown out at 6,000 meters fell like dead, and even at the moderate height of 300 meters pigeons liberated by the balloonist, Gaston Tissandier, approached the earth in a spiral course. It is evident, hence, that they are not guided wholly by sight. To bring a point 300 miles distant within the range of vision it would be necessary to ascend nearly 20,000 meters. The carrier pigeon, starting on such a journey, must consequently start with faith in the unseen.—*Philadelphia Press.*

Corrected Report.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

Following is a corrected report of the Brooklyn section race from Wilmington, Del., on Sunday, Sept. 3:

C. P. Schwenck	1,058.0 yds
T. J. Clarke	1,037.0 yds
T. F. Goldman	1,035.7 yds
P. F. Sullivan	1,032.8 yds
Joseph Scholl	1,013.2 yds
Justus Prior	896.3 yds
J. G. Gunning, Jr.	834.0 yds

WM. BOOK, JR., Sec'y Empire Club.
Newark, N. J., Sept. 12, 1893.

On the Wing from Maryland.

To THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

The second of the series of young bird races of the Empire City Flying Club was flown on Sunday, the 10th inst., from Magnolia, Md. The birds were started by J. W. Brown, who wired: "Newark section liberated at 6:55 A. M.; New York section at 7:25. Weather partly cloudy, light S. E. winds." At home the same conditions prevailed. Following are the returns as reported:

NEWARK SECTION.			
	Dist- ance.	Ar- rived.	Speed.
C. A. Mahr, Jr.	147.50	10:25½	1,233.2 yds
Con. Hebbler.	148.70	10:27½	1,227.4 yds
Wm. Bennett.	147.00	10:27 5-6	1,215.5 yds
Wm. Book, Jr.	147.46	10:29	1,212.7 yds
R. N. Pearsall.	147.04	10:34¾	1,177.6 yds
Geo. Howarth.	148.17	10:41	1,153.9 yds
D. H. Evans.	147.08	10:53	1,087.6 yds
Max Seidl.	146.01	11:09	1,011.7 yds
NEW YORK SECTION.			
Justus Prior.	154.87	11:15½	1,182.5 yds
T. J. Clarke.	158.78	11:23	1,174.1 yds
T. F. Goldman.	154.82	11:17½	1,171.9 yds
Joseph Scholl.	154.02	11:18	1,167.9 yds
W. Holliday.	145.73	11:11	1,134.8 yds
E. Pupke.	153.78	11:26¾	1,119.5 yds
P. F. Sullivan.	152.11	11:26	1,110.8 yds
C. P. Schwenck.	152.53	11:32½	1,084.6 yds

The last and final club race will be flown from Washington, D. C., on Sunday, Sept. 17, when both section birds will be liberated together.

WM. BOOK, JR., Secretary.
Newark, N. J., Sept. 12, 1893.

Washington Flights.

To THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

The first copy of your noble paper came to hand on Saturday. It is simply an initial wonder of excellence and beauty. Allow me to wish it long life and prosperity.

The first race for young birds of the Washington Federation for this year was flown on the 3rd inst. One hundred and ninety birds competing, representing 16 lofts, of which only 10 lofts reported same day, although the others had birds in but so late they would not report. The birds were liberated at 12:50 P. M. The reports were as follows:

Lewis Turner, in loft	3.46	P. M.
J. H. Stockman, in loft	3.46 11-60	"
C. W. Boyd, in loft	3.49¾	"
H. C. Wall, in loft	4.07	"
H. V. Lansdale, in loft	4.08 17-60	"
B. B. Youngs, in loft	4.13	"
L. B. Nyes, in loft	4.19	"
Dr. H. Darling, in loft	4.19 7-12	"
Geo. Punphy, in loft	4.23 5-6	"
Jos. Nable, in loft	4.24	"

It is my opinion that the results would have been better if the birds had been shipped on Saturday and liberated Sunday morning instead of being shipped on Sunday morning and liberated so late in the day. The prizes for this race were as follows: First prize, a gold medal, donated by Ed. Voigt; second prize, a Pigeon cut, by E. Joyce; third prize, a box of cigars, by R. L. Lawrenson.

I regret to learn from one of the members that the Columbia Homing Club has broken up. As the club started last spring with very bright prospects and joined the Philadelphia Federation, and its president was honored by being elected vice-president of the latter, very much was expected of it as the Washington branch of that organization.

The next race of the Washington Federation will be from Amherst, 150 miles; birds to be shipped September 9th and liberated the morning of the 10th, and better results are looked for by an early liberation.

This section is in a prosperous condition and new material is becoming interested and joining the long list of pigeon fanciers. We have two good strong Homing Clubs in this city, and I have it from good authority that our Leesburg neighbors will form a good sized club for next season.

Ed. S. Schmid reports quite an active trade in fancy pigeons, especially in Pouters and Magpies.

R. B. YOUNGS.
Washington, D. C., Sept. 8, 1893.

The Kennel.

The Breeders of America, and Their Dogs.

To THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

As one of the American fanciers and breeders, I am glad to welcome at my fireside THE AMERICAN FANCIER, and I am certain there are hundreds of other breeders who are of the same mind. Pre-eminently among the things that please me is the name of the paper. Pardon me if I use, right here, a little American slang and say I am "dead stuck" on America, and claim relationship with all her honorable poultry and dog fanciers, and inasmuch as this journal is edited and published by Americans, I believe it will be run in the interests of American fanciers. I welcome it because it is a weekly publication, and will be kept abreast of the times, and the more *live journals* of this kind we have, the more interest will be taken in the fancy.

Americans in the last few years are proving themselves apt pupils as regards the care and breeding of dogs, and they now own some of the very best specimens living, of nearly all the popular breeds. The thoroughbred dog has worked himself into the hearts and homes of our most intellectual and wealthy people, and many of this class of citizens are keenly interested in the breeding of dogs. As a natural consequence this has toned up the business to a degree. All this is gratifying, particularly to those who are not millionaires, and who have been breeding a few dogs for years back, simply because they loved them, and were consequently interested in them, even when the breeding of dogs was looked upon as rather a low business.

However, the breeding of thoroughbred dogs to-day is on a level with that of any other stock, and deservedly so too, thanks to a few good educators in the form of level-headed men, and the journals with clean kennel departments. Kennel departments that are edited by fair-minded men, men who, when writing of a show, are ever willing to give judge, owners and dogs their just credit; men who are not always harping of what "they 'ave at 'ome" and constantly trying to "pull the wool" over the eyes of what they seem to think. When a country produces a dog of any popular breed which creates anything of a sensation, some one with American dollars, goes after him and brings him over here, and ten to one, the first time he is shown here, and perhaps is pronounced by the judge, whom breeders, (of that particular breed whatever it may be) have confidence in, and by our old breeders themselves, to be *the best* they ever saw, this same very smart (?) man in his "write up" of the show may condescend, and humor us Americans enough to call him "quite a fair specimen," but will likely add, "if he ever meets a really good one, he will be defeated, etc." Sometimes it makes me smile and oftener it makes me frown, to see how many Americans there are ready to believe at once, that the great dog isn't much after all, because some crank made the above remark about him.

Just stop and think; use a few of your American brains. That same specimen was bred perhaps by the oldest and best breeder of the breed. He claimed this specimen *the best* he ever bred or saw. The most capable judges in the country where the dog came from, claimed him

the most typical specimen they ever saw. American breeders give him the same credit, then why let this one "would be prominently, smart individual, make you believe he isn't much of a dog, or believe by his insinuations that he has seen much better ones?" I for one believe that at least a few of our American breeders have got beyond being infants in the dog business. A great many of our breeders have no doubt had as much experience breeding and raising dogs, as some of our writers. They have in every way as many opportunities to keep themselves posted on all canine matters as our writers. A few of them, perhaps only a few, (at least it will appear so, by reading some of their articles) have as bright an intellect, as much capacity for serious thought, as good sense and judgment or in other words as many brains. Then let's use them. Use your own judgment a little. I believe America has as good dogs as a whole, as any other country, but I do not believe any of them are perfect. There is a great chance for improvement in any of the breeds, and "we are the people" that can help improve them. We have never undertaken anything of the kind but what we succeeded and we can in this matter, and what's more we will.

JUDGING AMERICAN FOX HOUNDS.

In speaking of the above subject in the *Fanciers' Journal*, Mr. Wade says: "Here are such judges as 'Uncle John,' and our formidable friend Mr. Editor, who pshaw judging the breed because they say there is no recognized standard," and adds, "Well, who disputes that, and how in sense are we ever to have a type if such judges will not tackle the breed? Who makes type? Tom Collins, who breeds his hounds not caring a fig what they look like, or judges who know what a hound should be." Now, I will say if Tom Collins is a breeder of that stamp I will count Tommy out as regards his aid in establishing a standard or set type for American Fox Hounds, but I claim there are plenty of intelligent men in America who are breeding and using this breed of dogs, and who are capable of meeting and deciding on a set type for them, a breed they loved, bred, and hunted after for years, far better than any individual judge, who perhaps never had a Fox Hound or has had any experience in hunting this breed day after day and year after year. American Fox Hounds are not a "lap dog," and in few cases indeed are they kept for watch dogs, but they are bred for hunting, and who knows better than the intelligent breeder and sportsman what type or style of hound is best and most able to hunt the fox or deer over our rough and rugged country? There are breeders of American Fox Hounds who have noted what style hounds have greatest speed and endurance, coupled with brains or hunting sense, and as these requirements are what all lovers of the breed want in their dogs, I claim these are the men to say what style of dogs should be chosen for type, and no one else. We don't blame judges at our shows for not caring to judge the breed under the circumstances, and exhibitors in this class have no right to "squeal" over the awards if they are not according to their ideas, simply because it is for them to meet at some one of our great shows and bring out their best hounds, and, as a body of breeders of this most useful dog, decide on some style or type of dogs for a Standard, and then judges may be

expected to give dogs nearest to the type the prizes. As the judging is now done, it is only the opinion of one man (the judge) what type is correct, or nearest correct, and although he may be authority on one or ten other breeds he is just as liable to be at sea on American Fox Hounds. As it now is, I claim the only men capable of judging American Fox Hounds are men who themselves have bred and hunted them, but after breeders settle on some established type then the intelligent all round judge can handle the breed as well. The lovers and breeders of American Fox Hounds should think this matter over and *act*. You are the men to say *what you want* and *how you want it*. It is nonsense of the commonest sort for you to submit, and let some *one man*, no matter what his reputation is as regards doggy matters, nor how much he thinks he knows, to tell *you*, breeders of American Fox Hounds, what sort of a hound *you* want to hunt foxes in America. It's time you had a Standard for your breed. Stir the matter up, make it generally known, and meet at New York, Boston, or some other good show and decide on one. You probably will not all think alike, but by comparing dogs and by sacrificing some few pet ideas, or by meeting an opponent half way, you can settle on *something*, and some kind of a type is far better than none. Then you will have some idea of what sort to show and what to mate and breed for.

D. E. B. O'NAIR.

Pigeon Fanciers at Chicago.

To THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

Inasmuch as the poultry breeders were to hold a large meeting in Chicago, during the forthcoming great exhibition, October 16th to 21st, would it not be advisable for the Pigeon fanciers also to gather and hold a sociable meeting if nothing more.

I hereby desire to call the attention of the officers and members of the American Columbarian Association as well as Pigeon fanciers in general to this subject, hoping some definite action may be immediately taken.

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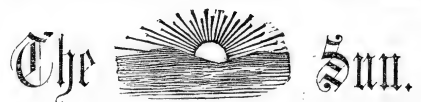
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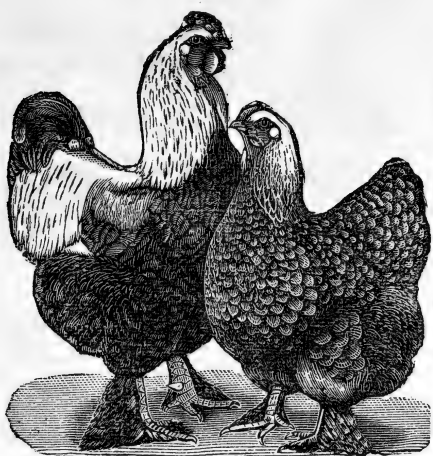
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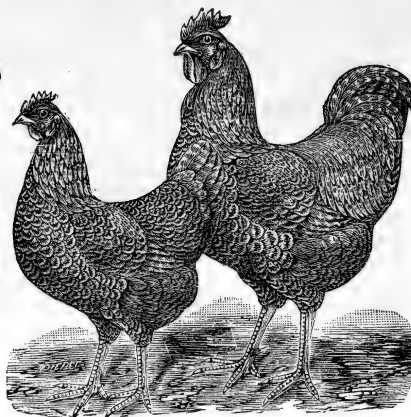
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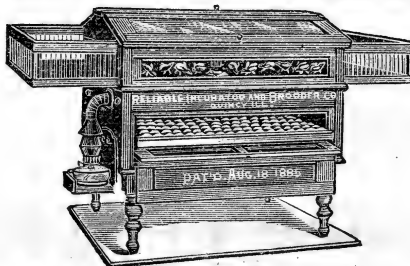
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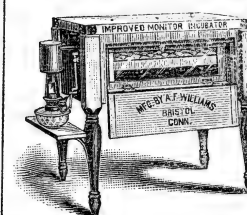
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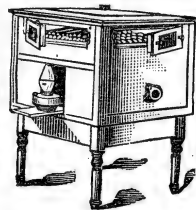
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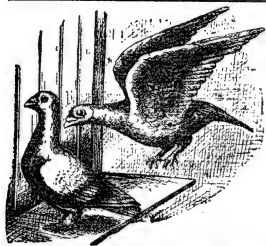
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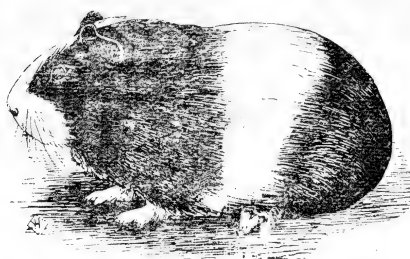
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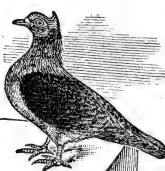
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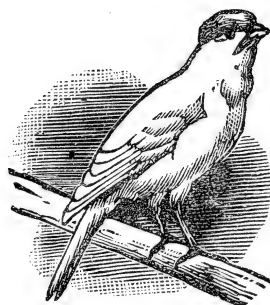
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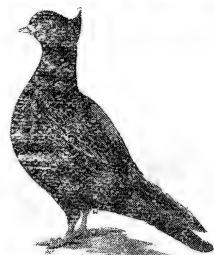
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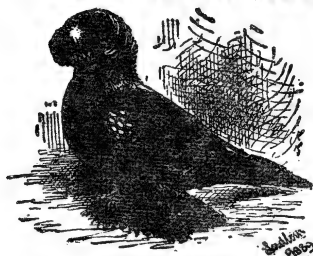
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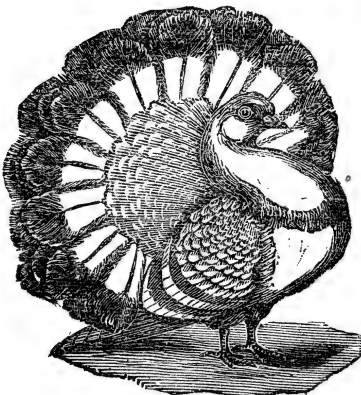
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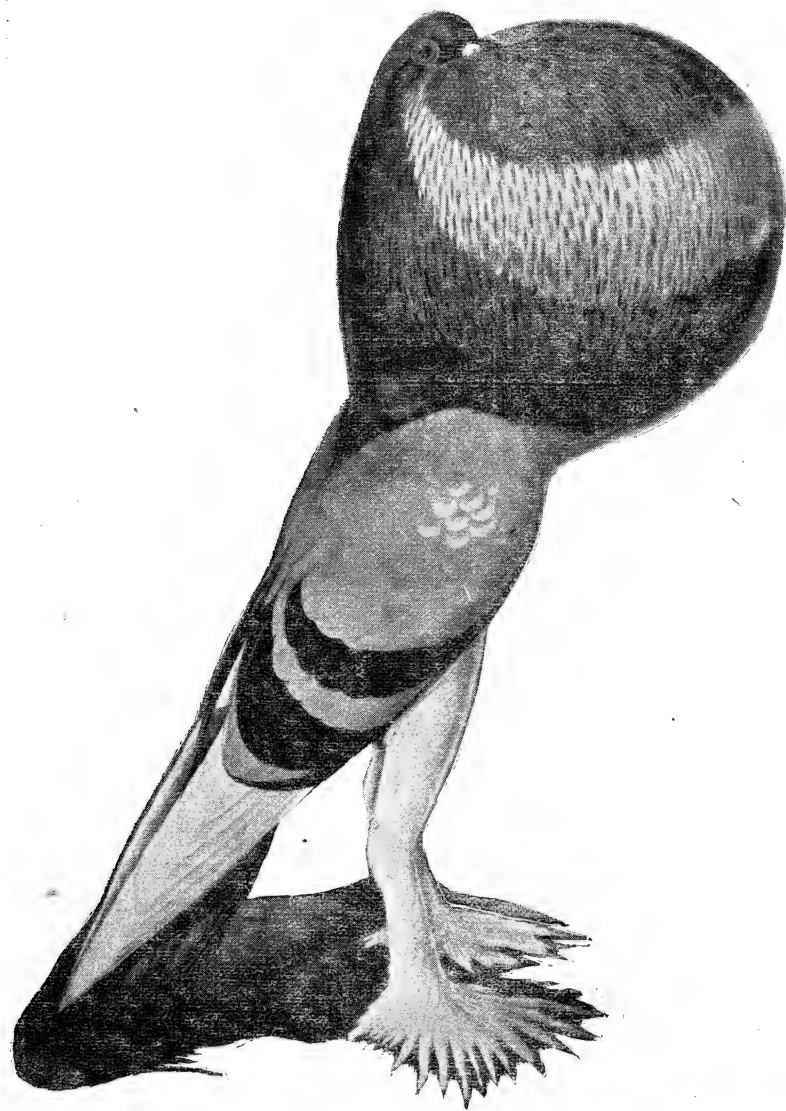
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Dec. 11-16.—Omaha Fanciers' Association, Omaha, Nebraska.

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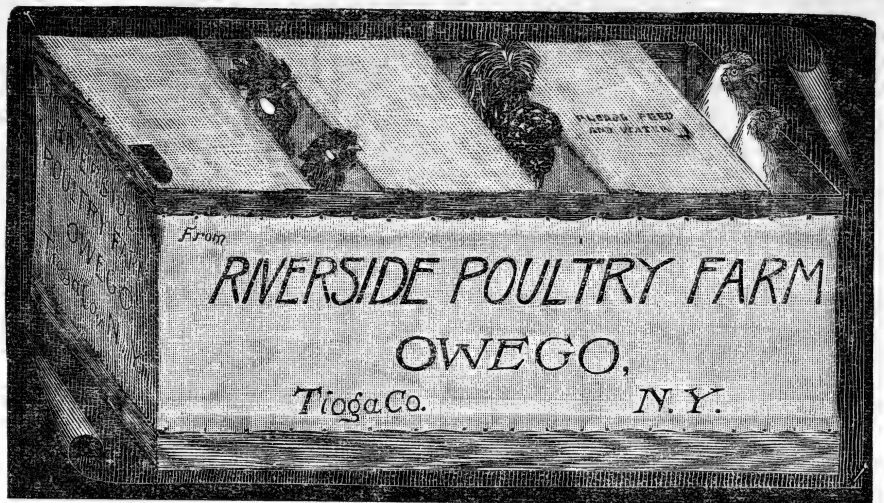
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POULTRY.

From the Editor's Perch.

F. B. Zimmer informs us that he is kept
busy answering the many inquiries re-
ceived from his advertisement in THE
AMERICAN FANCIER and thinks "the kid is
a wonder."

Among the visitors at the New Jersey
State Fair we noticed H. L. Holmes, of
W. Atlee Burpee & Co., who was ac-
companied by J. Pedersen-Bjergaard, of
Copenhagen, Denmark. The latter is
deeply interested in poultry culture, and
during his sojourn in the United States
has visited many prominent poultry
plants. He returned on the steamer
Hekla Saturday last to his home in
Europe.

Mr. Pedersen-Bjergaard, unlike many
foreigners who do America in a "jiffy"
and write their impressions down with a
prejudiced eye, has spent considerable
time in studying our methods of poultry
culture and our various breeds of poultry,
and it is safe to say that a fair-minded
and honest criticism can be expected
from him. He was one of the earliest
breeders of Buff Leghorns, and the first
pair sent to England came from his
yards in Denmark.

In answer to the question which is the
most popular breed in Denmark, Mr.
Pedersen-Bjergaard replied that the
Brown Leghorn was most highly prized
by Danish breeders, and he claims the
latter have as fine as there are anywhere.
Mr. Holmes was so impressed with the
description of Danish Brown Leghorns
that he immediately ordered a dozen or
more to be sent to Fordhook Farm.

There is also a native fowl, which goes
by the simple name of "Danish fowl,"
that is claimed to be a great layer, and
most extensively bred by the farmers of
Denmark. It is similar to the Brown
Leghorn in comb and plumage, but
much larger in size.

Advices from Rhode Island indicate
that 3,000 or more fowls were on ex-
hibition at the great State fair held this
week. A complete report will appear in
THE AMERICAN FANCIER next week.

We have also at hand the premium list
of the great Hagerstown fair. The
poultry prizes are as follows: On single
birds, cock, cockerel, hen, or pullet, the
first prize is \$1.00, second prize 50 cents;
on pen the first prize is \$3.00, second
prize \$2.00. As birds in pens can com-
pete for single prizes also, a successful
exhibitor can win as high as \$7.00 on
five birds entered. As there is no entry
fee charged, the liberality of the Hager-
stown fair managers is apparent. Premium
lists can be obtained by addressing John
L. Cost, superintendent, Hagerstown,

Md., or at the office of THE AMERICAN
FANCIER.

As the Decimal Score Card Association
intends handicapping Games and Game
Bantams, males one point for being minus
a comb, what will be done with Polish
fowls? The latter have combs, but the
natural absence of the same is considered
no defect. Will Polish be handicapped
or not? How will the five points allotted
for comb affect Polish fowls? These are
a few questions that seem to bother
ordinary individuals. A little explana-
tion is in order.

A. E. Shaw the well-known southern
fancier, informs us that a show at New
Orleans next winter is among the strong
possibilities, and with Mr. Shaw's energy
and pluck to help such an undertaking,
success should be assured. New Orleans
should prove a great show city, provided
the press and promoters of the show work
in harmony.

We regret that the name of our south-
ern correspondent, J. H. Davis, was
omitted from his first letter in September
2nd issue of THE AMERICAN FANCIER.
The over-crowded column of the latter
necessitated cutting several communica-
tions. Mr. Davis' among them, and his
name with a slice of juicy paragraphs
attached were taken out. While unin-
tentional it was annoying to both cor-
respondent and editor.

A subscriber from Whaleyville, Va.,
writes: "Where can I get some Angora
goats, and is there not a herd of them in
North Carolina? Also where can I get a
genuine (rat) ferret?" We do not know of
any herd of Angora goats in North Caro-
lina, perhaps some of our readers can
advise us on this point. We think either
H. W. Vahle or Edward S. Schmid can
supply Angora goats and ferrets. Both
advertise in THE AMERICAN FANCIER.

W. W. S., Honeoye Falls writes: "I
was a great deal interested in Decrue's
article on "Artificial Incubation and In-
cubators." I have had poor success with
incubators and if the incubator described
by him will hatch successfully you will do
me a great favor if you will inform me
where I may get the plans for making the
same." There are no plans for sale or in
existence for making this machine, but
one can be constructed from the model
given in THE AMERICAN FANCIER of Sep-
tember 2nd. Theodore Sternberg's article
in our last issue also throws a little
light on these incubators. With so many
good machines on the market it rarely
pays to construct home-made incubators
except for experiment. The machine de-
scribed by Decrue will do what is claimed
for it, but so will dozens of others.

Editor Braden prods Editor Boyer as
follows:

"The following extract we copy from
Brother Boyer's letter which appears in
another column:

Mr. Editor, you ask a question in your
July issue: "Do you get up at 5 o'clock
in the morning and let the chickens get a
bath in the dew while you are preparing
a morning meal for them?" I, for one,
do not—that is, do not let my chickens
out in the morning dew. They take a
sun bath in their houses until I prepare
their morning meal, and until the dew is
off the grass. It is the early chick that
catches the roup.

In midsummer, there is nothing in the
world that our fowls seem to enjoy more
than a romp in the morning dew. It has
always been our practice to give the fowls

liberty in the early morning; and we do
not remember of a case of roup resulting
from it. To save your soul from sheol you
can not breed roup from the Almighty's
midsummer morning dew. Of course, it
will be understood that we are not refer-
ring to chicks just out of the shell."

What puzzles us is where the grass is
that catches the morning dew on Uncle
Boyer's farm. When we lived in Ham-
monton, the dew became panic stricken
in its search for a resting spot on a blade
of grass, and fell an easy victim to that
very dry commodity down there—white
sand.

We must emphatically endorse Editor
Braden's position. He evidently is fond
of the morning dew, and naturally reasons
that chickens are also. This system of
shutting chickens and fowls up in a "glass
case," so to speak, has much to do with
the deterioration of the feathered race.
Although fowls in domestication are sub-
ject to artificial methods of feeding and
handling, it nevertheless is important to
regard nature's methods. Nothing ex-
ceeds a morning walk in the cool fresh
bracing air, it give the appetite a keen
edge, and with chick or fowl the same
holds good as with human beings. If
some of the "hot house" fowl advocates
would pack their grips, and wander
among the great chicken ranches in the
dew drenched valleys and mountains of
the Empire State, and view the lusty chick-
ens enjoying the cool zephyrs and even get-
ting their little feathered breeches wet,
we would hear a great deal less of morn-
ing sun baths, roup, condition powders
and deterioration of thoroughbred fowls.

It must not be inferred by these re-
marks that we favor reckless or careless
methods of housing fowls; on the con-
trary, we believe in tightly built houses
and sheds, but during summer and fall
prefer an open shed or even evergreen
trees to a tightly closed house for roost-
ing places. Hamburgs and Games es-
pecially are benefited in such quarters,
and every experienced breeder of these
fowls will substantiate what we say.

Broken windowpanes, cracks in the
sides and roof of chicken houses are in-
finitely more dangerous to chickens than
is the fresh air in open sheds, around
trees or even gateposts.

In winter, however, different treatment
is necessary, but that is another story,
and will be touched on later.

The Fancier, a journal devoted exclu-
sively to pigeons, has at last succumbed
and will not appear again, at least under
the guiding hand of John D. Abel. This
will no doubt please the little clique that
wished Editor Abel's paper away from
earth and John D. with it, for the past
six months or more. Every pigeon fan-
cier and every respectable journal will,
however, regret Mr. Abel's misfortune.
Americans never like to kick a man when
he is down, and while John D. Abel did
things that injured him and his paper, he
never deserved the kicks and stabs in the
hour of his misfortune, and we trust we
have heard the last of these. Mr. Abel
has our sympathy.

Catalogues at poultry exhibitions are of
great value to visitors when intelligently
edited. Occasionally we meet some that
are not, and the one sold at the New
Jersey State Fair belongs to that breed.
The publisher or editor was evidently a

Wyandotte crank for he conveniently classed Cochins and Polish under the head of "Wyandotte." Not satisfied with this, he murdered the nomenclature and in one place he calls Cochins, "Cochias," in another place, probably after having smoked a cigar, he labels them "Conchias." Brahmas are called "Brahams," and we are also informed that there is a "black" variety. Wyandottes are classed as "silver spangled" and "white spray" in several places, while the stately Langshans are dubbed "langshares." We also find "white booted" and "ringle comb" Bantams, and Houdans are "houndans." Then we find "black minorcas spanish" and to cap the climax we are informed that No. 706 are "dominique brown leghorn spanish chicks." Fitch ferrets are changed into "bitch ferrets," and fortunately the compiler stopped there and did not catalogue the pigeons. When one considers that all this cost but 10 cents, *Puck* and *Judge* seem too high in price.

Some of our antiquated contemporaries are solemnly discussing the standard nomenclature of the various breeds of poultry. They think "Silver Laced Wyandottes" should be changed to "Silver Wyandottes." For the benefit of these good natured and well meaning, but slightly fossilized poultry papers, we will state that in 1888 the American Poultry Association dropped the word "Laced" and simply called Wyandottes either silver or golden. This is plainly printed in the American Standard of Perfection, which can be had from this office on the payment of one dollar.

William Furness of Accrington, England, who came to the United States last month with a team of birds to be shown at the World's Fair in October, has returned to Great Britain, having disposed of his birds at a sacrifice. He preferred not to show at Chicago. This is to be regretted as one pair of his black red chicks alone would have been a feature in the Game division. The pullet was pronounced by good judges to be the finest ever seen on this side of the Atlantic, while the stag promised to develop into a champion. Both birds are in good hands and will be seen at the Game club show in New York next winter.

Mr. Furness has in the past ten years supplied the majority of English winners at American shows, notably in Games and Game Bantams. He will be ready to supply high class Games to all breeders of the United States, who may favor him with their orders. His advertisement appears in this issue.

A friend of ours thinks we ought to stir things up and believes we are getting mild tempered. In other words he wants us to pitch into somebody and get up an argument. He also thinks Theodore Sternberg needs more ginger. We will not attempt to speak for our cyclonic Kansas friend, he is older than we are, but for ourselves, we must confess a peaceful disposition. There is nothing on the horizon of the fraternity at present that affects our digestion or roils our angelic temper, besides our mission is to help the youngsters in the fancy, and by setting them a good example in controversial writing, we may create a better feeling among fanciers. There has been too much mud slinging in the past to do good; in fact much harm has resulted.

This brings to mind the recent attacks against Secretary Crawford of the New York Poultry and Pigeon Show. As these came from individuals directly and indirectly connected with the latter they are in very bad taste. The New York Poultry and Pigeon Association needs the support of all of its members and friends, and while everybody can't be secretary, let all support the present incumbent whose only crime in the eyes of some is that he made a very successful officer. Men like Mr. Terry and Mr. Crawford who devote their time and money toward supporting a praiseworthy and difficult undertaking, deserve the thanks of all honest and true fanciers. Come off the perch ye kickers, take hold of the oars and pull with a will to make the old tub reach its harbor in safety. The show at New York in 1894 must and will then eclipse all others ever held.

The fifth annual report of the Rhode Island Experiment Station contains a most valuable and practical chapter on Poultry Culture, by Samuel Cushman. It is one of the most conservative and thorough reports ever written, and Mr. Cushman's views on the laws of breeding and his honorable defense of the fanciers should be studied by every poultryman and writer. We shall publish the entire report, as we deem it of pronounced value to our readers.

Advices from Canada state that Canadian breeders are becoming shaky on the score card and its value for scoring birds. The Game and Game Bantam exhibitors at their annual meeting carried through the resolution that Games and Game Bantams be judged by comparison at the next Ontario show, to be held during the third week in January.

Dr. T. W. Tuggle informs us that he is hard at work trying to form a stock company for the purpose of holding the poultry and pigeon show at Atlanta, Ga. If all fanciers would take the interest in the fancy and especially in exhibitions of thoroughbred stock that the Doctor does, and support the same morally and materially, annual shows of poultry and pigeons would be more frequent and more successful. The excellent example set by the South Carolina breeders should not fail to enthrall Georgia fanciers, and we hope all the latter as well as all others in the Sunny South will rally around their standard bearer, and make the Atlanta show a glorious certainty and success.

Theodore Sternburg has found a new love in the Silver Campines. He is the first fancier to import these famous Belgian fowls, and we believe American poultrymen will have at last an opportunity of testing the crack layers of Europe. Mr. Sternberg informs us that he likes the Campines better every day, and that they are handsome birds.

James Forsyth, who has been for many months in the Adirondac woods in search of health, has returned to his home in Owego, and will prepare for the great show to be held at New York next winter. We are glad to state that Mr. Forsyth is himself again, i. e. enjoying good health and spirits. In addition to his grand Brown Leghorns and Buff and White Wyandottes, he has a fine herd of Guernsey Cattle and the day is not far distant when "Riverside" will not only be a poultry farm, but a fine stock ranch.

E. H. Knapp of Knapp Bros., was so pleased with *THE AMERICAN FANCIER*, that he increased his advertisement from 3 to 7 inches for the year. Like hundreds of others he hails the new weekly paper as a great necessity.

The firm of Cornell & Knapp has dissolved. Mr. Cornell will continue the business in his own name, and expects to build up a great poultry ranch. Only the choicest Black Minorcas and White Leghorns will be tolerated at Valley View Farm.

Among the new advertisers we find George H. Gallinger of Fabius, N. Y., who is making a speciality of Brown Leghorns, and whose star in the poultry world is ascending rapidly. His fine exhibit at Syracuse is ample proof of this.

Willard Selmser, another coming Brown Leghorn breeder, was compelled to change his advertisement in *THE AMERICAN FANCIER*, as he sold all his yearling stock before the second issue of the latter appeared. This is quick work and again proves the value of a weekly paper as an advertising medium.

Our Mr. Blunck is a circulation fiend and thinks only of gaining subscribers. To this end no stone is left unturned in order to secure yearly subscribers, and we are glad to state that in an experience in poultry journalism covering many years we have never seen such a large number of subscriptions come in day after day as *THE AMERICAN FANCIER* has received. It seems as if the breeders of the Empire State alone are determined to swell the subscription list far beyond that of any other paper. Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New England and the Great West are also falling in line, while the Sunny South has contributed many of its best fanciers to our subscription list. To all those kind friends the publishers extend their sincere thanks.

Valuable Experiments.

Annual Report of the Poultry Division at the Rhode Island Experiment Station.

BY SAMUEL CUSHMAN.

In our last report we referred to preparations made for a somewhat extensive experiment in the cross breeding of pure bred fowls with a view to the production of the finest market roasters and capons. Twelve varieties of pure bred fowls had been procured and mated for this purpose.

In the selection and mating of these birds we were governed by certain laws, or generally accepted rules, based on the experience of the best stock breeders. As this subject is of great importance to farmers and practical poultry raisers, we feel that we can do no better than to briefly consider it here.

LAWS OF BREEDING.

Poultry breeders, as well as breeders of horses, cattle, sheep, dogs and other domestic animals, have used all available material to develop breeds suited to special purposes. Birds from various parts of the world that have been developed by certain climates, or special conditions, have been selected and bred to retain and strengthen those qualities where ever they are kept. Some breeds of fowls, like the Dorking and several

kinds of Games, have been selected and bred for certain purposes, for hundreds of years, and reproduce their qualities with great certainty. Others of later origin have been mated for other qualities and the longer they are so bred the more their characteristics become fixed and the greater the power of each individual to reproduce like qualities.

Both old and new characters tend to be inherited. Variations occur in all stock. Occasional individuals have very unusual qualities. By repeated selection the variations that occur in a desired direction may be accumulated, and these may be fixed or made hereditary, by breeding only from birds having them in the greatest perfection.

Not only may variations be retained and perpetuated, but modified instincts or acquired characteristics may, to a certain extent, also be transmitted. The effects of habit and surroundings on individuals, or the modification in form, size or other qualities, caused by food, are transmitted. Parts may be developed by use, or from lack of use may remain undeveloped, or become deficient. One organ may be developed at the expense of another. If the influence which produces the changes be continued generation after generation, these conditions are intensified and become hereditary. The tendency to reproduce these acquired developments becomes very strong. There seems to be no apparent limit to the inheritance of acquired characteristics. The instincts of animals, it has been said, are but the inherited experience of past generations.

In and In Breeding.—By mating a cock with his own descendants for several generations, any special qualities in him are firmly established in the progeny, uniformity and prepotency are secured in the shortest time, and the result is a strain having those qualities in a greater degree.

This in and in breeding is desirable only when individuals of extraordinary merit are used. Such may occur among a large number of ordinary merit as the result of variation, and in no other way can those qualities be so surely and quickly held and established. Without in and in breeding any unusual variation occurring only in a single individual would be lost and the influence to reproduce it would be overcome by the opposing influence of the more fixed qualities in the other stock. If the cock used is unusually vigorous such breeding may for a time increase, instead of lessening the vigor of the stock, but after a number of such matings the stock usually has less constitution.

A pronounced weakness, or an undesirable quality, as well as a desirable quality, may also be increased or intensified, in this way. To regain vigor lost by breeding in and in, and keep the qualities gained, breeders usually introduce new blood by using, for one season, an unrelated female of the same breed. Her progeny is then united with the in-bred stock. The influence of this new blood on the qualities of the strain is mostly overcome by the prepotency acquired by in and in breeding. Any undesirable qualities that may be received are removed by discarding all individuals that show them and by again breeding within the strain for several generations.

Breeders mate birds or animals that are related, in spite of their relationship, because they possess the same desirable

qualities; the progeny thus receives a double tendency to develop those qualities. Size and strength is always best secured by using unrelated stock of superior quality.

The oldest pure breeds deteriorate, to a certain extent, without constant selection, and newly formed breeds, without intelligent mating, lose their established characteristics much more quickly. Improved characteristics cannot be retained without the conditions that produced them. Scrub stock may best endure privation. Proper food has much to do with improving or maintaining a breed. Mongrels or fowls mixed indiscriminately, become inferior. Prepotency is lost; there is no strong influence in any particular direction and no uniformity in the quality of the progeny. No dependence can be placed on the results of their breeding.

A flock of birds bred in and in, if the best are each time selected and intelligently combined, will degenerate less quickly than if crossed with a different kind of cock each season. Crossing without method is worse than in and in breeding. By selection a uniform breed may be produced from mongrels, while without selection or intelligent combination, the best pure blood soon deteriorates and loses its good qualities.

There are various degrees of pure breeding. Many breeders, whose stock is noted, had at the start several unrelated pens of the highest quality of the same breed. By breeding back and forth between these pens for years, always selecting birds having certain qualities in the greatest degree, they have been able to establish a strain which represents their ideas, and that not only breeds true, but gives a large per cent. of fine birds of their favorite type. Close breeding, combined with rigorous selection, is termed high breeding.

If to such a strain a cockerel of another strain of the same breed were introduced each season, the established special qualities of the strain would be broken up and the results of years of labor would be lost. The introduction of strange blood to such a strain is a very serious thing to the fancier. Although of the same breed, it gives an impulse to reversion and causes the re-appearance of long lost characteristics or faults that have been bred out. When it must be done, a hen should be used, as she has less influence on the blood, and should there be evil results they will be confined to her progeny, instead of extending to the whole flock.

Pure breeds may be used of such quality that the progeny will be below the average even if they are skillfully mated, or the best quality may be so mated that the defects of the parents are increased in the progeny. Even if the best of stock is properly mated, if the progeny is not sufficiently weeded out year after year, if both superior and inferior birds are bred from because they are of pure blood, the result will be degenerate stock. The pick of the flock should be set apart for breeders. Those who build up a reputation for breeding fine stock are the ones who cull most severely. A very small per cent. (rarely more than 25 per cent. of the stock raised) is retained for breeding or for supplying customers with breeding and exhibition birds. The remainder is disposed of as culls.

The importance of rigorous selection cannot be too strongly urged. It is the mainstay of high breeding and should

always be practiced. Wild animals and fowls are subjected to severe and unrelenting natural selection; those best fitted to re-produce, survive, those deficient in vigor and constitution, do not.

Those who realize the amount of study and money, as well as the years of special care and feeding, that have been expended upon most of the pure breeds, appreciate their worth and do not begrudge the few extra dollars above the price of the common fowl, that are required to procure them. To be sure all birds have not been bred for egg production, or best table qualities; there are many birds that have had time and money spent on them simply to make them beautiful, or to develop some fancy peculiarity, to the detriment of the more valuable practical qualities.

If people wish to cultivate fowls as they do flowers, for the pleasure they receive by so doing, without a thought of profit, it is all right. Those who do not care for such beauty need not cultivate either. For profit they should choose something else. There is such a variety of pure bred fowls—thanks to breeders and fanciers—that the poultry raiser may choose something that will nearly suit his purpose.

Different Characteristics of Breeds.

—The poultry raiser has more material to select from than the breeder of cattle, sheep, or hogs. He may choose large or small breeds; stock that is quick to grow or slow to mature; those having legs short or long; fowls scantily feathered or clothed as if for an arctic winter; birds of almost any color; great layers, that are poor table fowl, or those excellent for the table but indifferent layers and slow growers; those that lay a great number of small eggs of poor quality, or others that lay rich, finely flavored eggs, and few of them; hens that lay well in the coldest weather and do poorly in warm, or those that are great layers only during the warmer months.

There are those whose chickens grow their feathers quickly and others whose progeny feather but slowly. There are breeds having yellow skin and white skin, white flesh and blue flesh, white fat and yellow fat, and green, black, white or yellow legs. Some have heavy thighs and thin breasts; others have a vast amount of flesh on the breast, and other parts of the body. There are birds having large and coarse bones with little flesh, and others with small, fine bones, and very plump bodies.

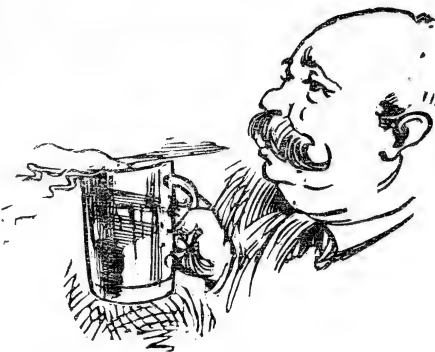
The chickens of some breeds are little more than skin and bones up to a certain age; some are plump only during a certain stage of immaturity, and others are round and ready for market at any time or age.

There are kinds that although they grow quickly and are plump, are coarse in flesh and not so finely flavored. Some breeds although having the finest table qualities, or the best developed egg producing qualities, are so tender that they are hard to rear, or do not keep in health if kept on clayey or damp land. Others are deficient in some of these qualities but are the hardiest of all breeds. Some bear confinement well, others do not.

There are breeds that do not have the incubating desire while others are noted for their persistency in sitting, and for their docility and ability as mothers. There are fancy and beauty breeds, strict utility breeds and those in which beauty and utility are combined.

[To be Continued.]

The Pilsener Papers.



His Trip to Louisville.

MISTER AMERICAN FANCIER:

Dot vos a puddy gude choak, wanting me to wride ub somedings on sheekens und pitchins. Vell, mine frau, Loweesa, says: "Yackob, youse wride some artickles putty kerquick or dot mens Berlunck und Drebenshead git der med ub und drob on youse, see saw?"

Hm! dot machts me dink, und I tolds Loweesa dot I kudn't wride der berloody English languitch. Vell, dot voomans is as gentels as a lamb, dot is somedimes she lams me ven she is med. She kinder vinks her eye mid fire und sez: "Yackob, don't be sheekenharted. See saw?"

Vell, I see und I saw, und by Chiminy pelps, dot makes me leff, ven she tolds not to be sheekenharted. Hm! how kin a mens wride about sheekens widout being sheekenharted! Now, about dot new baber, der AMERICAN FANCIER. I dink it beats dem all (dot's a leedle toffee), und will make eben der Nye Yorker Staats Zeitung look seeck in komparison.

Spheaking about komparison, makes me dink of somedings do happened some years way back.

Yoo nose dot row of der schore card fellers mit dem komparison cranks ish getting putty hot, ain't it?

Vell, der vas Schwackleheimer, who makes dose dings the poys call "Bups," in odder vords Frankforter sissages. Vell, Schwack cums to me und sez: "Pilsner, I dinks we go Louisville to de pitchin show." You can bet, I vas wit him at vonce. Vell, I packed my valeeses wit dose dings a trabeling man wants, und ven I gets to der station I find Schwackleheimer already vonce. His valeese had der same dings in dat mine had. Ven ve got to Louisville both valeeses vas no more a load. Ve had dot ourselves, by Chiminy.

On der train ve met a man dot have pichins und who vos shtuck on der schore card. He vos bolite enough to tell Schwack dot komparison judging vosn't vorth a reservoir. Dot makes me med, und ve have it oud, you bet. I raised me dose pitchins ever since ve vos boys (not "comrades") und by chiminy pelps, if I don't kin pick me oud der best beard mid oud feerst daking a dings das looks like a keno card, und marks mid der bencil all kinds of dem foolishness, den I vill treet der poys to a kouble of rounds if dot good old "Kaiser."

Schwackleheimer dook it all in, for he is dot kerquieet kind of Hoboken Geerman, dot never shpeaks mid oud he hefs to. Ven der score card man vos droo mit himself, Schwack says, "Mine frient, der score card ish putty goot to stuf der beeples mit, who never raised pitchins. Vait, till you get to Louisville und see vot dot shoring vill do, I vill tell you."

Der man looked subrised und wanted to know vot Schwackleheimer means by dot.

Der latter says "It will raise a helef a fuss" und by shiminy pelps Schwack vos right, it did. Dey tried it a kubble of days, but der peeples dot have beerdis at der show, yanted to get demselves home before der beerdis would moult oud, so der schore card vos knocked oud. Dot vos von times, mebbe Meester AMERICAN FANCIER. I give you sumdings more putty soon.

YAKOB PILSENER.

Hoboken, N. J.

Professional Courtesy in Class Journalism.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

Far be it from my interest to dictate to any man how to transact his legitimate business. My business is to place my goods and yours, that is, all you "Knights of the quill," to publish papers. My knowledge of my own busines is supposed to be all right, (or my employers would decapitate me,) but of journalism, it is only superficial.

Yet, reading as I do, I cannot help speaking of a fault that I find to be a grievous one in this country, and that is the entire lack of what I use for a caption of this article.

I take it that a man enters journalism from a desire to better himself financially. To achieve this end he must attract readers, and once attracted, he must hold them by giving them interesting articles on interesting subjects.

To their shame be it said, too many class journals in this country are filled with slurs and insinuations, spiteful thrusts and petty invective, the principal portion of the paper, the portion where one would naturally look for opinions being used as a vehicle for spite, pure and unadulterated. Instead of aiming their opinions on matters of interest to their readers, the editors air their private opinions of each other.

What matters it to the general public? Naught. Such matter is calculated only to awaken disgust. In my humble opinion, this state of affairs arises from envy and selfishness. Let a writer change his base of operations; let a new journal be started and instead of the hand of brotherly love being offered we see only an issue or two till the Kilkenny cats have usurped the editorial chairs—or at least it so appears.

The same "professional courtesy" that governs the professions, should hold sway in journalism.

Surely this great land is broad enough for all, and because a writer feels that he can do well and make an honest living in a certain field, I see no reason why the others already in that field should regard him an interloper and therefore a fit subject for all manner of spiteful remarks and inuendoes.

I am led to make these suggestions, because I am hoping to see THE AMERICAN FANCIER a good clean paper, and I am hoping that you will not allow it to be led into the same errors that are so very marked in some of your contemporaries.

SENEX.

Halliday House, Cairo, Ills.

Sept. 15th.

TAKES THE LEAD.

THE AMERICAN FANCIER received; and I must say it takes the lead.

W. A. BARTLETT.

Jacksonville, Ill.

HELPS GREASE THE WHEELS.

Sample copy of your new weekly here, and I like it. Here's hoping it will "live long and prosper." I enclose my subscription to help grease the wheels.

LEWIS A. JILLSON.

Providence, R. I., Sept. 6, 1893.

Corn-O-(Zero.)

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

An exchange of ideas is wonderfully helpful to poultry raisers, as indeed it is to any class of men. In discussing corn as a feed for laying hens it is not my intention to belittle what C. R. Riggs had to say in Sept. 9th issue of the AMERICAN FANCIER yet I will partly use his article as a foundation.

I do not intend to fight Prof. P. H. Jacobs' battles for him either; as he is far more than a match for any man who attempts to kick at his theories, or facts, as I have found most of them to be. Certain it is that no one man has done more for the industry than he. Some of his discoveries have been rather startling at times and every old fossil has considered it his duty to kick; only to be swallowed up in the flood of facts and public opinion. I never lived

IN TEXAS

so can't say what effect corn has upon hens in that large and far off province, but here in New Jersey corn won't make eggs to any extent. I believe I am far enough away from Hammonton so that my hens don't feel the direct influence of brothers Jacobs and Boyer, yet indirectly that might be the case as the *Poultry Keeper* and the *Fanciers' Journal* are regular visitors to my establishment.

I have never seen, in the *Poultry Keeper*, that hens should be starved if eggs are wanted except, perchance, it was recommended to reduce over amount of fat. Hens should always be kept in good condition. Poor hens are, generally speaking, poor layers and over fat hens are the same.

There is a vast deal of difference between plump hens and over fat ones. A friend of mine, in speaking of Plymouth Rocks and their inclination to produce more fat than is good for them, said he killed one a few days previous. She had not layed for several weeks and he therefore thought she was more profitable to eat than to be eating good sound corn. He found upon opening her that her reproduction organs were covered with fat; in fact she was literally covered with fat inside and out. She had a nice cluster of undeveloped eggs but it was simply impossible to force those eggs along the egg passage. She didn't want to set because she didn't lay. In time she might have layed a few misshaped eggs providing she kept her health, which is doubtful. Over fatness is not a normal condition whether in bird or animal.

Mr. Riggs' Wyandottes with their infertile misshaped eggs are a mystery to me and have not been my experience. When my hens get so fat as to lay misshaped eggs I usually prepare to break up a lot of setters although other causes than fatness may induce hens to lay misshaped eggs at times; also the age might have had some effect. My experience does not include hens of uncertain age as I never keep a hen over the third winter and seldom over the second winter. A hen will lay more eggs during the first year and a half of its existence than during any succeeding year. A brother fancier of mine had a flock of 35 Brown Leghorns. Don't tell me they had a drop of impure blood in their veins, Mr. Riggs, for if they were not pure no Leghorn is. They were fine birds from the best of stock and nearly all prize winners themselves or their parents were. Nearly every year one or more would become broody and he actually set several and

they raised their brood. In every case the hens that became broody were over fat. It makes no difference whether from the excess of corn or not, only as every one knows corn will produce fat quicker than almost anything else. Last week I discovered a Silver Spangled Hamburg hen caring for a batch of chicks that she had hatched—having stolen her nest—don't tell me she was not pure, Mr. Riggs, for I won't believe you. I am no chicken in the hen business, thank you, and I think I can tell impure blood, after several generations at least. This hen is fat even after her three weeks' set and scanty food. There is no use in citing examples where non setting breeds have been made to sit or where setters have been made almost non setters through feed alone. Messrs. Jacobs and Boyer have repeatedly given such examples or facts and yet Mr. Riggs has never had such experiences. Strange things often happen down in Texas, we are told.

I WOULD LIKE TO ASK

why farmers generally grumble because their hens don't lay good and continually want to sit?

It is a rarity to find a poor hen on a farm and how can it be otherwise when corn is fed liberally year in and year out. Why is it that farmers, in a great many instances, have to buy eggs during the winter season? Surely if corn will make eggs he is just the man to have plenty.

My father keeps about 40 hens. They have unlimited range with plenty of corn night and morning. These fowls have a good warm roost and plenty of room, but from two to ten eggs a day was the rule all last winter. I keep my fowls yarded, winter and summer, in flocks of 15 each. During the winter I fed whole corn (at night only) about two days per week, i. e., whenever the weather was extremely cold. Now one of these flocks of 15 layed two or three times more eggs than my father's 40 and I didn't have as many setters. Why? Because my fowls were not as fat as my father's. Mr. Riggs says more than half of his hens, when they became broody, were poor. Strange, isn't it. If he feeds his hens well, as I presume he does, I don't see what he is doing with so many poor hens. I feed my hens liberally (no corn though) and they are in good condition with once in a while a fat one or bordering in over fatness. I have noticed that the majority of my setters are fat. I argue this wise (I think Mr. Jacobs means the same) that the majority of hens that want to set are fat but for all that we will occasionally find a poor one that has the fever very bad. There are exceptions to all rules.

ABOUT JULY 1ST

I ran out of wheat and oats, but had plenty of corn, so concluded to keep on with the regular mixed morning mess, but feed whole corn at night. I hadn't fed the corn long before my hens began to drop off in laying and come up in setting. Two weeks ago I stopped the corn and fed wheat, oats, and rye—feeding wheat about three nights to oats or rye one night. In a week's time my hens began to gain and are now laying fairly well, although they are all more or less moulting.

Mr. Riggs' over fat Wyandottes has illustrated a point I have often made that over fatness and fertility do not travel the same road. Because one man has made setters of Leghorns or Minorcas and another man never has been able to do the same we must not conclude that this or that man lied. Conditions and

the method of feeding may have something to do with the results. I believe hens, running at large, especially the Mediterranean class, will not fatten as readily as those confined. I also believe that fowls of this class will seldom, if ever, become over fat when running at large. I also believe that Mr. Riggs' four Minorcas are not over fat, for the simple reason that they are very active, and having more than an abundance of feed they have become disgusted with all such stuff, and if he should open the crop at night—or perhaps he could tell by working the crop of the live fowl with his fingers—he would find more grass bugs and trash therein than corn meal or sorghum seed.

OF COURSE

if he stopped feeding, or largely reduced the feed, his fat Wyandottes would stop laying. The starving plan wasn't carried far enough. If he had starved those hens down to their proper weight or below it and then have fed judiciously for eggs, the birds would have layed more regular shaped eggs and probably fertile ones, and also, without doubt, more of them.

I think Bro. Riggs should carry his experiments in new fields, but, as I said before, Texas and New Jersey is far apart. It is very evident that the treatment of laying hens will not work the same in the two States. The less corn feed and the more exercise my hens have the more eggs I get.

If hens are starved they cannot be expected to lay. The object is plenty of food without an over supply, and given in such a manner as to induce activity, and I think you will find this to be the substance of Bro. Jacobs teachings. If too much food is given, especially corn, and thrown down so the fowls can walk up and eat their fill, at once the result will be very disastrous as far as eggs are concerned. If Mr. Riggs would take four Brahmas or Cochins and put them in the half-acre lot with the chicken feed and sorghum seed the results will be far different from what they are now with the Minorcas, providing they did not tire of the chicken feed and seed. It would be well for him to try the experiment. The

NATURE CRANK

is a great pest, and he often tells us great and wonderful things which figure far better on paper than in actual experience. Mr. Riggs might have brought up the ostrich, or a certain breed of wild turkeys, as purely non-setters, as well as his blackbird, but that don't settle the question of Brown Leghorns as they were first found in their natural state. The Brown Leghorn of to-day is a made breed, we might say, the non-setting qualities being bred in them just as much as color and shape. The breed has always been noted for its activity, even as first imported, yet when the statement is made that they were originally as cute and knowing as the Texas blackbird it makes me smile. But probably Mr. Riggs did not intend so much, or, if he did, he can doubtless tell us just what little fellows hatched the eggs and delt out the juicy worm (or was it corn?) If every other hen on my place proved to be a persistent setter I would not abandon the use of my incubators. I consider the hen a very obliging machine as long as she continues to lay nice fertile eggs but that is as far as I want her to go. I rather attend to the hatching myself as I don't care to have

my eggs used as a dancing platform or to have the big foot of a hen gently rest on a newly hatched chickens head. No thank you; I'll take the machine every time. I wish to gracious some one could manufacture fertile eggs. It would save an awful lot of hard work and cuss word, I don't know as that would do either for everybody would go in the broiler business and the bottom would drop out of prices. Nature furnishes the foundation and man develops the qualities so that all things work together for good to the poor bummer who pitches in with sleeves rolled up and with a determination to dig out a living or bust.

R. W. DAVISON.

Glendola, N. J., Sept. 13, 1863.

Toronto, Canada.

A Great Poultry and Pigeon Exhibition.

[Special report written for THE AMERICAN FANCIER.]

The Toronto show contained over 3,000 entries of poultry and pigeons, the largest and best lot of birds ever exhibited in Canada. In Light Brahmas about a dozen cock birds showed up, but the most of them in such bad feather that it was hard to tell which was the best bird; hens about 13 in number, and many good hens left out of the prizes because there were only three prizes awarded. First prize hen was grand in shape, with a full deep breast and the most perfect back that could be imagined, and one of those tails that would make Geo. Purdue say, "That's some of my stock"; grand in wing and neck, and her white was as white as snow. The second prize hen very good, but not so good in color or shape, while the third prize hen was about perfect in Brahma shape but lacked the depth of black in neck and tail that the other two winners possessed.

Dark Brahmas, 9 cocks. First prize cock just out of moult, and was in good show trim, but will have to give way to third prize cock later on. Second prize cock clean out of the moult, and looks just about as well as he ever will; in fact, we might say that six of the cocks will be good, creditable birds the coming winter. Hens about nine in number. First prize hen one of those grand steel colored birds, the black on her pencilling being a good solid black, while the second and third prize hens were larger and a little inclined to the Cochin family in general make up, and they lacked the color of the first prize hen. Cockerels, 10 in number. First prize cockerel had a clean walk over, and then four more of them were fit to go into good company. Buff Cochins, 8 cocks. First prize cock was in the very best of show shape. He was a little larger than the second prize bird and a little richer in color. 3d prize cock I learned was an English winner. Buff hens, 7. First hen grand in shape but a little light in color, but a Cochin all over of a very high order. Second prize hen higher in color, but not so good a shaped Cochin. Third prize hen a good one, but too small for first class company. The third prize should have gone to another hen that was shown but for her white legs and feet. Cockerels, 6. First prize cockerel a clean walk over, and though second and third were really good birds, left it easy for the first prize cockerel. Pullets, 7. First prize pullet grand Cochin shape, good rich buff, with an immense cushion and superb leg and toe feathering; an easy win. Second prize

sound in color and free from black or white in wing and flights, but lacking in cushion. Third prize pullet a very similar pullet, and being too young could not get any higher. Partridge Cochins, 4 old cocks, just fairly good birds. Hens, 6 in number. First prize hen large, beautiful color and pencilling, but too much Brahma shaped. Second hen good Cochin shape, but lacked color, though nicely pencilled. Third prize hen good color, but showed considerable shafting, and would not make a poor shaped Brahma. Cockerels, 4. First prize good Cochin shape but quite young, but what new feathers he had indicate he will make a fairly good bird. Second prize cockerel very long legged for a Cochin, slim in breast shape, otherwise not a bad bird. Third prize cockerel best in color but too young. Pullets, 6 in number. First prize pullet best in color, fairly good in pencilling, but lacks Cochin requisites; too tightly feathered to be in first class company. Second prize pullet a full feathered Cochin, not vulture hocked but very close; she lacked pencilling in the throat, but was very fluffy, and had immense leg and toe feathering, but lacks bottom color. Third prize pullet too many chicken feathers on her and too slim for good company. One full feathered pullet was left out for the end of her feathers being banded with a light edge and bottom color showing greyish brown, but a very nice shaped Cochin if color had been better. White Cochin cocks, 4. First a grand shaped Cochin with plumage as white as could be wished, lots of leg and toe feathering. Second prize bird not so good Cochin shape. Third cock not in good condition. Hens, 5. Description of cocks would answer for the three hens which won the prizes. Cockerels, 4. First and second two white beauties, and third not developed enough for the company it was in. Pullets, 6. First prize pullet a gem all over. Second not so good in shape, but white. Third prize pullet too young. One nice pullet had to be left out for deformed foot.

Black Cochins not so good as usually shown, being too much in moult. First prize hen grand in color, low and blocky, showing she is well up in years. The chicks were immensely high in lustrous green. Langshans, cocks 7. First prize cock grand in shape and color, but too fine in comb and light in eye. Second prize fairly good bird. First prize hen very rich in color, but looked a little too fat to show at her best. Second and third not so good. Cockerels, 7. First prize cockerel early bird, not so rich in plumage as second, nor quite so good a shape, but still his age helped him through. Third prize cockerel a promising young bird.

Plymouth Rocks probably had the most good birds that ever met at a fall fair. First prize cock not as distinct in marking as second prize, but was better up in show shape; third prize cock grand in color but lacked size. First prize hen good, but off in earlobe; second not so good in marking but better in earlobe; third prize hen, too muddy. Cockerel, first a walkover, grand in shape and a Plymouth Rock all over; second prize not developed enough yet, still as far as he has gone he lacks evenness of marking—but prizes were well placed. Pullets: first prize pullet grand in shape and in condition; second, better barred but too young, and will be heard tell of again; third prize pullet lacked in deep black of first and second prize, but clean-

ly barred—and some more left out that would usually look like winners.

White Plymouth Rocks, a large and grand show, both in old and young.

Hamburgs—to look at this class you would think you were at the Birmingham show. This was probably the best collection ever seen in Canada, and the defeated ones need not be ashamed of their birds for it was a royal class. Of birds, I noticed two silver pencilled cockerels with perfect tails, every feather and sickles black-green with a fine, distinct white band following the length of coverts and sickles.

In Polish, McNeil & Bogue were at their best, and when that's so, words can hardly make anyone believe it only those who have seen their birds, how good they have got this beautiful class of fowls.

Dorkings were well and grandly represented in all colors.

Games—in Black Red cocks, the best cock, no doubt, had to be left out for bumble foot; second prize cock was first at the Ontario show last winter, a grand bird but not quite large enough. First prize hen, third Crystal Palace winner, a good hen and showed herself much better than at Montreal, and I have no doubt will look pretty well after moulting; second, a grand hen, but begins to look as if age was pulling her down; third prize hen a good one, but looked overshadowed. The first cockerel grandly cut away, good color, striped too much in neck, but what Mr. Blunck would call a dandy; second a nice bird, but loses in feather; third and balance of class too stilty. They all seemed too shaky on legs to be called Game—looked more like traders than boxers. Pullets were a grand lot, especially the winners; balance of class too long and slim in legs and body. Brown Reds, first cock a large grand colored bird; second and third good birds. Hens were a grand class; first prize hen almost naked, but a show hen without feathers. Duckwings, first prize cock very large and grand in color; second, a model shaped Game cock, but lacked distinctness of color he had last year, so had to be content with second place; third following close up, in fact all in this class were good. Hens not quite so well up as cocks, but most of them will show well in the winter shows. Piles, first prize cock a grand bird, good enough to go to any show; second not quite so good; third fairly good and one unplaced will take a good one to beat him when in show shape.

Game Bantams would have made a good show of themselves, every class being well represented by some of the choicest, and the winners were away up in G. Ornamental Bantams immense, and the winners were not much ahead of those that did not get any prizes.

BISMARCK.

The Division of Poultry.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

It has been a matter of wonderment to myself and other California breeders, who have given the subject consideration, that our Eastern brethren have not long ago agitated the question of Government recognition of the poultry industry. Vast as the industry has become, it has, so far as the Government and the general public is concerned, been set down as one of the unimportant pursuits of the country, fit only to be followed by the farmer's wife, who could take her few dozen fowls or eggs to the city and exchange them for a calico gown or some

provender not raised on the farm. The late Secretary of Agriculture became somewhat interested, and instituted an investigation, the result of which, together with the figures revealed by the last census, led Uncle Jerry up to the realization that here was an industry equalling in magnitude any branch of rural industry, and exceeding others, totally neglected by the Government, and there is no question in my mind but what if there had been sufficient time before his official life ended to arrange the details, that without any solicitation on the part of the breeders poultry breeding would now be a recognized industry. At any rate, he was so forcibly impressed by its vastness and the lines of investigation laid down had brought the pursuit so favorably to his attention that Uncle Jerry has now, so I am informed, on his farm one of the finest and most complete poultry plants in the country, and has become a veritable breeder of the feathered tribe. Believing that if the facts in reference to the value of the poultry industry and its importance agriculturally and commercially were presented to the attention of the present Secretary of Agriculture, recognition could be obtained, and the animal bulletins to be issued by the department would tend to the advancement of the poultry interests generally. The Los Angeles County (California) Poultry Association, at its April meeting, adopted the resolutions on the subject which have been published in the poultry papers and favorably commented on, and endorsed by the associations generally, petitions in reference to the same being filed with the Secretary, and resulting in action being taken, as is evidenced by the following letter just received:

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,
WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 17, 1893.
Mr. C. T. Paul, President of the Los Angeles County Poultry Association, Los Angeles, Cal.

DEAR SIR:—I am in receipt of your communication of the 3rd instant, addressed to me on behalf of the Los Angeles County Poultry Association, and enclosing resolutions of this society, requesting an establishment in this Department of a Division of Poultry. I will inform you in reply that there is in my judgment no occasion for the establishment of a special division in the interest of the poultry industry, inasmuch as the Bureau of this Department known as the Bureau of Animal Industry is charged by the law with duties of such general character in relation to the animal industry of the country that it is at present, in my opinion, fully authorized to perform whatever functions it may be proper for this Department to undertake with reference to the poultry interests.

Yours is one of several communications I have received from individuals and associations, representing the poultry industry, looking toward a fuller recognition of the poultry industry in the economy of this Department. Believing that the first thing to be done in this interest is to present such facts and figures in regard to it as will reveal to us its actual importance, agriculturally and commercially, I have, as a preliminary step, instructed the statistician of this department to take measures to procure all the information available with reference to the poultry product and consumption throughout the country; and I bespeak for him in carrying out these instructions the hearty co-operation of all such associations over which you preside.

Very respectfully,

J. STERLING MORTON, Secretary.

Now the poultryman should do his part in preparing the facts required by the Department statistician, and I would suggest that the various State associations institute an investigation as to the following:

Value of poultry in the State;
Annual value of poultry and eggs produced;
Annual value of poultry and eggs consumed;
Annual value of poultry and eggs imported;
Annual value of poultry and eggs exported;

And such other data as may be available and of value to the Department.

The establishment of this poultry division would be of inconceivable value to the fraternity; therefore let us by intelligent preparation present a conclusive argument for its creation, and I am sure we shall obtain it.

JOHN C. STEDMAN,

Sec'y Los Angeles Co. Poultry Ass'n.
Los Angeles, Cal., Aug. 26, 1893.

Poultry Awards at Oswego, New York.

BRAHMAS.

LIGHT.—Fowls 1 Theo. O'Brien, Fulton, 2 O. J. Ketcham, Weedsport; chicks 1 and 2, F. H. Dolbear, Bowen's Corners.

DARK.—No premiums awarded.

COCHINS.

BUFF.—Fowls 1 Frank Whittmore, Lansing, 2 O'Brien; chicks 1 and 2 M. Kleason, Rochester.

PARTRIDGE.—Fowls 1 O'Brien, 2 Kleason; chicks 1 O'Brien, 2 Kleason.

WHITE.—Fowls 1 Como P. yds, Vermillion, 2 Nelson Gardner, Gilbert's Mills; chicks 1 Gardner.

BLACK.—Fowls 1 Como P. yds, 2 O. J. Ketcham; chicks 1 Como P. yds.

LANGSHANS.

BLACK.—Fowls 1 G. G. Whittiker, Bowers Corners, 2 Como P. yds; chicks 1 Whittiker.

AMERICAN DOMINIQUE.

Fowls 1, chicks 1 and 2 Como P. yds; fowls 2 Whittiker.

PLYMOUTH ROCKS.

WHITE.—Fowls 1 and 2 O'Brien; chicks 1 Gardner, 2 O'Brien.

BARRED.—Fowls 1 O'Brien, 2 A. J. Lamphere, Weedsport; chicks 1 Lamphere, 2 Dolbear.

PEA COMB BARRED.—Fowls 1 Dolbear, 2 C. W. Eno, Hannibal; chicks 1 O'Brien, 2 Dolbear.

WYANDOTTES.

SILVER.—Chicks 1 Como P. yds.

GOLDEN.—Fowls 1 Whittiker; chicks 1 O'Brien.

WHITE.—Fowls 1 O'Brien, 2 Lamphere.

JAVAS.

BLACK.—Fowls 1 and 2, chicks 1 Como P. yds; 2 M. Kleason.

WHITE.—Fowls 1, chicks 1 Como P. yds.

MOTTLED.—Fowls 1, chicks 1 Eno.

LEGHORNS.

BROWN.—Fowls 1 Chas. Lockwood, Oswego, 2 Eno; chicks 2 O'Brien.

R. C. BROWN.—All to Dolbear.

R. C. WHITE.—All to Whittiker.

WHITE.—Fowls 1 Shady Shore Poultry Farm; 2 Whittimore; chicks 1 M. Watson, New Haven, 2 Whittiker.

BLACK.—Fowls 1 Whittiker, 2 Whittimore.

DOMINIQUE.—Chicks 2 Whittiker.

BUFF.—All to Shady Shore P. Farm.

MINORCAS.

BLACK.—All to L. Garrison & Co., Syracuse.

WHITE.—All to Como P. yds.

ANDALUSIANS.

Fowls 1 Como P. yds, 2 O'Brien; chicks 1 Whittiker, 2 Como P. yds.

BLACK SPANISH.

Fowls 1 O'Brien, 2 and chicks 1 and 2 Whittiker.

POLISH.

WHITE-CRESTED BLACK.—Fowls 1, chicks 1 Como P. yds.

GOLDEN.—Fowls 1 and 2 Dolbear; chicks 1 Como P. yds, 2 Dolbear.

SILVER.—Chicks 1 and 2 Dolbear.

WHITE.—Fowls 1, chicks 1 Dolbear, 2 Como P. yds.

BEARDED SILVER.—All to Como P. yds.

BEARDED WHITE.—Chicks 1 Dolbear.

BUFF-LACED.—All to Como P. yds.

HAMBURGHS.

GOLDEN SPANGLED.—Fowls 1 Whittimore, 2 and chicks 1 and 2 Dolbear.

SILVER SPANGLED.—All to Como P. yds.

GOLDEN PENCILLED.—All to Dolbear.

SILVER PENCILLED.—All to Como P. yds.

WHITE.—Fowls 1 Gardner, 2 Dolbear; chicks 1 and 2 Gardner.

BLACK.—All to Gardner.

RED CAPS.

Fowls 1 Whittiker, 2 Eno; chicks 1 Whittiker, 2 Como P. yds.

DORKINGS.

COLORED.—Fowls 1 and 2 Lamphere; chicks 1 Dolbear.

WHITE.—All to Como P. yds.

GAMES.

B. B. RED.—Fowls 1 Whittiker.

WHITE PILE.—Chicks 1 Como P. yds, 2 M. Kleason.

BANTAMS.

B. B. RED GAME.—1 Como P. yds, 2 Lockwood.

GOLDEN SEBRIGHT.—Fowls 1 Whittiker; chicks 1 and 2 Kleason.

SILVER SEBRIGHT.—Fowls 1 O'Brien; chicks 1 Kleason, 2 Dolbear.

ROSE-COMBED WHITE.—Fowls 1 Kleason, chicks 1 Kleason, 2 Dolbear.

R. C. BLACK.—Fowls 1 Kleason, 2 Gardner; chicks 1 Kleason, 2 Como P. yds.

BUFF PEKIN.—Fowls 1 Como P. yds, 2 Ketcham; chicks 1 Como P. yds, 2 Kleason.

FRIZZLES.

Fowls 1 Gardner, 2 H. H. Sweek.

DUCKS.

PEKIN.—1 and 2 O'Brien.

AYLESBURY.—1 and 2 Lockwood.

CAYUGA.—1 and 2 Lamphere.

COLORED MUSCOVY.—1 Como P. yds, 2 Lamphere.

WHITE MUSCOVY.—1 Dolbear, 2 Gardner.

GRAY CALL.—2 Como P. yds.

WHITE CRESTED.—1 Gardner.

TURKEYS.

BRONZE.—1 Ketcham, 2 M. Chesbro, Phoenix.

NARRAGANSETT.—1 Dolbear.

WHITE.—1 Dolbear, 2 Ketcham.

GEESE.

TOULOUSE.—1 Thos. Andrews, Sterling Valley.

GUINEA FOWLS.

1 and 2 Jno. Green, Volney.

PEA FOWLS.

1 O'Brien, 2 Como P. yds.

Webster & Hannum were awarded 1st and special on their new Bone Cutter.

The Poultry Exhibit at Johnstown, N. Y.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER :

The exhibit of Poultry at the Fulton County Agricultural Society Fair held at Johnstown, N. Y., Sept. 4th to 7th was one of the chief attractions and was a display that would cause any fancier to feel proud that he or she was a resident of Fulton county. By actual count there were 589 birds under the shed and taken all in all they were *away above* those generally shown at fairs, and in several of the classes there were specimens good enough to be shown at Madison Square, and in fact some of them have been there and won. The Society offers prizes and liberal prizes too, on both fowls and chicks, and also for breeding pens. They hire judges who at least have the reputation of knowing what good birds are and perhaps this is one of the reasons why so many good specimens are shown at their fair, as it simply is a case "of no culls need apply." The Asiatic class was represented by some fairly good Light and Dark Brahmas, Buff, Partridge and White Cochins and Black Langshans. In the American class, the 8 White Plymouth Rock hens shown by D. S. Baird & Sons deserve more than a mere mention. They were extra fine. There were some good Barred Rocks particularly a young cockerel shown by Mr. Quackenbush, some good White Wyandottes and Black Javas and some fairly good White Javas and Golden Wyandottes. The Silver Wyandottes were poor, and the American Dominiques only fair. The Spanish class was well represented. Rose and Single Comb White Leghorns of fair quality. Rose and Single Comb Brown Leghorns, a good class, particularly strong in quality was a cock and cockerel shown by Willard Selmsier, who also showed some good hens, and an extra fine pullet and cockerel shown by Jennie Vaissiere. Some good Black Leghorns were shown by Mr. Mosher, who also showed some good W. F. B. Spanish.

In the Game class the unconquerable Blunck came out with a string that would cause almost any of the Game breeders of America to "turn green." He had on exhibition Black Reds, Brown Reds, Duckwings, Pyles, Indians, and showed a Birchen pullet that was "away above G."

The Hamburg class was only represented by some fairly good Blacks. In Polish, some good W. C. Blacks and bearded Silvers; also non-bearded Silvers. Two good pens of Houdans were all of the French variety shown, and Eddie Hale's display of grand White Dorkings was all of the English class.

The Game Bantam class was small; only a few fair Black Reds and yellow Duckwings, and quite a nice pen of S. Duckwings, the latter shown by Chas. H. Leach. But in "Bantams other than Game" there were shown some grand birds. The Japanese of Mosher, the S. Sebrights of Vaissiere, and the Silver Sebrights, Buff and White Cochins or Pekin and Black Africans of H. J. Quilhot standing out most prominently as regards superior merit. In the miscellaneous class were some Rumpless, a nice clean pen of American Wonders, the property of Adolph G. Horn, and a pen of Sherwoods. Turkeys were a good lot, Bronze, White, Black, Buff, and Slate being shown. Ducks shown were Pekin, Rouen, Aylesbury, and White Crested. Geese, White China, some grand Embden, and Toulouse. There was also a small display of pigeons.

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Poultry at Syracuse, N. Y.

Over Three Thousand Birds Exhibited at the New York State Fair.

In past years the managers of the New York State Fair thought an old tent, button-holed by the rain at that, good enough for poultry and pigeons. The vigorous prodding they received from the press and exhibitors however, induced them to turn over a new leaf, and this year a building new and bright, greeted the poultry exhibitor. Then a condition and not a theory, confronted Superintendent Lewis, the building was tall enough and nice looking on the outside, but it was capable of holding only 1000 fowls comfortably, and he must find room for 3000 or more. The new coops were evidently designed by a man who never bred poultry. They were in three tiers, the lower one being for ducks, geese or breeding pens, and the second also for pens, while the third tier was designed for single birds, and were so small that a good sized cockerel could not extend himself without hitting his comb and head against the roof. When one saw hundreds of fine birds in such cramped quarters an indignant protest against the managers was forthcoming. The new coops being far from enough, old ones had to be called into service, and in some places birds were five tiers high. Classification was out of question. This, with the absence of cards indicating the breed or variety made the poultry exhibit a roaring farce. On Saturday the third day judging began and the solitary and tall Rockenstyle of Albany was assigned to the work. So slow was his progress that the Game and Game Bantam breeders sent a petition to the Superintendent begging him to place A. E. Blunck on the Games and Game Bantams and get them judged before it became time to lay in a supply of coal for next winter. Mr. Blunck made a successful debut and finished his work in good season. The American, Spanish, Hamburg, Leghorn and other classes were not considered at all by Saturday night. While it is possible for one judge to award the prizes in a few days at a large show with proper classification, such a task was impossible at Syracuse, and the managers of the fair owe it to themselves and to the exhibitors to avoid such a miserable condition of things in the future.

To criticise the birds at such a show is almost impossible, as many of the best specimens were hidden away in the dark recesses of small coops located in narrow aisles.

The Asiatic class was strong in numbers the Light Brahmas showing up in good feather and quality, D. Lincoln Orr and Uncle Warner having birds of more than average merit, while some of the less favorably placed birds looked well but were unhappy. Dark Brahmas were numerous and in males quite strong in quality, but in females only W. A. Fuller's fine pen came up to expectations, Mr. Fuller forgot to enter single birds, believing the birds in his pen entitled to single prizes, which was not allowed. This deprived him of the pleasure of cleaning out the other exhibitors. However he won on pen hands down. Buff Cochins looked like a good lot, but the youngsters were stuck away in small coops and could not show to advantage. White and Black Cochins not very numerous. Langshans a fairly large class,

some good birds being discovered now and then.

The American class was very strong in numbers and quality.

Barred Plymouth Rocks filled many coops, Phelps, Wilcox, Orr and others competing with clean looking stock. I rather fancied the old bird shown by Phelps. He looked like the New York winner of 2d in 1892. Barring and color extremely good.

Even the dark aisles and unsuitable coops could not hide the good qualities of some of the White Plymouth Rocks. J. M. Dexter and D. F. Taylor had a battle royal in this class, and better birds are seldom if ever seen than they showed. White Wyandottes made a superb showing, Knapp Bros., having a beautiful string of these handsome fowls, notably a pullet, which had marvellous plumage and perfect symmetry. In cockerels the fight between Knapp, Dexter and Taylor was pretty even, the latter showing an early hatched bird full of quality and grand in symmetry, but failed in color, Knapp showing a clean cut cockerel white as the driven snow, but a trifle undeveloped.

In old birds, J. M. Dexter showed a cock in grand condition, with the whitest plumage imaginable, Knapp also filling in this class with a crack bird. It was the strongest class of White Wyandottes I ever saw at a fall show.

Silver Wyandottes as a rule first class, Phelps and Wilcox both contributing high class birds. There is some hope for this breed in New York State, but the exhibitor who showed single comb Spangle Breasted Wyandottes should be presented with a standard.

Golden Wyandottes an immense class filling many coops, but so badly placed that many good birds escaped notice. I do not hesitate to say that it was the largest and best showing of Golden Wyandottes I ever saw in a show room, and it is to be hoped that the best of these birds will meet C. W. Johnson's cracks at the next New York show. The cockerels looked as if the Golden Wyandottes had passed its Silver cousin in quality by many lengths. I did not see a really poor one in the lot. In pullets, Phelps showed a beautifully laced hen, showing such clean open centres and lustrous black lacing that perfection was not far off. Messrs. Pugh, Mason and Phelps will make Golden Wyandottes a strong class at any show. The few Buff Wyandottes shown looked promising.

American Dominiques were just prominent enough to remind one that such a breed still exists, but it's a pity that the clean, sprightly Dominique of the past should be so neglected at present. It is one of the hardest and best fowls on earth.

The Black Minorcas at Syracuse were a grand lot of birds, fully up to the highest standard requirements in some instances, and the exhibits of Emery L. Pugh and L. Garrison & Co. are worthy of special mention.

Leghorns were an immense class, filling long double rows of coops. It was the largest exhibit of this magnificent race of fowls I can remember ever having seen.

The new comers, the Buff Leghorns, had the place of honor, i.e., managed to be cooped where the light was good and where visitors could see them. When I recollect the Buff Leghorns (?) of three years ago, and draw mental comparison with those of to-day, I must admit that American breeders of this variety have

done nobly in improving a very crazy-quilt like constructed breed of fowls. Three years ago a Red Pyle with blue undercolor and a big single comb, and uncertain legs, was called a Buff (?) Leghorn; to-day it takes a good, clean colored bird, with yellow legs, to stand any chance of winning. Prominent in the Buff Leghorn exhibit were the birds of Mrs. W. P. Wheeler, of Geneva, N. Y. They were shown in splendid health and looked like thoroughbreds, the cockerel being good in shape and typical of the breed; color of breast, hackle and saddle a very good buff, tail too dark, being chestnut and black, wings good, but too much black in primaries and secondaries. Comb good, but curves too close to head and neck. This bird should make an excellent breeder. The best pullet shown by Mrs. Wheeler was extra good in comb and lobe, and a good even buff color except tail, which was a trifle too light, under color rather light, shanks and toes perfect. Shady Shore poultry yards had one pen of chicks on exhibition that would satisfy the most exacting crank. The birds were young, but showed up well in color, especially the cockerel. It was the best pen of birds I have yet seen. In old birds Shady Shore poultry yards showed a good pair, the hen being extra good in color. There were other exhibits in this class of more than average merit, and, taken as a whole, Buff Leghorns at Syracuse indicate a bright future for the breed. Brown Leghorns, both single and rosecomb, were plentiful, but so badly placed that comparison or inspection was out of the question, unless the birds were removed from their temporary dungeons and taken to light. Geo. H. Gallinger, of Fabius, N. Y., made a strong showing in the single comb variety, both in males and females. One pen of rose comb Brown Leghorns attracted considerable attention, the birds being grand in color and shape, with that rare feature, good combs, added.

White Leghorns a grand class, Knapp Bros. making another grand display in the single comb variety, and I am inclined to think the birds a little ahead of anything they have shown in several years, which is saying much. The magnificent condition of all of Knapp's stock should be a lesson to other exhibitors, especially amateurs. The frequent remarks of the uninitiated, that Knapp Bros. use artificial methods to whiten the plumage of their birds are all bosh. Let them visit Fabius and see what practical poultrymen can do aided by congenial natural surroundings. The only chemicals used there are what nature supplies in the shape of proper food, pure water and air, and abundant shade. A little Ivory or Castile soap and plenty of common sense supplies the rest. Many of our practical poultry writers and believers in farm poultry, could learn something of real *practical* poultry keeping by visiting Knapp Bros. farm. Then let them take the train for Owego and visit James Forsyth's great ranch and see how to conduct practical poultry farming. Both are fanciers, yet have done more for practical poultry keeping than hundreds of our mythical market poultrymen. While on such a trip they must not forget to visit Wyckoff's, Cornell's and other poultry farms. I dwell on this simply because it is becoming too fashionable nowadays to condemn fanciers.

Hamburgs numbered over 200 birds,

the Silver Spangled, Black and Golden Pencilled varieties showing up strongest in quality, while the Silver Pencilled were better than usually shown. The Golden Spangled Hamburgs need looking after, not being up to the high standard of the Silver Spangled variety. Polish made up large classes, and excepting the Buff Laced were of good quality, the latter being altogether too much deficient in the white lacing. Dorkings made a full and strong showing.

Houdans also showed up well in quantity and quality.

La Fleche fair, but it is a pity that this best of French breeds is so neglected.

Creve-Coeurs not what they should have been.

Games a large class, but failed to produce anything extraordinary in quality.

Bantams made a show by themselves, Pekins, Sebrights, Black Rose Comb and Japanese being fully up to the average.

Game Bantams the best class ever seen at any show. Adrian W. Smith having on exhibition all his best birds, while C. P. Earle made a great showing in White and Red Pyle Game Bantams. In Black Reds, Mr. Smith had a walk over, the first cock being in superb condition and will be hard to beat next winter, the beautiful small head, hard feathers, silk like plumage and grand color and station of the little champion attracting every fancier. In Red Pyles the competition was red hot, especially in stags, Smith winning with a clean cut bird, good in color and of typical shape, Earle and Orth being close behind the winner with good birds. Smith's old champion Red Pyle had everything his own way. He is as good an old 'un as he was a youngster. In White Games, C. P. Earle showed the best pullet I have ever seen of this variety and his cockerel was by no means inferior to the winner. It was a close decision, Smith's stag winning by a hair, so to speak.

In Silver and Golden Duckwings, Mr. Smith again showed his hand to be full of trumps, and with other good birds in the class, the exhibit was a grand one.

Brown Reds were not up to the high standard of the other Game Bantams, but better than the average at most shows. I heard several breeders express themselves as going in for Brown Reds and no doubt a number of importations will be made in the near future.

Turkeys, Ducks and Geese not as numerous as they should have been. Below we give the awards as far as received:

BRAHMAS.

LIGHT.—Pen 1 D. Lincoln Orr, 2 John H. Warner; cock 1 D. Lincoln Orr, 2 Warner; hen 1 D. L. Orr, 2 Warner; cockerel 1 and 2 Warner; pullet 1 Warner, 2 McClave.

DARK.—Pen 1 Fuller, 2 Warner; cock 1 Burns & Co., 2 Warner; hen 1 McClave, 2 Warner; cockerel 1 McClave, 2 Burns & Co.; pullet 1 McClave, 2 Warner.

COCHINS.

BUFF.—Pen 1 Warner, 2 Burns & Co.; cock 1 Warner, 2 Burns & Co.; hen 1 Warner, 2 Ballard; cockerel 1 Warner, 2 Burns & Co.; pullet 1 Warner, 2 Burns & Co.

PARTRIDGE.—Pen 1 Warner, 2 B. D. Larr; cock 1 Larr, 2 Warner; hen 1 Ballard, 2 Larr; cockerel 1 R. F. Seeley, 2 Warner; pullet 1 Larr, 2 Warner.

WHITE.—Pen 1 Gardner, 2 Lent; cock 1 Burns, 2 Ballard; hen 1 McClave, 2 Burns & Co.; cockerel 1 and 2 Burns & Co.; pullet 1 and 2 Burns & Co.

BLACK.—Pen 1 Gardner; cock 1 McClave, 2 Como Yards; hen 1 McClave, 2 Como Yards; cockerel 1 McClave, 2 Jay M. Seymour; pullet 1 McClave, 2 Lent.

LANGSHANS.

Pen 1 R. D. Button; cock 1 and 2 W. A. Shaffer; hen 1 McClave, 2 Shaffer; cockerel 1 Button, 2 J. V. Whalehouse; pullet 1 McClave, 2 Button.

DORKINGS.

COLOR.—Pen 1 Button, 2 Dolbar; cock 1 Burns & Co., 2 D. A. Carter; hen 1 Carter; cockerel 1 Carter, 2 Dolbar; pullet 1 Button, 2 Carter.

SILVER GREY.—Pen 1 Burns & Co., 2 F. Frost; cock 1 and 2 Burns & Co.; hen 1 Button, 2 Burns

& Co.; cockerel 1 Burns & Co., 2 Bly's Stock Farm; pullet 1 and 2 L. Frost.

WHITE.—Pen 1 Burns & Co., 2 Como Yards; cock 1 and 2 Burns; hen 1 Burns, 2 Lent; cockerel 1 Carter, 2 Burns & Co.; pullet 1 Burns & Co., 2 Carter.

AMERICAN DOMINIQUE.

Pen 1 Wilcox, 2 Como Yards; cock 1 Wilcox, 2 Whitaker; hen 1 Wilcox, 2 Como Yards; cockerel 1 Wilcox, 2 Whitaker; pullet 1 Wilcox, 2 Como Yards.

PLYMOUTH ROCKS.

BARRED.—Pen 1 D. Lincoln Orr, 2 Wilcox; cock 1 M. E. Phelps, 2 McClave; hen 1 Wilcox, 2 McClave; cockerel 1 Youngs, 2 Wilcox; pullets 1 Phelps, 2 Wilcox.

PEA COMBED.—Pen 1 F. W. Church; cock 1 Button, 2 Dolbar; hen 1 Button, 2 Church; cockerel 1 Church, 2 Dolbar; pullets 1 Button, 2 Church.

WHITE.—Pen 1 D. F. Taylor, 2 J. M. Dexter; cock 1 Taylor, 2 Dexter; hen 1 Dexter, 2 Taylor; cockerel 1 Taylor, 2 Dexter; pullets 1 Taylor, 2 Dexter.

WYANDOTTES.

SILVER.—Pen 1 Phelps; cock 1 Wilcox, 2 Coe; hen 1 Phelps, 2 Wilcox; cockerel 1 and 2 Phelps; pullets 1 McClave, 2 Phelps.

WHITE.—Pen 1 Knapp Bros.; cock 1 Dexter, 2 Knapp Bros.; hen 1 Knapp Bros., 2 J. M. Dexter; cockerel 1 Knapp Bros., 2 Taylor; pullets 1 and 2 Knapp Bros.

GOLDEN.—Pen 1 H. D. Mason, 2 Phelps; cock 1 Mason, 2 E. S. Pugh; hen 1 and 2 Mason; cockerel 1 Sarr, 2 Mason; pullet 1 Phelps, 2 Mason.

JAVAS.

BLACK.—Pen 1 Lent, 2 Como Yards; cock and hen 1 Como Yards; cockerel 1 Lent, 2 Como Yards; pullets 1 Lent, 2 Kleason.

MOTTLED.—Pen 1 C. W. Eno; cock 1 Como Yards, 2 Wilcox; hen 1 Como Yards, 2 Wilcox; cockerel 1 Eno, 2 Wilcox; pullets 1 Eno.

WHITE.—Pen 1 Lent; cock 1 Como Yards, 2 McClave; hen 1 McClave, 2 Como Yards; cockerel and pullet 1 Como Yards.

JERSEY BLUES.

Cock 1 Gardner, 2 Kleason; hen 1 Gardner, 2 Kleason.

HAMBURGHES.

GOLDEN S.—Pen 1 Burns & Co., 2 Haskell; cock 1 Burns & Co., 2 Brouson; hen 1 J. T. Cothran, 2 Burns & Co.; cockerel 1 Brouson, 2 Burns & Co.; pullets 1 Brouson.

SILVER S.—Pen 1 Wilcox, 2 Seeley; cock 1 Bly's Stock Farm, 2 Burns & Co.; hen 1 Haskell, 2 Wilcox; cockerel 1 Wilcox, 2 Burns & Co.; pullets 1 Wilcox, 2 Haskell.

GOLDEN P.—Pen 1 Dolbar, 2 Shaffer; cock 1 Burns & Co., 2 Dolbar; hen 1 and 2 Shaffer; cockerel 1 Dolbar, 2 Burns & Co.; pullets 1 Shaffer, 2 Burns & Co.

SILVER P.—Pen 1 Burns & Co., 2 Como Yards; cock 1 Cothran, 2 McClave; hen 1 Burns & Co., 2 Cothran; cockerel 1 Burns & Co., 2 Shaffer; pullets 1 and 2 Como Yards.

WHITE.—Pen 1 Gardner, 2 Shaffer; cock 1 Shaffer, 2 Gardner; hen 1 Burns & Co., 2 Shaffer; cockerel 1 Gardner, 2 Shaffer; pullets 1 and 2 Dolbar.

BLACK.—Pen 1 Burns & Co., 2 Shaffer; cock 1 Burns & Co., 2 Shaffer; hen 1 Burns & Co., 2 Shaffer; cockerel 1 and 2 Burns & Co.; pullets 1 Burns & Co., 2 Gardner.

RED CAPS.

Pen 1 and 2 Cramer; cock 1 Cramer, 2 Como Yards; hen 1 Como Yards, 2 Eno; cockerel and pullet 1 and 2 Cramer.

BLACK SPANISH.

Pen 1 Haskell, 2 Burns & Co.; cock and hen 1 and 2 Burns & Co.; cockerel 1 Burns & Co., 2 Haskell; pullets 1 Haskell, 2 Burns & Co.

LEGHORNS.

S. C. WHITE.—Pen 1 and 2 Knapp Bros.; cock 1 Knapp Bros., 2 Shady Shore Poultry Farm; hen 1 Knapp Bros., 2 Shady Shore Poultry Farm; cockerel and pullet 1 and 2 Knapp Bros.

R. C. WHITE.—Pen 1 S. E. Sweet, 2 Button; cock and hen 1 S. E. Sweet, 2 Burns & Co.; cockerel 1 McClave, 2 Burns & Co.; pullets 1 McClave, 2 Button.

BROWN.—Pen 1 and 2 Gallinger; cock 1 Gallinger, 2 Burns & Co.; hen 1 Gallinger, 2 C. C. Phelps; cockerel 1 Gallinger, 2 Lent; pullets 1 McClave, 2 Gallinger.

R. C. BROWN.—Pen 1 Dolbar, 2 Button; cock 1 McClave, 2 Lent; hen 1 McClave, 2 Button; cockerel and pullet 1 Dolbar, 2 Button.

BLACK.—Pen, cock and hen 1 Como Yards; cockerel 1 Burns & Co., 2 Como Yards; pullets 1 Burns & Co.

ANDALUSIANS.

Pen 1 Whitaker, 2 Como Yards; cock 1 Como Yards, 2 McClave; hen 1 McClave, 2 Como Yards; cockerel and pullet 1 Como Yards.

MINORCAS.

BLACK.—Pen, cock 1 and 2 L. Garrison & Co.; hen 1 L. Garrison & Co., 2 Burns & Co.; cockerel and pullet 1 and 2 L. Garrison & Co.

WHITE.—Pen 1 C. W. Jerome, 2 Shaffer; cock 1 Como Yards; hen 1 Jerome, 2 Como Yards; cockerel 1 and 2 Jerome; pullets 1 Jerome, 2 Como Yards.

CREVE-COEUR.

Pen 1 Dolbar, 2 Seymour; cock 1 Seymour, 2 Bryant; hen 1 Dolbar, 2 Seymour; cockerel 1 Seymour, 2 Dolbar; pullets 1 and 2 Dolbar.

HOUDANS.

Pen 1 Burns & Co., 2 Button; cock 1 Burns & Co., 2 Coe; hen 1 Burns & Co., 1 Coe; cockerel 1 Burns & Co., 2 Como Yards; pullets 1 and 2 Burns & Co.

LA FLECHE.

Pen 1 Gardner; cock 1 Seymour, 2 Gardner; hen 1 Seymour, 2 Gardner; cockerel 1 Kleason, 2 Gardner; pullet 1 Gardner, 2 Kleason.

POLISH.

WHITE BEARDED.—Pen 1 Burns & Co., 2 Dolbar; cock 1 Burns & Co., 2 Dolbar; hen 1 and 2 Dolbar; cockerel 1 Burns & Co.; pullet 1 Dolbar.

PLAIN WHITE.—Pen 1 Bryant, 2 Burns & Co.; cock 1 Bryant, 2 Burns & Co.; hen 1, cockerel 1 and 2, pullets 1 and 2 Bryant.

PLAIN GOLDEN.—Pen 1 and 2, hen 1 Burns & Co.

BEARDED GOLDEN.—Pen 1, cock 1 and 2, hen 1 and 2, cockerel 1 and 2 Burns & Co.

SILVER PLAIN.—All to Burn & Co.

SILVER BEARDED.—Pen 1 Burns & Co., 2 Como Yards; cock 1 Burns & Co., 2 McClave; hen 1 Burns, 2 McClave; cockerel 1 and 2, pullet 1 Burns & Co., 2 McClave.

BUFF.—Pen 1 Como Yards; cock 1 Burns & Co., 2 Kleason; hen 1 Burns & Co., 2 Como Yards; cockerel 1 Burns & Co., 2 Kleason; pullet 1 Burns & Co., 2 Kleason.

GAMES.

INDIAN.—Pen 1 Burghart; cock 1 Webster & Hannum, 2 T. & I. Van Wagonen; hen 1 Van Wagonen, 2 Webster & Hannum; cockerel 1 Van Wagonen, 2 Burghart; pullet 1 Van Wagonen, 2 Burghart.

WHITE INDIAN.—Cock and hen 1 and 2 Webster & Hannum.

B. B. RED.—Pen 1 M. T. Burns & Co., 2 Lester B. Gunn; cock 1 M. Kleason, 2 Briggs; hen 1 Burns & Co., 2 Briggs; cockerel 1 and 2 Burns & Co.; pullet 1 and 2 Burns & Co.

BROWN RED.—Pen 2 H. H. Harms & Bro.

SILVER DUCKWING.—Pen 1 Gunn; cock 1 Burns & Co.; hen 1 and 2 Kleason.

GOLDEN DUCKWING.—Pen 1 Burns & Co., 2 Gunn; cock and hen 1 Burns & Co.; cockerel 1 and 2 Kleason; pullet 1 Burns & Co.

RED PYLE.—Pen 1 Burns & Co.; cock 1 Burns & Co., 2 Como poultry yards; hen 1 and 2, cockerel 1, pullet 1 and 2 Burns & Co.

BLACK.—Pen 1 H. H. Harms & Bro.; cock 1 Harms & Bro., 2 Kleason; hen 1 Harms & Bro., 2 Kleason; cockerel 1 and pullet 1 Gunn.

WHITE.—Pen 1 Kleason, 2 J. A. Spraker; cock 1 Kleason, 2 Como Yards; hen 1 Como Yards, 2 Kleason; cockerel 1 and 2 Kleason; pullet 1 Como Yards.

SUMATRA.—Pen 1 Kleason, 2 Gunn; cock and cockerel 1 Kleason; pullet 1 R. N. Cramer, 2 Kleason.

MALAYS.

Pen 1 Gunn, 2 Kleason; cockerel 1 Gunn, 2 Kleason; pullet 1 Gunn, 2 Kleason.

GAME BANTAMS.

BLACK B. RED.—Pen 1 A. W. Smith, 2 J. H. Warner; cock 1 and 2 A. W. Smith; hen 1 Smith, 2 T. M. Orth; cockerel 1 Smith, 2 Orth; pullet 1 and 2 Smith.

BROWN B. RED.—Pen 1 Smith, 2 Kleason; cock 1 T. C. Stanton, 2 Smith; hen 1 Smith, 2 Kleason; cockerel 1 and 2 Stanton; pullet 1 Kleason.

RED PYLE.—Pen 1 and 2, cock 1 and 2 Smith; hen 1 Smith, 2 Orth; cockerel 1 Smith, 2 C. P. Earle; pullet 1 Smith, 2 Earle.

WHITE.—Pen 1 and 2 Smith; cock 1 Smith, 2 Earle; hen 1 Earle, 2 Smith; cockerel 1 Smith, 2 Earle; pullet 1 Earle, 2 Smith.

SILVER DUCKWING.—Pen 1 Smith, 2 Dolbar; cock 1 and 2 Smith; hen 1 Whitney, 2 Smith; cockerel 1 and 2, pullet 1 and 2 Whitney.

GOLDEN DUCKWING.—Pen 1 Smith; cock 1 Smith, 2 Orth; hen 1 Smith, 2 Kleason; cockerel 1 Smith, 2 Stanton; pullet 1 and 2 Smith.

BLACK.—All to Earle.

BANTAMS OTHER THAN GAME.

GOLDEN SEABRIGHT.—Pen 1 Kleason, 2 Burns & Co.; cock 1 Kleason, 2 Burns & Co.; hen 1 Kleason, 2 McClave; cockerel 1 Kleason, 2 Burns & Co.; pullet 1 Burns & Co., 2 Kleason.

SILVER SEABRIGHT.—Pen 1 Meacham, 2 Warner; cock 1 Burns & Co., 2 Warner; hen 1 Kleason, 2 Warner; cockerel 1 Warner, 2 Burns & Co.; pullet 1 Burns & Co., 2 McClave.

ROSE COMBED BLACK.—Pen 1 Kleason, 2 Burns & Co.; cock 1 Burns & Co., 2 Kleason; hen 1 Burns & Co., 2 Kleason; cockerel 1 Smith, 2 Kleason; pullet 1 Smith, 2 Kleason.

ROSE COMBED WHITE.—Cock 1, hen 1 and 2 Kleason; cockerel 1 Smith, 2 Kleason; pullet 1 Smith, 2 Kleason.

BOOTED WHITE.—Cockerel 1, pullet 1 Kleason.

JAPANESE.—Cock 1 Burns & Co., 2 McClave; hen 1 Burns & Co., 2 Smith; cockerel 1 Burns & Co., 2 McClave; pullet 1 Burns & Co., 2 McClave.

PEKIN OR COCHIN.—Pen 1 Kleason, 2 Como Yards; cock 1 Burns & Co., 2 Como Yards; hen 1 Ketchum, 2 Kleason; cockerel 1 and 2 Como Yards; pullet 1 Kleason, 2 Como Yards.

W. C. WHITE POLISH.—Hen 1 Smith, 2 Kleason; cockerel 1 Kleason, 2 Smith; pullet 1 Smith, 2 Kleason.

TURKEYS.

BRONZE.—1 T. & I. Van Wagonen, 2 Bly Stock Farm.

WHITE.—1 R. N. Seeley, 2 O. E. Squires.

SLATE.—1 and 2 Seeley.

BUFF.—1 Alexander, 2 Seeley.

NARRAGANSETT.—1 Seeley, 2 Bly Farm.

BLACK.—1 James Seeley, 2 Chas. McClave.

GEESE.

TOULOUSE.—1 James Seeley, 2 McClave.

EMBLEN.—1 Sweet, 2 A. Warren Smith.

WHITE CHINA.—1 Shaffer, 2 James Seeley.

BROWN CHINA.—1 and 2 Shaffer.

WILD.—1 Milo Bills.

DUCKS.

ROUEN.—1 T. W. Jones, 2 Seymour.

AYLESBURY.—1 McClave, 2 Bly Farm.

CAYUGA.—1 Shaffer, 2 McClave.

WHITE MUSCOVY.—1 Dolbar, 2 Gardner.

COLOR MUSCOVY.—1 Como Yards, 2 Wheeler Stock Farm.

Public Opinion.

ITS PAGES REFRESHING.

Enclosed find my subscription for THE AMERICAN FANCIER. Its pages are refreshing, and hope they will not be disgraced by personal controversies between bellicose subscribers, as is so often the case in the —.

JOHN GRAVES.

Brooklyn, N. Y., Sept. 4, 1893.

TRANSFER.—From F. M. Gilbert to P. F. Hager, the champion white fan hen "Belle Durland," 1st Liverpool, 2nd Louisville, and 1st Nashville.

PIGEONS.

The English Pouter.

To THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

The fancier who aspires to the cultivation of this high class variety has a herculean task in store, if he wishes to bring and keep it to a standard at all approaching perfection, for it is one of the most difficult breeds to keep to a high degree of purity or reach the ideal. There is a fascination, however, in the Pouter that amply compensates for the difficulties encountered. Unlike most other breeds which are shy and untractable, the Pouter loves its master's presence and attention, and it is impossible to portray in words the graceful and ever-changing attitudes a well trained Pouter will display. Its grace and hauteur charm and captivate its votary, and I may say that a genuine Pouter crank can find nothing to attract him in any other breed of pigeon, so exclusive is his love for the "king-oo-doo." The essential points of a standard specimen placed in the respective order of value are as follows:

- 1st, Slenderness of body;
- 2nd, Length, shape, and position of limb, with stocking and toe feathering;
- 3rd, Size and shape of crop;
- 4th, Carriage and action;
- 5th, Length of feather;
- 6th, Color and marking (these two equal).

In Blue and Black Pies correct markings should have precedence to inferior shades of color; in Red and Yellow richness and depth of color before correct markings.

The beak should be long and straight in Reds, Yellows, and Whites, of a pale flesh color, and in Blues and Blacks as black as possible. The head should be small in proportion to size of the bird; nicely arched and narrow in skull. The neck should be long and straight and the back long, with a tendency to arch inward rather than outward. In size the body of the Pouter is small, its crop and great length of tail and flight feathers giving it the appearance of a large bird. Color of eyes in all the Pouter family, except in Whites, should be a deep orange; in Whites the eyes are black, or, as it is sometimes termed, "bull." The shoulders should be small and fit tightly to the body, breast bone straight and narrow, belly and back also narrow, and whole body of slight construction.

The limbs should be long and placed as far back on the body as possible; they should be placed closely together and perfectly straight when viewed from the front. The greater the length of this member, from the knee down, the longer the limb will appear.

Short soft feathers should cover the thigh and leg, and, fitting tightly, form what is called a stocking-booted limb; the claws should also be entirely covered with short small feathers. The crop or pout, from which this bird derives its name, is a loose skin or bag, whose growth starts from the base of the under mandible and extends to the shoulders.

This pigeon possesses the remarkable power of extending this by suction of wind and when so inflated it should present the appearance of a globe, well balanced, equally proportioned on each side, and slightly inflated at the back of the neck, this latter point forming what is called the hollow curve of the back. It

should cave well in at the base in front, at juncture with the breast bone, as this point materially adds to the display of a slender girth. The carriage of the Pouter should be upright and sprightly; the eye should be on a line with the limbs when the bird is in a showy humor. To be perfection in carriage a Pouter must walk perfectly upright in a very dignified manner, with tail slightly spread and crop well inflated.

We now come to length of feather, which to display to good advantage must always be proportionate with length of limb.

The length of a Pouter is determined by measurement from the tip of the beak to the extremity of the tail feathers, and may be accurately obtained by placing the first finger under the beak and thumb at back of the skull, gently stretching him to his proper length against a marked board, using the right hand for the beak and skull and holding the specimen in the usual way in the left hand.

In first class specimens the cock should go 20 inches and the hen 19; but it must always be remembered that to carry this amount of feather properly requires in the cock bird a 7 1-4 inch and in the hen a 7 inch limb, and it must then be placed properly back so your bird (if the tail be carried in proper style) will drag his feathers on the ground, and you will not, as the old Pouter crank terms it, "see daylight under him."

The wing feathers should be very wide and in length extend to the end of the tail, being carried above it. The tail feathers should, of course, be long as possible, but at variance with the wing primaries, inasmuch as the wing primaries are desired broad, while the tail feathers must be narrow as possible.

The last properties accorded to our subject are color and marking, and are, of course, confined to the Pied varieties. Of these there are Blacks, Yellows, Reds, Blues, and sundry off colors, such as Chequers, Silvers, and Mealies. The Blacks and Blues have dark tails, while the Reds and Yellows are desired with white ones, though from frequent crossing of the Red and Yellow with Black to give density to the colors of the former you will often find the best colored Reds and Yellows to have tail feathers streaked with their body color. This I consider no great fault.

The colored portion of a Pouter should be confined to the head and neck, upper parts of breast and back, and in Blues and Blacks the tail; the line of demarcation just below the breast bone must be evenly and sharply cut, as in the Magpie. The lower parts of back, breast, and belly, also the thighs and leg feathering, should be entirely white, though in judging a little allowance should be made for foul thighs in Blacks, it being very difficult to breed this color perfect in this respect. The perfect markings of a Pied Pouter are as follows: On the ground color of its crop it should have a patch of white feathers as near the shape of a crescent, or half moon, as possible and situated on the centre of the crop, leaving a good space of color between the beak and itself, which space is termed "the bib." The crescent should be about one and one-half inches at its central and widest part, and should taper up into points on both sides just under and below the ear. On the shoulders, about an inch from the wing butts, should appear the pinion markings, consisting of about

a dozen single white feathers interspersed with colored ones. This patch of mottling should be as nearly round as possible, and cover a space of one and one-fourth inches. When so situated it is called a rose pinion, but such is rarely seen. In the majority of cases the white feathers are in patches, and often only a single patch is seen, which frequently extends to the wing butt. When so marked the specimen is termed bishoped or lawn sleeved, and is, I consider, a worse fault than having no wing markings at all.

The most frequently met with and glaring faults in a Pouter may be summed up as follows: Coarse girth, improperly placed and badly shaped limbs, too roughly or too thinly booted limbs, raised or hog back, tail carried up, imperfectly shaped crescent. When the white extends too far up on the crop it is termed "swallow throated"; "ringneck" is the appellation bestowed when the crescent marking extends up too far and the points merge into one another at the back of the neck. Black or bull eyes in the Pied varieties are also bad defects.

Pouters require considerable handling and training before being fit to show, in order to get them to show up when being poked at and talked to by the judge, as a Pouter's good properties are only displayed to their full extent when he is in a showy humor.

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Selfishness.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

Your very kindly suggestion to me to be careful and not stir up any trouble, which was forwarded in my post to this place, is entirely needless. It shall be my aim to write only such things as shall be of benefit to the fancy. If in the pursuit of what I deem essential I shall be called upon to treat of certain matters, unpleasant but necessary, rest assured I shall do so in such terms that none can take offense.

My text for this article shall be "Selfishness," for want of a better title. There is too much, far too much, of it in this country. What is needed is more of the *bonhomie*, if I may say it, that we have in England.

Let me go back a few years. I lived in a place where there were many fanciers, and by short trips by rail we could reach many more. None of us were what you might call wealthy, but I am free to say we were not so poor as to be selfish. It was rare that one man sold a bird or a pair to another. We either gave or exchanged. The victory of one of us, in a hot place, was a subject of congratulation for all. There was none of this bitterness that I see on this side. There was no one who set himself up as a kind of know-all, and derided both the birds and the sentiments of all the rest. There was no one who seemed to feel that he had a perfect right to own all the best birds in England, and the rest—poor devils—might sit off and envy him, and that be all.

On the contrary, it would be something like this: "Jack, you have a nice youngster there. Now when you get ready to mate come and pick you out a hen for him, and see what you get." The two men would thus take a brotherly interest in the work. And how often have I seen three or four get together and make some poor lad's heart glad by giving him a nice start. And they gave them free as air—aye, and not culls,

either, but as good as they had. There are some bad points in the English and Scotch, but there's many a good one.

Now, over here they seem to be in it for what can be made. It's selfishness. Why don't they lay aside all of it and be fanciers? Why, I have been at some shows here where a man would stand in a crowd and belittle every man (who was not there) who happened to breed the same kind of birds as he. To hear him say it, one would think he owned the only good birds in his class that were ever bred. And if, mayhap, some one of his auditors spoke of a certain party as having fairish birds, it was like touching a torch to the fireworks.

This is all selfishness. Aye, and it's the same way with most of your pigeon papers over here. You are not content to go along, each getting a just share of the patronage both in subscribers and in advertising. One paper wants it all, and the result of this selfishness is that space that might well be devoted to those topics which are of interest to all fanciers is thrown away on broils between the editors.

I am speaking now of the other papers, and I may add that I have seen nothing to criticise in this regard in your first two numbers.

Very naturally the question arises, "How shall we do away with this selfishness?" I would answer—By getting better acquainted; by doing away with all sectional feeling. There should be no points of the compass in this grand country. By burying all factional feeling. There should not be a clique here or a coterie there, and all at swords' points. When the fanciers can see that the good of one is the good of all, a great point will have been gained. One of your men on this side told me of an experience he had with another. Says he, "I had often heard of Mr. —, but never had met him, and I can't say I had heard much good of him. To hear them tell it, he was conceited, vindictive, arrogant, and what not. I was in the place he lived, passing through, and at first I thought I would not call on him, but I decided to do so and form my own conclusions. Judge of my surprise to meet a welcome that 'warmed the cockles o' my heart.' That I was a fancier was enough, and I parted from him and his family with sincere regret. When I got home the first thing I did was to write some of my close friends and tell them how sadly we had wronged this warm-hearted man." I take it that he who loves pets can't be wholly bad. If the fanciers would meet more, would mix more, I'll warrant there would soon be a change in this good land. As the clouds of doubt and uncertainty drift away and the warm sunshine of fraternal feeling takes their place, you will see this horrid bugaboo "selfishness" hie itself away to the stygian darkness whence it came.

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Lindell Hotel, St. Louis, Sept. 12, '93.

The Archangel Club.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

The long looked for Archangel Club is now almost an assured success. It gave me great pleasure to see three more names enrolled for the proposed club, and with these three additional ones, I presume the club can now be started and organized.

The idea suggested by Mr. Fetterolf of having a formal meeting at Philadelphia sometime during this month, is a good

move, providing all the gentlemen could attend, but I am afraid this may not come to pass, as it is rather inconvenient, at least for me it is.

I would be very much pleased to hear what the gentlemen from Reading have to say on the subject. I should think we can organize by correspondence or through the columns of the proposed official journal THE AMERICAN FANCIER.

The Magpie as well as other specialty clubs have thus started, and I don't see why we can't do the same. Why don't we hear from those ardent fanciers, the Messrs. Roebeling, Overman, Reccius, Dr. Beush, Poesche, King, Erdelmeyer and a good many others, to come forth and join hands with us and make this club the foremost of all specialty clubs. Gentlemen do not hesitate, but send your names at once to Mr. Geo. G. Fetterolf, Langhorne, Pa., and he will see to it that you all become members.

WILLIAM BROEMER.

Baltimore, Sept. 12, 1893.

The Magpie Club.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

A club, to be successful and prosper, must elect officers in whom the members have confidence, and they naturally expect them to conduct and manage all the affairs of the club carefully, honestly and economically.

But the officers also have a right to expect the members to take equally as much interest in the affairs, particularly in assisting them to decide important questions and in getting fanciers and breeders to join the club; they should call on every Magpie breeder in their vicinity, show them the Constitution and By-Laws, and induce them to join and increase the membership.

There are some very important and interesting questions to be decided by all the members before the shows begin.

In which city shall the annual meeting be held? I will state that Baltimore will have an exclusive Pigeon Show this winter, beginning December 28 and ending January 3. I don't wish to dictate, but would be pleased to have members of the Magpie Club decide to have our annual meeting here, also to place their special prizes on the birds exhibited at this show. Mr. W. T. Levering will give a special prize of ten dollars for Magpies exhibited here.

I am sure that all the members of the Baltimore Columbarian Society will do their utmost to make everything pleasant for members visiting the show, and will see that everything pertaining to the birds will be satisfactory.

How many classes would we like to have? I can safely say that with the \$25.00 donated and dues, etc., from our present members, we will have \$50.00 in the treasury.

How is this amount to be distributed, for best 1892, or 1893 birds, or for best pairs, in show, in the four colors, black, yellow, or blue?

Also are the prizes to be paid in cash, or cups? If in cups, are they to become the property of the successful winner at once, or are they to be competed for at the different shows two or three years in succession before they can be claimed?

Would it be prudent to have the same judge, judge the same birds the same season, at different shows?

All these questions, and probably more, should be talked over among the members and finally be arranged to suit the desires of the majority.

Members can express their views in the papers, or write to the Secretary. In this way we could come to a friendly understanding, as every member is entitled to the same privileges and advantages.

For the benefit of all fanciers wishing to join the club, I will state, that our initiation fee is one dollar; yearly dues one dollar. Constitution and By-Laws will be mailed to everyone sending their address to the Secretary.

G. A. FICK.

Baltimore, Md.

Pigeon Flying.

Notice to Subscribers.

Our subscribers are informed that we have arranged that all inquiries relating to the breeding, training and management of homing pigeons, and upon all questions bearing upon the history of pigeon flying, both at home and abroad, will be answered by "Fritz" through his columns in *THE AMERICAN FANCIER* weekly, and at the earliest possible opportunity, and should be addressed to

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Brooklyn, N. Y.

[All matter that he deems of general and practical interest, or of value to the young and inexperienced fancier, will be embodied in his weekly notes, while other matter will be sent direct by mail.—Ed. A. F.]

Points in the Flying Fancy.

A Weekly Review of Events in the Homing World.

BY FRITZ.

I am asked by a correspondent for some detail of the celebrated Steubenville race won by the bird "Albright" some years ago. Who were the competitors, whether the bird is still alive, and if so, owned by whom, and what was the prize?

This noteworthy race referred to was flown from Steubenville, Ohio, on June 20th, 1883, to the Newark and New York vicinity, engaging the birds of the Hudson club and the Newark club. The Newark club was represented by the Messrs. Bennert, Lippert, Baldwin, Bond, Butts and Sigler, and the Hudson club by the Messrs. Whitely, Von Moers, River, Opitz and Papfield. The prize was a fifty dollar gold piece donated by Mr. Albright, and the race was flown under Federation management, Mrs. E. S. Starr, race secretary. The birds were counter-marked by her and a committee from the place of Mr. Louis Offermans in Green street, Newark, under the supervision of Mrs. Starr and the Newark club.

The entry was some seventy odd birds. Mr. Whitely of the Hudson club, as has always been his custom, being very liberally represented by 30 birds, Von Moers, 3; River 4, and Passfield and Opitz each one; 39 birds Hudson and 37 Newark club. The race was a speedy one, and a number of returns were home and in the loft before expected, Von Moers, Opitz and River of Brooklyn, getting credit for finding time in loft only.

The start was at 5:38 A. M., and the following the official record of this noteworthy race:

	Time.	Miles.	Velocity.
A. C. Butts.....	12:18 P. M.	333 1/4	1464 yds.
F. Whitely.....	12:24	335 5-16	1453 yds.
A. P. Baldwin....	12:29	335 3/4	1437 yds.
Wm. Bennert....	12:43	335 5-16	1388 yds.
S. Von Moers....	1:09	344 5-16	1374 yds.
J. Sigler.....	12:49	333 1/4	1358 yds.
W. Lippert.....	1:04	335 3/4	1357 yds.
Henry River.....	1:30	340 3/4	1292 yds.
Geo. Opitz.....	1:48	344 11-16	1238 yds.

Over two-thirds of the entry was reported home before dusk.

Mr. A. C. Butts of Grovestend, N. J., the owner of the winning bird, named it, "Albright." The bird was a blue cock, and bred, I think by Mr. Butts from an imported cock and a hen given him by Mr. S. Von Moers of Brooklyn.

Mr. Butts shortly afterwards retired from active interest in the sport and removed to Gloversville, N. Y., where he is now engaged in the hotel business. The

bird then passed into the hands of Mr. Thomas Bowerman, Newark, N. J., who bred considerable from the cock, and I believe Mr. James Patterson of New York city claimed ownership and breeding from the bird later on, and finally, if my memory serves me correctly, the bird was returned to his original owner Mr. Butts at Gloversville, N. Y. Whether "Albright" is still alive I cannot say, but Mr. A. C. Butts, if still at Gloversville, N. Y., can readily enlighten my correspondent if he will address him.

Mr. R. Pearsall of 163 Warren street, Newark, N. J., reports to me a stranger at his loft, L 93, 1844, and Mr. C. P. Schwenck of 200 Atlantic street, Brooklyn, N. Y., has a stray homer banded P. J. M. 3343—93. Both gentlemen will be pleased to return the birds to rightful owners.

It will be remembered that the steamer Falcon last July sailed for Greenland bearing Lieut. Peary and his troop of explorers to the Polar regions and equipped with a coop containing some thirty Homing pigeons intended for establishing communications betwixt himself and his headquarters. The latest information upon the subject is dated Falcon Harbor, Bowdoin Bay, Greenland, Aug. 20, 1893, and is as follows from E. B. Baldwin, meteorologist:

"We have twenty pigeons remaining of the thirty taken out and all are in the best condition. Of the ten missing, one ventured too near to one of the dogs and was snapped up, the others died.

The first message was brought in five days ago, August 15, and was wrapped about with a small American flag. The bird made good time with it, and we are assured by it and others brought in since that the birds will prove of great use to us."

I trust that the great problem of the northwest passage may be solved, and our feathered pets play an important and successful part in the great question. Next March, early, Lieut. Peary intends leaving for Independence Bay and explore the north coast of Greenland as far as Cape Bismark, and if the ice is sound will proceed straight towards the Pole with his sledges, pigeons and dogs.

That our birds can be used successfully by certain exploring expeditions seems reasonable, and I am sure all fanciers will look forward with keen interest to the results of Lieut. Peary's experiments. The only fears I entertain against the successful working of the birds is the small number taken, and the extreme cold air. This latter condition we know is generally accepted as dead against the full use of our birds' flying powers, and whether in view of the extreme cold to be met with in that part, the birds can rise to sufficient altitude and sustain themselves for practical work remains to be seen. And furthermore whether the large percentage of loss by death so far is attributable to climatic influence or want of proper care and handling. I hope that the readers of *THE AMERICAN FANCIER* will promptly report to me or through the columns of the journal, any and all information they may come across bearing upon this interesting test of our birds' intelligent powers with the expedition from now out.

A slashing good race was flown by the young birds of the Empire City Flying Club from the 200 miles station on the 17th inst. and was a fitting wind up to a series of splendidly contested flights dur-

ing the season by this club. Cared for and liberated by that prince of liberators and good fellows, Mr. Sam. Wallace of Washington, D. C., at 7:32 A. M., I am sure the birds felt that something beyond the common was expected from them, and the result was close, exciting, and highly satisfactory, both as to full returns and speed attained.

The day was certainly a good one, and the work accomplished is another fitting and eloquent argument that good birds in good racing condition do not need when flying to the northeast a stiff southwest wind astern to register high velocities.

It may not have been generally observed that now-a-days the cold dead wins and wide margin that characterized very many of the flights of the eighties is far less frequent and is of course attributable to the advancement of many young fanciers, and a better general average of quality in the flying stock. The very best of birds are now much more readily obtainable, and at little cost, and to this coupled with a red hot determination and energy displayed by the younger element in the sport, who persistently and creditably dispute the right of the older flying men to a constant monopoly of all honors and good things, may be attributed the change for the better.

I know there are many in the fancy who adhere to the senseless belief that each successful flying man is marked by a certain special season of success, and who drops out in turn to be succeeded by another fancier and so on, with no similar flush of success to characterize future good work by his birds. This is the veriest kind of bosh and I can only attribute the idea gaining credence by the brilliant yet brief and spasmodic career of a certain few in the history of American pigeon flying.

Largely increased competition, and a much better general average in the quality of the birds engaged together with a better general knowledge of how to get and keep their birds in racing condition, is, as I have remarked, largely the cause for honors being more evenly divided among flying men now-a-days, and a less frequent hoisting up of the name of old successful flyers of the past to the top row as winners.

There are very many both in the sport and certainly out of the sport, who do not fully, fairly and intelligently digest and construe accounts of the work done by flying clubs as published. It is but natural that the lion's share of honors and prominence is gained by the winner. And yet in how very many of the races flown, the tossing of a copper between the first half dozen lofts reported for winning honors and actual quality would be equally as conclusive and just in evidence as the working out of the average velocities of *in the loft time*. And why? Simply because such influences and opportunities exist as the bird going through the wires quickly, the alighting time not being considered—the breaking away of a certain lot of birds at a certain point near home who have journeyed so far together from the start with a consequent more or less advantage to certain lofts, and also the influence of certain winds to certain localities at or near the end of the course of flight.

Now I am not offering this as a consolation to non-winning fanciers nor as

an apology for them, neither do I desire it to detract one iota from the honor of a winning loft fairly gained but I touch up these various elements of chance in the sport from the lesser distances, simply because I know from long experience that the young fancier is inclined to err in his judgment of fanciers and their birds, according to reports published, and in his blind attraction to the name of the winner of the race and the winner only, no matter how small the margin of success may be outlined, or the conditions governing it.

I pen the arguments and comment also as a guide to the young fancier and novice in the selection of his stock, for him to readily understand the sport in all its bearings, the value of a loft which is fairly well up year after year in all races in direct and keen competition, over the loft which makes a spasmodic and solitary win with a high velocity, and over the individual flyer who flies alone, and constantly chronicle records with a loud blast of the trumpet which the true fancier and pigeon flyer cannot but feel is not true pigeon flying for sport nor a true means for a comparison and test of quality.

I quote the following published recently in the *Chicago Inter Ocean* and which I am in hopes may catch the eye of the fancier interested: "Batavia, Ills., Sept. 11th.. A Homing pigeon wearing metal band marked D. P. 119. 92 was shot dead near this place while feeding yesterday. The owner would undoubtedly like to know what became of it. The man that shot it did not know it was a Homer.—J. G. Mole." I am inclined to think that the letters D. P. are D. F., standing for "Detroit Federation" and band 119, of 1892 issue.

I had a very pleasing letter recently from that excellent flying fancier and who is so well and favorably known to many American flying men, M. Gustave Offermans of Antwerp, and who desires to be kindly remembered to all his old friends here. He remarks upon the subject of automatic timers: "I did not ship the self timer to you because the information I have received and the incorrect working of it is very defective. Considerable fraud has been detected and many accidents happened with them but as soon as there will be one in perfection I will promptly advise you."

By the steamer Rhyndland from Antwerp which arrived last week, Mr. Offermans very kindly shipped to me four youngsters from his choicest racing stock, one pair for my own use, and one pair for Mr. Louis Spanghel of Brooklyn. They are snappy promising looking birds and both Mr. Spanghel and myself hope to be able to give our American fancier friends some of the blood after we have fairly tested it in the near future. This occasional introduction of a little choice breeding stock from our Belgian friends gives unquestionably additional study and interest to the American sport and cannot but bear good fruit.

From a prominent English flying fancier I have a letter this week and promising shortly to send me an account of his recent visit to Belgium during the great national race there from Dax which I have briefly touched upon in former notes. As soon as received, the same will be published in *THE AMERICAN FANCIER* and which certainly will prove interesting reading to American flying men.

From the *Homing News* of recent issue and also in several Belgian journals. I learn that experiments on a very comprehensive scale were made as to the utility of homing pigeons in war during the recent autumn manoeuvres of the German army at Metz, but unfortunately the heads of the military forces in Germany do not consider in the least the public thirst for knowledge in these matters and allow the outside world to glean just as much information as is deemed advisable. Even the German journals devoted to the sport give little or no actual detail of the subject and is forcibly illustrative of the keen discipline and

iron rule that governs everything military in the land of the Kaiser.

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I am very pleased to note the interesting communications from Boston, Washington, D. C., and Detroit in recent issues of THE AMERICAN FANCIER and trust the good work will be kept up by the Messrs. Harris, Youngs and Gale for it is by just such hearty co-operation the interest in the sport is increased and the pigeon journals rendered readable, instructive and each issue is looked for eagerly by the fanciers each week. I hope to see Philadelphia, Chicago, St. Louis, Milwaukee, Baltimore and other prominent flying sections regularly contributing such letters of interest to all flying men.

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What promises to prove an interesting race with young birds will be flown from Washington, D. C., on the 24th inst., engaging five each of the best young birds representing the Morton, Mahr and Goldman lofts. Engaging as it will the pick of the lofts, young racing birds of 1893, the contest should prove a keen one and the result is awaited with considerable interest by the fanciers in the New York and Newark vicinity. The birds go forward to Mr. Sam Wallace as liberator on Friday the 22d. Mr. Goldman, timer, to check arrivals at the Morton loft. Mr. Morton, timer, at the Mahr loft and Mr. Mahr representative at the Goldman loft, the contest to be under the sole management of Mr. Book, the Empire club's popular and rising young secretary, whose capable service to his club during the past season will compare favorably with that of many older and more experienced club secretaries of the past and present.

Detroit Flights.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

The 150 mile young bird race, the second of the series, of the Detroit Homing Club was flown on the 3rd inst. from Columbia City, Md. The start was made at 7:15. Atmosphere clear and wind south. The returns were as follows:

	Dist- ance.	Home at	Yards.
C. M. Sweeney	149.57	12:05:06	907
J. G. Telford	149.04	12:06:07	901
W. G. Malcomson . . .	149.10	12:14:30	877
A. M. Pearce	149.19	12:19:30	862
Thos. Heathcote . . .	150.60	12:36	826
C. Wagner	149.96	12:40	812

The 200 mile young bird race of the Detroit Homing Club was to have been flown on the 10th inst., but from our present knowledge of the results the birds might as well never have been hatched. The birds, 41 in number, were countermarked and shipped as usual on Saturday morning, and were in due time received by the liberator, the *Logansport Journal*, of Logansport, Ind. The next morning the following telegram was received: "Released birds at 8:25 A. M.," and later advices by mail gave the welcome information that the atmosphere was clear and a gentle breeze blowing S. by S. W.; also that the birds were seemingly in good condition and anxious to be released. They made but one circle in mid air, and then, all in a bunch, started direct N. E. straight for home, and in two minutes were out of sight, and yet, despite all these favorable reports, we have yet to find the first feather of those 41 youngsters. At home the day was hazy, and a good breeze blowing from the N. E., a direct head wind. Have any of the Eastern fraternity met with a greater Waterloo than this, our first?

C. H. GALE, Secretary.
Detroit, Mich., Sept. 12, 1893.

A Stray Homer.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

Please give the following notice space in your paper if you can:

I have in my loft since Wednesday, September 13th, a Blue Homer cock, "W. 15261." This bird I sold last winter to a dealer in New York city and he returned to his old loft again. As I do not keep Homers now, I should like to hear from the owner of this bird.

EMIL GARNJOST.
Yonkers, N. Y., Sept. 14, 1893.

Fast Speed by Homing Pigeons.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

The third and final young bird race of the Empire City Flying Club was flown on Sunday, 17th inst., from Washington, D. C., 200 miles. Birds were liberated by Samuel Wallace, who wired: "Birds liberated at 7:32; weather clear, wind west, fine start." The result was very flattering, as the following reports show:

	Dist- ance.	Ar- rived.	Ave. Speed.
Joseph Scholl	204.42	11:48	1,405.3 yds
T. F. Goldman	204.56	11:48 3/4	1,402.2 yds
C. A. Mahr, Jr. . . .	197.50	11:40	1,401.6 yds
Wm. Book, Jr. . . .	197.46	11:40 1/2	1,398.5 yds
Eli Moreton	196.13	11:42 1/2	1,377.9 yds
T. J. Clarke	208.52	11:58:50	1,375.3 yds
W. Holliday	195.72	11:42 1/2	1,375.1 yds
Con. Hebbler	198.20	11:45 1/4	1,374.6 yds
Justus Prior	204.61	11:57	1,369.4 yds
Geo. Howarth	198.17	11:48:55	1,357.5 yds
Aug. A. Stoll	197.50	11:51	1,342.0 yds
E. Puppe	203.52	12:01:20	1,320.9 yds
C. P. Schwenck	202.27	12:01	1,323.4 yds
Max Seidl	196.01	11:53 3/4	1,317.9 yds
R. N. Pearsall	197.04	11:57:19	1,307.0 yds
Wm. Bennett	197.00	11:52	1,292.6 yds
P. F. Sullivan	201.85	12:05:20	1,290.2 yds
D. H. Evans	197.08	5:38	572.3 yds

N. B.—Both section birds were liberated together.

WM. BOOK, JR., Secretary.

Remarkable Flying.

One of the most remarkable flights of young birds that ever took place in this country was made by birds bred and owned by Mr. F. H. S. Morrison, of Leesburg, Va., recently.

The flight was made under the management of the Washington Federation of Homing Pigeon Fanciers, of which club Mr. Morrison is a member. The race rules of the League of American Homing Clubs were followed to the letter.

The birds, nineteen in number, were shipped to this city to be countermarked by the race secretary. While this was being done one escaped, leaving eighteen to be shipped for Coesville, Va., 120 miles in an air line from Leesburg.

Mr. E. W. Birch liberated the birds at 1:15 P. M. Wind south; weather clear. The flock was out of sight in two minutes, having done no circling.

The names of the pigeons, their color, the time they reached the loft and the average speed per mile is as follows: Rocket, blue, 3:35 P. M., 1,508 4-7 yards; Courier, blue, 3:35 1-2 P. M., 1,503 yards; Midget, blue, 3:36 P. M., 1,495 yards; Perfection, b. c., 3:36 P. M., 1,495 yards; Nonpareil, b. c., 3:36 1-2 P. M., 1,492 yards; Fashion, blue, 3:36 1-2 P. M., 1,492 yards; Omega, blue, 3:36 1-2 P. M., 1,492 yards; Advance, blue, 3:36 1-2 P. M., 1,492 yards; Dispatch, b. c., 3:37 P. M., 1,487 yards; Cyclone, blue, 3:37 P. M., 1,487 yards; Miss Grover C., blue, 3:37 P. M., 1,487 yards; Solid Comfort, b. c., 3:37 P. M., 1,487 yards; Tip-Top, b. c., 3:37 1-2 P. M., 1,482 yards; Dauntless, blue, 3:37 1-2 P. M., 1,482 yards; Blossom, slate, 3:37 1-2 P. M., 1,482 yards, and Yours Truly, blk. c., 3:37 1-2 P. M., 1,482 yards.—*Washington News*.

[NOTE.—The above birds are all 1892 hatch, some being only fifteen weeks old at time of flight, and all bred in The Homestead Lofts, Leesburg, Va., owned by Cline & Morrison.—Ed.]

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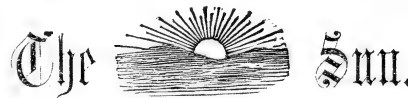
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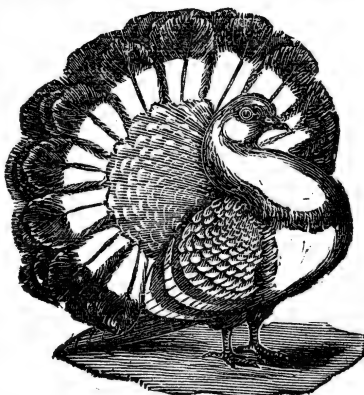
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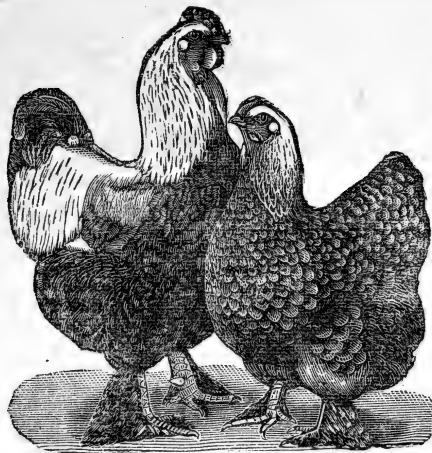
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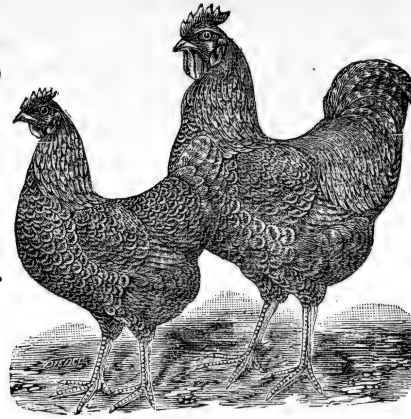
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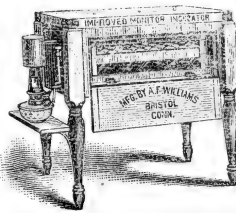
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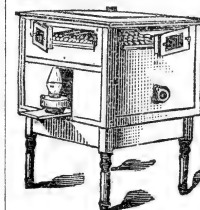
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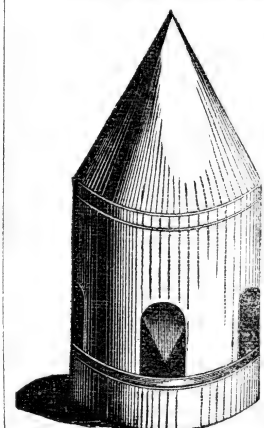
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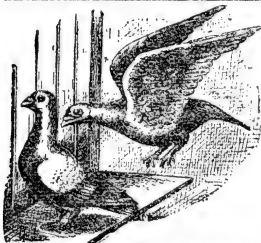
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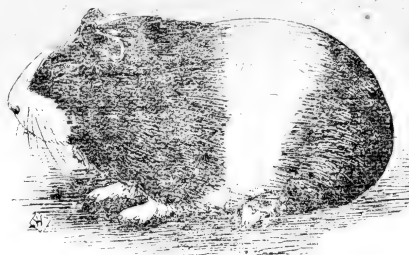
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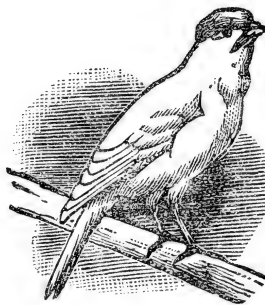
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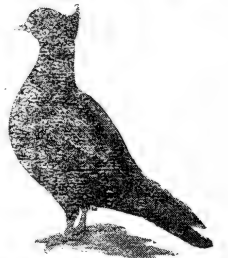
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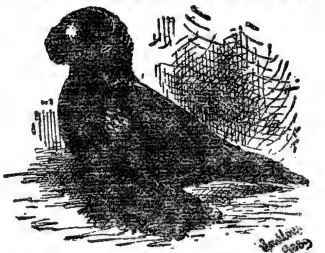
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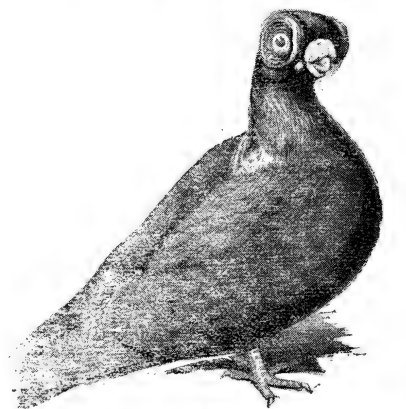
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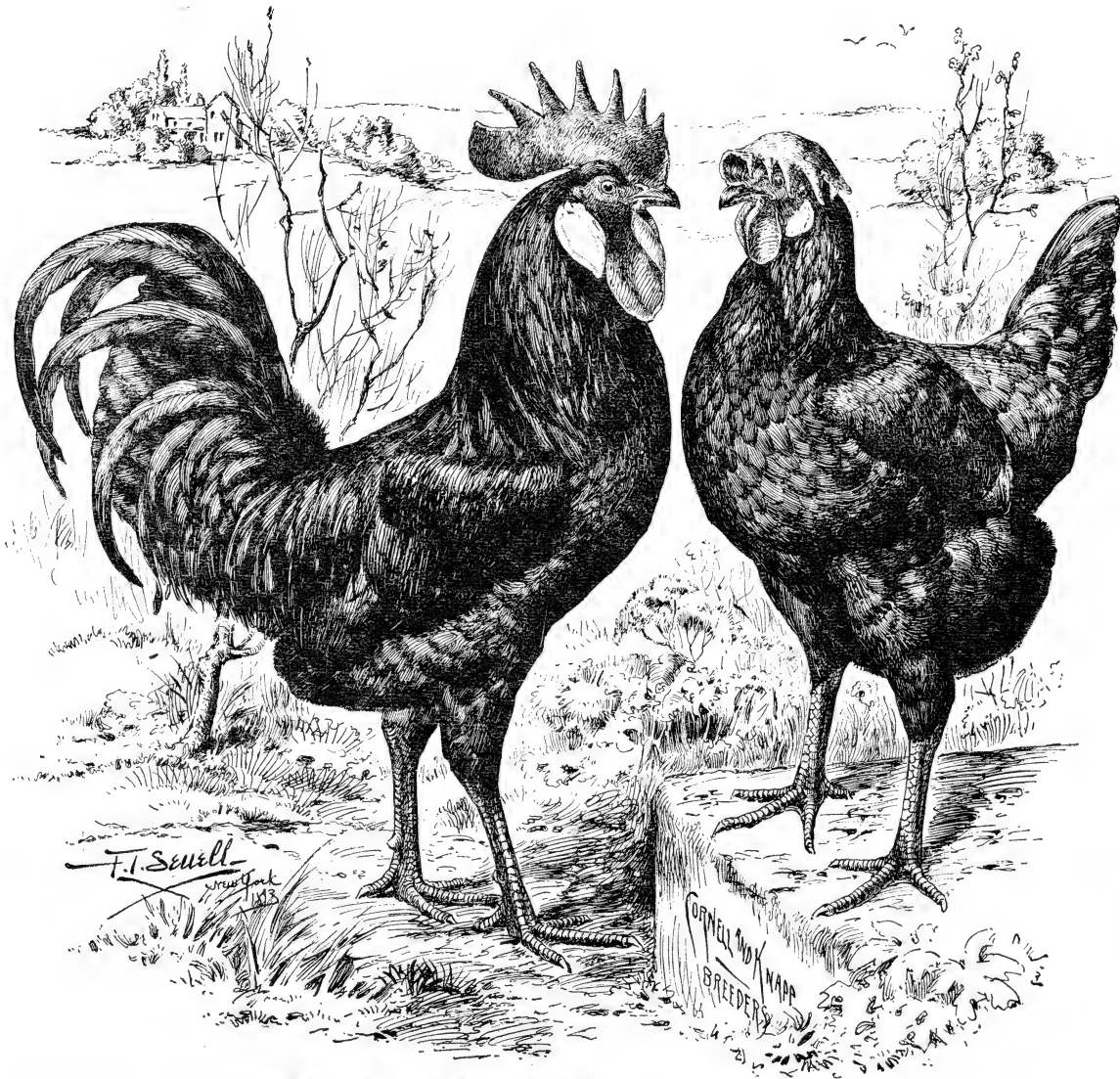
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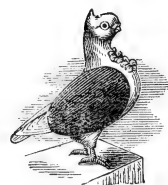
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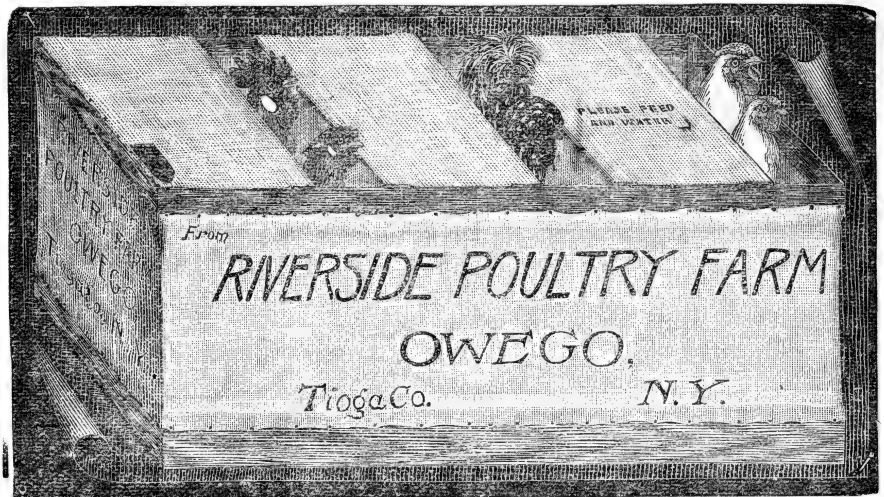
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POULTRY.

From the Editor's Perch.

Our front page illustration this week
gives an excellent idea of the Black
Minorcas bred by Ezra Cornell, of
Ithaca, N. Y. From a letter written by
Mr. Cornell we extract the following:

"The cut which I send you was drawn
from life by Sewell. It is a very accurate
and life-like representation of the male
bird. I consider him the most ideal
Minorca I have ever seen, and think that
this cut, without doubt, represents the
most unique type ever presented to the
fancy, and hope it will have its effect on
breeders and fanciers. I find that there
are still quite a number of breeders who
cling to the old English Dorking type
with short legs and large beefy combs,
such as were illustrated by Ludlow in
British Fancier of February 17 and in
Poultry Bulletin of a few months ago.
The Minorca belongs to the Mediter-
ranean class, and should, like the Leg-
horns, have a quick, active, and nervous
temperament, with plenty of style, a
characteristic impossible to find in the
squat English bird."

To the above description little need be
added, for Mr. Cornell has correctly
pictured an ideal Minorca. "Jim Crow"
will be shown at Chicago next month,
with a number of his get. Mr. Cornell
also expects to show a string of White
Leghorns at New York next winter bred
from the winners there last season.

It was generally understood among
exhibitors that I. K. Felch was to judge
the poultry at the New York State Fair.
To the surprise and disappointment of
many fanciers and exhibitors present,
Mr. Felch was not on the grounds,
neither was he coming. C. E. Rocken-
styre was appointed in his place. We
have no desire to reflect on Mr. Rocken-
styre's judgment when we state that his
appointment was criticised severely as
having been secured through political
influences, i. e., the member of the
executive committee in charge of the
poultry was responsible for the change.
As the same individual is not a poultry
breeder, but a cattle exhibitor, it seems
strange that he should be given arbitrary
power to dictate on questions he is not
familiar with and cancel good appoint-
ments made by those best qualified to do
so. It is about time for the poultry
breeders of the Empire State to take a
hand in these matters and see to it that
the New York Agricultural Society
entrusts the administration of its poultry
department to a competent executive
officer in the future.

We are glad to state that Richard
Twells of Logansport, Indiana, has been
appointed assistant superintendent of the
poultry department of World's Fair at
Chicago. The managers of the latter
and Superintendent Seeger deserve much
credit for appointing such a sterling and
popular fancier as the genial "Dick"
Twells. The latter as a secretary and

treasurer of the American Poultry As-
sociation, in past years established him-
self as an executive officer of more than
ordinary ability, and will administer the
onerous and exacting duties of his new
position to the "Queen's taste."

One of our contemporaries with "inside
information" thinks the poultry show at
Chicago will, like the dog show, fall
through and not be held. Mr. Seeger's
letter in this issue should set aside all
such fears and it would be extremely
good policy for poultry papers to help the
coming show as much as possible. Poul-
try and pigeon fanciers are after all a
fraternal set, and unlike some of our
"doggy" men, take their medicine like
men, when defeated in their wishes or in
the showroom.

This reminds us that there is more
good feeling among poultry fanciers than
has existed in a number of years, and we
trust it may be kept up for many years
to come.

That was a roaring joke perpetrated by
a misguided contemporary, when it
stated that Editor P. H. Jacobs always
believed in keeping "pure chicken talk"
before his readers. Why, that mercurial
individual would feel decidedly unhappy
if confined to chicken talk alone. Come
ye editors with short memories, read the
back numbers of the *Poultry Keeper* and
see the errors of your ways, and don't
try to sanctify yourselves at the expense
of others. It's too thin a ruse, and like
poor calico, won't wash.

Our New Jersey friend, R. W. Davison,
answers Mr. Riggs' statements, and no
doubt feels as if a load has been removed
from his mind. We always like to hear
a man speak what he thinks, even if we
do not agree with him on all matters.
Mr. Riggs is abundantly able to take care
of himself, so we will leave it to him to
reply to Mr. Davison, except in one
instance and that is, the purity of all
Brown Leghorns, in which our New
Jersey henman has such abundant faith.
Ever breeder of experience in this country
and in England is aware that Black
Breasted Game blood has been used, and
is being used, in some strains of Brown
Leghorns. What is more, the latter has
been produced by using crosses of Part-
ridge Cochins, Black Spanish and Game
blood. We have had birds with Game
blood in their veins, that would incubate
beautifully, and no man could tell them
from pure Brown Leghorns.

In 1885 we raised a great many White
Leghorns, and as everybody knows we
are believers in heavy feeding, and never
spare the corn either winter or summer,
except when hens are moulting, when
only oats is fed. We never had a White
Leghorn that wanted to incubate, and
from remarks made by breeders of this
variety, maternal instinct in the White
Leghorn is a lost art.

The Indian Game is one of the best
incubators ever produced. It takes on
fat and flesh most rapidly. Yet O. K.
Sharp of C. A. Sharp & Co., told us the
best laying done by Indian Games was
on pretty strong corn diet, and the worst
on a scientific ration.

Theory and practice do not always
"gee." Theory will not admit of bologna
sausage and bread as being a complete
food for man. Yet thousands of Italian

laborers eat nothing else, and are strong
and healthy. Still what would make the
latter feel frisky and well, would make
others sick and *vice versa*. In parts of
Germany whole families subsist on rye
bread, potatoes and occasionally a little
fat pork, and a strapping big race of
people they are, yet no scientist would
ever think of concocting such a ration as
these people partake of day after day.
In France, thousands of peasants live on
wheat bread and claret and are healthy
and strong, yet that mixture of solid and
liquid food would disturb a theoretical
feeder's mind seriously. On the great
southern and western plains, the cowboy
thrives on salt pork and flap-jacks, and
the latter is a corn meal delicacy. This
reminds us of a friend who in the north
was sickly and delicate, yet had the
cream of the best foods, scientifically
prepared at that; he went south, became
a cowboy and a partaker of bacon and
corn cakes. He grew strong and gained
forty pounds in six months. Another
case where theory was at sea. These
are but a few facts, but they serve to
make people think and leads us to poultry
feeding.

Corn is condemned as an egg food be-
cause it is fattening, yet careful experi-
ments that have been made show, in
order to produce eggs, fattening food is
necessary. All the sophistry and cun-
ning argument of theorists cannot deny
this trenchant fact. Then again no ex-
periments have been made by the men
that do not feed corn to determine its
uselessness. Like in the paragraph
above, it leads us to the keystone of all
feeding, viz: the condition of the subject
and its surroundings.

Before going into that, we will pluck a
leaf from our experience in the egg busi-
ness. We once made a living selling
poultry and eggs. This may seem a
strange thing for an editor of a poultry
paper to have done, but we are not the
only ones, as A. F. Hunter of *Farm-
Poultry* and B. Holmes, Jr., of the
Poultry Monthly, both were practical
poultry farmers; in fact, Brother Holmes
managed the extensive poultry ranch of
Houghton Farm, located six miles from
where our own farm was located—in
glorious Orange County, N. Y. Brother
Hunter's farm is well known, and while
we do not agree with the editor of
Farm-Poultry on the corn question, we
acknowledge his ability as a successful
poultry raiser, and if any living man has
a right to the claim of being a
practical poultryman, A. F. Hunter has.

But we are drifting away, so let us get
back to facts. Our contract for eggs
amounted to 150 to 160 dozen per week,
which were delivered to a hospital in
New York and to private customers. This
meant fresh eggs of the best quality,
and plenty of them. As we bred only
thoroughbred fowls and limited the
number to eighty Wyandottes, we could
not begin to fill the orders for eggs, and
had to buy them. This was easier said
than done, for there were other egg
buyers on the turf. By giving five to ten
cents a dozen more we removed all opposi-
tion. Now we will get to the point. It
has been stated that corn is a poor egg
food, and so is any exclusive grain diet.
Let us see.

The most eggs we secured from Mrs.
Tyler Moffatt of Washingtonville, N. Y.
The breeds kept were Leghorns,

thoroughly mixed at that, i. e. Browns and Whites crossed. The lady fed scalded middlings in the morning, and whole corn at night. In the winter the corn was warmed on the stove. The eggs were magnificent in size, rich in yolk and of good flavor. Corn did not injure that flock. The latter had free range.

Another place where we secured plenty of eggs was at Mrs. Green's of the same town. White Leghorns were kept, and their only food was corn and table scraps. The fowls were yarded 365 days of the year. The only change made in the grain food was the substitution of Indian meal when whole corn was not procurable. Corn did not hurt these fowls, neither did it make setters of them.

Another bonanza for eggs in the winter was at Mr. Felter's, a butcher. He fed corn and slaughter house refuse. His fowls were Light Brahmas. The eggs were exceedingly large and rich, but deficient in flavor.

The best results obtained by a Montgomery, Orange county, N. Y., poultryman was in feeding his Brahmas whole wheat only, with beef bones to pick at. Dr. Deyo, of that town, will substantiate this fact.

Rye is considered a poor food for hens, yet two ladies near Walden, N. Y., fed their fowls every day with rye and had excellent results, as we can testify, having bought the eggs in the coldest weather, when hen fruit was scarce.

R. C. Clark, the well known Cochins breeder of New Jersey, is a strong believer in corn, and feeds much of it with excellent results, and Cochins should never be fed corn, according to approved theoretical authorities.

A. L. Crosby, an extensive breeder of cattle in Maryland, keeps Plymouth Rock hens and feeds corn only with great success, and has no ill results, yet the Plymouth Rock, above all other fowls, takes on internal fat the quickest.

Now, let us simmer things down. A theoretical ration for fowls is one quart of grain to 12 fowls. The best results we ever obtained from laying hens was by feeding pullets strongly until they began to lay, using 1 to 1 1-2 quarts of grain; when they had started laying we increased the allowance to 2 1-2 to 3 quarts per day for 12 fowls. With old hens we fed more sparingly until they started laying, when the same increased allowance was given them as to the pullets. The average per hen or pullet was 4 1-2 eggs per week during the months of February and March. The breed was the Silver Wyandotte.

What did we feed the fowls, and how often were they fed? The first feed was given at 8:30 A. M. and the second at 4 P. M. The fowls were always outdoors long before we were ready to feed them. The morning food consisted of bran, ground oats and corn meal, one-third of each in weight; the afternoon food consisted of whole corn or wheat. It all depended on which was the cheapest of the two latter grains. Ground beef bones were fed every alternate day. All this is very simple and requires little labor.

Now as to cut clover. We fed cut June timothy hay, with bran and meal, long

before the clover craze got started, and while it gave good results it never struck us as being better than the ground feed alone, and cut clover was no better. What we do prefer in winter is, boiled potatoes, beets or carrots mixed with the ground feed.

This reminds us of a record made by a flock of 30 Light Brahma pullets, owned by our respected paternal guardian, during the year of 1882. The pullets averaged 155 eggs each. The food consisted of small boiled potatoes, mashed and mixed with bran and ground oats, in the morning, with buckwheat or corn at night. This was the winter menu. In summer either bran and oatmeal or boiled oats was fed in the morning, with corn at night, but fowls had excellent pasture.

Now as to feeding young chicks. In Hamonton some years ago, when the broiler business was still much talked of, we had occasion to observe the various methods of feeding practiced there, and also to note the difference between theory and practice. In one establishment run on true approved theoretical principles we found dozens, we might almost say hundreds, of young chicks over fat and down on their pins, too weak legged to stand up. They were fed a complete ration, supposed to be just right for growing broilers. Not far from there we found a lot of chickens fed on whole wheat exclusively and in magnificent condition. Now is it fair to condemn the ration and commend the wheat? The answer is obvious. The handling and surroundings were the prime factors in both instances, and not the food. Does not the same hold good, then, with corn? The abuse of it, like that of any other grain, is to be condemned; the intelligent use is to be highly commended. There is no grain better adapted for our changeable American climate than Indian corn, and where a few condemn its use theoretically and otherwise, there are hundreds that believe thoroughly in the liberal use of it. Beginners should not be awed by feeding tables or complicated rations, no matter how wise and plausible the champions of such may appear. Let every practical poultryman study his fowls and surroundings and experiment judiciously with all grain and other foods, and he will soon learn the value of either corn, oats, wheat, barley, buckwheat, or rye.

We have purposely dwelt on this subject to show its vast importance, and at the same time make poultrymen see the fog that still surrounds theoretical feeding tables and the difficulty of clearing it away. Although having had an experience in feeding horses, cattle, and poultry for many years, we still feel like Moses did when the light went out—in the dark, as far as clearly and authoritatively stating what is the best ration for either horse, cow, or hen. There may be others, however, that have mastered the art of feeding, and, if so, let them not hide their light under a bushel, but come out with facts and figures to fortify their assertions.

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The use of ground beef bones is now a universal practice among successful poultry feeders. In many places fresh beef bones can be procured at a nominal price, but the absence in the past of suitable machines to grind these bones has prevented the use of all such valuable refuse. Since the introduction of the Mann bone cutter, a revolution has taken place in feeding meat and bones, and to-day hundreds of these excellent machines are being used in all parts of the country. No progressive poultryman can be without one.

At Syracuse, a new bone cutter was shown by Webster and Hannum, and attracted considerable attention from visitors. This machine has been greatly improved, and grinds the bones to a fine pulp, making them suitable food for young chickens as well as for adult fowls. We strongly advise our readers to send for descriptive catalogues to both firms mentioned in above paragraphs.

The terrible cyclone last month, that destroyed the crops and homes of thousands of people on the coast of South Carolina, did not spare the feathered tribe in its mad career. Advices from a southern correspondent state that breeders in the vicinity of Charleston have had the worst of luck, the cyclone destroying the poultry yards, many breeders being left without a chick. One fancier, living on Sullivan's Island, had water as high as five feet in his chicken house. Rice crops have been ruined, wharves are all smashed to pieces and the beautiful Battery of Charleston is a mass of ruins. The city looks worse than it did after the earthquake. Every fancier in the United States will sympathize with their unfortunate brethren on the coast, and sincerely hope the great loss of fine poultry will not discourage the breeders in that section, but stimulate them to start in again with renewed vigor and determination to breed only the best. May they be spared in the future from another cyclone.

Judge G. O. Brown of Baltimore, Md., is prominently spoken of as a candidate for Secretary and Treasurer of the American Poultry Association. The members of the latter cannot select a more competent and experienced officer to fill this important office. Mr. Brown, albeit a strong score card advocate, is conservative enough in his views to recognize the large influence of comparison judging advocates, many of the latter being loyal members of the A. P. A. At the same time, Mr. Brown is a believer in specialty clubs. As the South has never had a secretaryship in the association, the time is now ripe to recognize its great poultry interests, by electing G. O. Brown to the office.

The president of the A. P. A. will probably be selected from the Eastern or Middle States, i. e., if former precedents are followed. No candidates have been announced, but there are plenty of good ones to select from. The Empire State in Newton Adams of Utica, and James Forsyth of Owego, has two most popular fanciers, either of whom would fill the chair with credit.

Valuable Experiments.

Annual Report of the Poultry Division at the Rhode Island Experiment Station.

BY SAMUEL CUSHMAN.

Evils of Breeding Only for Fancy Points.—In some cases fanciers have taken up a utility and beauty breed and bred it for fancy points only. Such gradually lose their profitable qualities. Birds bred for feather and shape, for exhibition at shows, are subject to so many unnatural conditions that they lose vigor and constitution. They deteriorate in flesh producing qualities or in ability to produce a great number of eggs, and do not, from the practical poultry keeper's point of view, turn the food given them to the best account. Although a fancier's chickens may be so weak constitutionally that few are reared, his object is attained (in some cases) if the desired points are secured in these few.

Mr. Tegetmeier, an English poultry judge and writer, of long experience, in his new book "Table and Market Poultry, versus Fancy Fowls," says, "I do not hesitate to affirm that no one breed of fowls has been taken in hand by the fancier that has not been seriously depreciated as a useful variety of poultry."

Breeding for the shows, for ornamental or unusual fancy points, he argues, has lessened the value of useful breeds of cattle, sheep, hogs, dogs and poultry, because utility and economic value has not been the object. The modern fancy breeds are useless as compared with old varieties. Fancy stock should not take the place of useful stock.

In Mr. Tegetmeier's opinion "Poultry Shows, as ordinarily conducted, have no more to do with the produce of marketable and useful poultry than Flower Shows have to do with the garden of agricultural produce." He complains of the increasing tendency of poultry shows to encourage mere fancy varieties and to ignore the profitable value of the birds exhibited. He thinks that agricultural societies should do more to encourage exhibition of really useful poultry and less for simply feathered varieties, because ornamental poultry purely is not adapted for the use of the market poultry breeders. Before the "hen fever," upon the advent of Cochins, poultry was kept mainly for profit.

He speaks of Plymouth Rocks and Wyandottes as yet unspoiled by English fanciers and as being partly bred to a utility standard. Mr. Tegetmeier refers to fancy breeding as carried on in England and especially in the cities and towns. In this country breeding for show points has not been carried to such extremes. There are here more fowls in the hands of fanciers who breed for utility as well as for beauty, and more varieties yet unspoiled. We think, however, Mr. Tegetmeier's presentation of the case makes plain the true reason for the prejudice so general among farmers and market poultry raisers in this country against pure bred poultry. But one should make some distinction between strictly fancy birds and those bred for utility.

Value of Beauty and Standard Points.—The great benefit that fanciers have been to the poultry industry generally is not sufficiently understood or appreciated. Mr. Lewis Wright, a prominent English writer, says in the Illustrated Poultry Book, "Without the fancy points, the fancier would never spend the

time, thought, and money that he does to maintain those breeds which without him would be lost and the loss of which would be irreparable." Years of careful study, selection and special breeding are given to a breed. It is then shown and advertised about the country. The visitor to the poultry show is tempted to keep fowls on account of their beauty rather than their utility. Beautiful productions bring high prices and that which is highly valued receives good care. Birds bought for beauty are widely scattered and in the hands of the majority are then bred for utility.

The Indian Games have for the past few years had a great run in this country. While they were in the hands of a few they were advertised extensively and their virtues well written up for the poultry press. As a result they were in great demand, at high prices, and they have been scattered all over the country. The best birds of England were imported and large sums were spent by many breeders to secure the best. Doubtless many fanciers have made considerable money out of them but probably the country at large receives the greater benefit. These birds have extraordinary flesh development, a small amount of offal and yellow skin and legs. By their use some of the best cross-bred fowls for the table may be produced. As soon as they become more plentiful they may be procured by farmers and market poultry raisers at a little above the price of common fowls, and the table qualities of the poultry of the country will doubtless thus be improved.

None but fanciers would perfect such a breed or so quickly introduce it to all parts of the country. One having simply a utility breed has no such motive to make it known. He could get no customers at paying prices. It is a notorious fact that those who raise stock for profit only, are almost invariably extremely reluctant to pay more for a stock bird than he is worth in the market. The value of a pure bred male in the production of beef, mutton or pork, is more generally appreciated.

Fanciers are a Benefit.—Wherever Poultry Exhibitions have been held there has usually been a great improvement in the size and quality of the poultry of the surrounding country. A fixed standard for a breed is very important. Without one those differing in opinion would breed to different standards and every time the stock changed hands it would be bred to suit the ideas of the individual. Uniformity and hereditary characteristics or tendencies would thus be weakened or entirely lost.

Without a doubt great good has been accomplished by fanciers. They have increased the number of those who keep fowl, have spread a knowledge of proper care and multiplied the desirable breeds. They also keep up the breeds that are the foundation of the market poultry raisers' success. Poultry raisers run out the breeds; the fancier prevents them from becoming extinct. Mr. Lewis Wright says on this subject, "almost every breed has some special value for the sake of which it could ill be spared, and even when comparatively of little value in itself, is often highly useful as a cross." Fanciers take more pains to secure, at any cost, the best breeding stock and many of their "culls," or discarded birds, possess the best utility points of the breed, and are valuable material for the farmer. From them comes the raw

material for all real improvement in market poultry.

Value of Poultry Exhibitions to the State.—The foregoing we believe explains the true relation of the fanciers to the practical poultry raisers. The former have, without doubt, in this State, been of great benefit to the latter. Their exhibitions have in the past educated the public as to the merits of well bred stock. The opportunity thus afforded the market poultrymen and farmers, (as well as intending fanciers) to study and compare the different breeds together, is of great value. For this reason Poultry, as well as Agricultural and Horticultural Exhibitions, deserve public and State aid. Their usefulness would no doubt be much increased if more encouragement were given to "utility" exhibits. An extensive exhibit by market poultry raisers would increase the value of the "Shows," and appeal more strongly to practical men, who would then realize more fully the part pure breeds play in the production of poultry for profit.

If liberal prizes were offered for cross bred fowls, geese, ducks and turkeys for the table, to be shown both alive and dressed, for dressed pure breeds, collections of eggs of the different varieties, and for best capons, both alive and dressed, the exhibitions would be of more general interest. By requiring labels giving sex, age, and breed of birds, how they were crossed, and their live and dressed weights, such an exhibit could be made instructive to all.

Quality and quantity of flesh, greatest bulk in most valuable parts, absence of waste or offal, and smallness of bone, in table poultry, receives too little consideration in this country. In France table poultry is produced in greater perfection than in any other country and its fattening is also best understood. Exhibitions of dressed poultry have been held there annually for years, and at a show in Paris \$800.00 was offered in prizes for dressed poultry, and two thousand carcasses were exhibited. French breeders pay little attention to beauty or color of feather.

Birds of the finest quality bring the very highest price where they are appreciated. Exhibitions of this sort educate the buyers of table poultry and create a demand for high quality.

If the best breeds have lost in economic value by being bred for show points, the farmer and market raiser may restore the original good qualities. This can be done by selecting stock for their useful points and breeding, for several seasons, for utility only, but these qualities can be immediately recovered by making first crosses.

Cross Breeding.—Breeders of cattle, poultry and other stock, find that by crossing pure breeds greater vigor is secured in the progeny. The union of two varieties, equal in hardiness, gives stock that is more hardy than the parents. An improvement in this respect can be depended upon.

By such a combination of different elements or tendencies an impulse is also given that usually causes them to grow quicker and larger and to be more prolific. By intelligent selection of the breeds the desirable qualities of two may be combined in the cross. Defects in one may be counterbalanced by the influence of another and most or all of the best qualities retained.

Stock may be produced that will excel either pure bred parent in profitable

qualities. Fowls that cannot stand exposure but that are great layers, if crossed with certain breeds that are noted for hardiness and are good layers, will give birds that are quite hardy and also great layers. The influence of the hardy breed to lessen egg production is counterbalanced by the greater vigor given by it, which also sustains egg production in the cross.

Fowls that are noted for table qualities but are too tender to be reared successfully, may be used to produce crosses that are hardy and vigorous, and in quality of flesh and appearance none the less desirable for the table. A pure breed noted for a certain profitable quality may be so mated with another pure breed that the first cross progeny will excel either of them in that particular quality. Combinations almost without number may thus be made.

First Crosses Most Valuable.—For the reasons given the best results are obtained from a first cross. These birds are so fine that there is a great temptation to breed from them, but they possess little power to reproduce their like. "A good animal is a good animal however it may come but pedigree alone insures succession." Mixtures take back to remote ancestors. Cross bred birds, if bred from at all, should be mated to pure breeds. In this way three or four breeds may be combined, but this practice is not recommended as most profitable and only where size and hardiness are the only objects.

The improvement secured by crossing pure bred males on common stock is due to the higher breeding of the males, or the power of inherited tendencies. A flock may be graded up; made almost a pure breed, by using only pure bred cocks of a certain breed for several generations. The worse bred the females, or the more mixed they are, the greater will be the influence of a well bred male on the offspring. Grading with one breed is better than first crossing with different breeds if the progeny is to be retained and bred from. The first cross will be most thrifty and profitable unless the original flock is very inferior. The purer the breeds will be the results of a cross. High grades, in which the influence of a breed is established, are nearly equal to the pure breed, for the production of first crosses. They cost less but several seasons' breeding is required to produce them. The best plan is to use the pure breeds each season for raising the cross bred stock. The latter if not bred from at all may be forced or stimulated to any extent that is profitable and no injury will be done to future generations. The usefulness of some of the most popular new breeds is partly due to their having been recently made by crossing.

Cross breeding is the opposite of pure breeding and in and in breeding and is governed by different laws. In pure breeding, birds having the same inherited excellencies in the highest degree, are bred together, although they may be mated so as to combine a minor deficiency in one bird with pronounced excellencies in the same point in the others. In first crossing we combine two breeds having constitutionally different tendencies, i. e., those that present do not. Unless good qualities are blended and held, the only gain is an increase in hardiness. If when crossing a better system of feeding is adopted, much greater improvement it made.

[To be Continued.]

A Great Poultry Show.

The 73rd Annual Exhibition of the Rhode Island State Fair.

[Special Report written for THE AMERICAN FANCIER.]

The poultry exhibition of the Rhode Island State Fair, always an exceptionally large exhibit, this year surpasses anything in its history. The entries number about 5000 and the greater part of the specimens are present and in position. The building devoted to this purpose, though large is taxed to its utmost capacity and coops are piled one above another. Up to the second evening the cry was "still they come!" Superintendent Davis and his corps of efficient helpers, had their hands full, and the judges, H. B. May, of Natick, Mass., Henry S. Ball of Shrewsbury, Mass., A. A. Fillebrown of Ayer, Mass., N. A. Knapp of Winchester, Mass., W. B. Atherton of the *Stock-keeper* and G. W. Marshall of Taunton, Mass., were not sighing that there was nothing to do.

At poultry exhibitions, held in connection with agricultural fairs, it is always expected that there will be some poor specimens present, but the superintendent being an experienced poultry breeder, has, by summarily rejecting unworthy exhibits, eliminated much of the trash that cumber such exhibitions. The famous sparrow catchers, that are said to be experts in destroying sparrows are here, top knot, cup comb, feathered legs, dominique plumage and all; the Golden Farnie Pheasant, which resembles a cross between a buff fowl and a Barred Plymouth Rock, patiently looks from its coop for popular favor; the four legged chicken, two of him, is here. But these nondescripts are few in number and only add a bit of amusement to the exhibition, without seriously detracting from its quality. The quality is good on the average with many really superior specimens in most classes. The classes are large and in some cases the competition is extremely keen.

Among the novelties we noticed in Bantams two pairs of Black Red chickens with black beards. They resembled B. B. Red Games in general make up, though not very high stationed. They certainly were an attractive oddity. There was also a pair of Buff Rose Combs, little beauties, except for a few feathers on the shanks. A number of pairs of Mottled Pekin, Buff and White, were exhibited.

Among the many notable exhibits that of the Rhode Island Experiment Station deserves especial mention. It is contained in 37 coops and consists of 16 one-fourth wild turkeys selected from a flock of 300 birds, 2 half wild Turkeys from a flock of 25. These birds have been thus bred to infuse fresh blood into the Turkey stock of the state and to furnish farmers with breeding stock that will increase the hardiness and decrease the difficulty of raising Turkey poults. Eleven Capons are shown, 2 of the Indian Game and Light Brahma that have the immense breast that the Indian Game puts upon most breeds and especially upon this breed of Asiatics. The others are of various crosses and look fit to furnish the table of any epicure. Seventy-two birds, first and second crosses between pure bred fowls are shown. These birds have been weighed every two weeks during their growth for the purpose of comparison. Of Geese the Station exhibits 17 speci-

mens, 3 Embden, 3 Toulouse, 6 a cross of Toulouse gander on Embden goose, and 5 of Embden gander on Toulouse goose. These young cross-breeds are of remarkable size for their age and are intended to show the benefit to the market raiser of crossing young stock. Like the other cross breeds they have been subjected to frequent weighings to determine the best method of crossing, if one method is better than another.

The American class, while weak in some breeds, is a very large class and numbers some remarkably fine specimens. This is especially true of the Barred Plymouth Rock. More and better birds of this variety appear than in any, perhaps than in all the other breeds in the class. The Whites are good, but strange as it may seem, the Silver Wyandotte is extremely weak in numbers. A few years back it outnumbered the Plymouth Rock in our Rhode Island shows, but it has evidently lost its hold here in New England. The Golden were a better class than the Silver or the Whites. The latter were fair. Black Javas were few, Mottled still fewer and Whites absent. A small but fairly good lot of American Dominiques were shown. But the Dominique in plumage is a large way behind the Barred Plymouth Rock.

The Asiatic class in Light Brahmas, Buff and Partridge Cochins was strong in numbers and quality, fair in Langshans and moderate in the other varieties. The Oakland Farm of Taunton, Mass., showed a good string of Light Brahmas and Buff Cochins, but not for competition. Had they been for competition they would have made it interesting for some of the winners in these varieties.

The Mediterranean class was weak in Black Spanish, as it always is everywhere. It is strange that so good and so striking a fowl should be allowed to drop so far behind in the race for popularity. The classes for Leghorns, White and Brown were immense and the quality good. Rose Combs were few in comparison with the single combed bird. Black Minorcas were out in fair numbers and Whites were represented by some good birds. Black Leghorns and Andalusians complete the class, there being no Dominiques. This variety has practically disappeared from the show room, though a few still breed it.

The Polish class was a rather weak one, the quality not being high and the numbers not great. There were no "clinkers" in the class, though there were a few high grade birds. It seems to take our Canadian brethren to breed Polish with immense crests and great perfection of plumage.

In the Hamburg class there were representatives of every variety, including Red Caps, except the Whites. Few Whites appear at any shows, but at Elmira a few years ago there were large classes of this variety and good birds, too.

The Houdans in large numbers and the La Fleche in few looked after the honors of the French class. The Houdans are a very good class, though they let something to be desired. They always do, and especially at this time in the year when they are in moult.

The Game class was a very large one of excellent average quality, but nothing in it that would terrify one or two breeders who could be named.

Dorkings were few and of average quality—no more.

The Bantams, both Games and others,

were very numerous and the work of judging them must have struck the judges with dismay. There were many highly meritorious birds. It would be difficult to get together a more notable gathering of the feathered pigmies.

In the Miscellaneous class were Peacomb White Plymouth Rocks, Aseels, White Brahmas, Indian Games, a large class, Buff Plymouth Rocks, Wyandottes and Leghorns, White Indians, Russians, White Langshans, White Wonders, Orpingtons, Pit Games and Barn-door or Cross-breeds. The Peacomb White Plymouth Rocks were of excellent quality; the Aseels very businesslike, Spangles and Whites; the White Brahmas large handsome birds; the Indian Games of good average quality; the Buff Plymouth Rocks poor; the Buff Wyandottes with perfection still out of sight; the Buff Leghorn males lacking much but the females of high quality; the White Indians small and few; the Russians inferior, as a class, to what they were a few years ago; the White Langshans few in number; the Orpingtons good birds, that would pass for extra large Black Wyandottes and the others what they purport to be.

There was a good exhibit of pigeons in certain classes and the exhibition was made more interesting by the presence of two pens of English Pheasants, a few Turkeys, Geese and Ducks, displays of Angora, Himalayan and fan colored Rabbits, common and Abyssinian Cavies or Guinea Pigs and fancy Mice. But it was in the main an immense exhibition of the common domestic fowl in nearly every known breed and variety and a few of the unknown. The judging began late but was finished expeditiously after it began. Nothing was done, except on collections, until Wednesday morning, and Wednesday night saw the whole show judged, and well judged in the main. In a few instances there might be room for question as to the placing of awards, but taken as a whole few shows have been better judged. If the Society had built its coops, as it intended at first to do and perhaps as it will another season, this great exhibition could have been more easily, and in some respects better arranged, and the judging might have been begun a few hours earlier. But under the circumstances it was handled remarkably well, and the Superintendent and his able assistants deserve great praise for their part in making this, what it has truly been, a great success.

THE AWARDS.

BARRED PLYMOUTH ROCKS.—Pen 1 Geo. L. Lamson, Jr., West Boylston, Mass., cock trifle Dorkie shaped, nice color, small comb with but three serrations, hens good; 2 W. E. Bright, Waltham, Mass., cockerel light on breast, nice shape, fine comb, females excellent; V. H. C. Robin Hill Poultry Yards, Chelmsford, Mass., excellent pullets, cockerel, comb trifle large, not quite as fine as desired in texture, typical shape, plumage good but some indications of brassiness in the future. Cock 1 Robin Hill Poultry Yards, condition excellent, shape good, color medium, a good all-around bird; 2 Geo. L. Lamson, Jr., heavy bird, but three serrations to the comb, fair color, but a bit sheeny on back; V. H. C. Walter Hunold, Cranston, R. I., a good bird; H. C., Lamson, a bit small, three serrations to comb, good color. Cockerel 1 W. E. Bright, Waltham, Mass., a clean win, typical shape, excellent color and best comb in the lot; 2 Robin Hill Poultry Yards, comb with three serrations but firm and straight, trifle light in color, excellent beak and legs, a first-class bird; V. H. C., Lamson, a good one; H. C., Fremont H. Willer, a big dark bird with rather poor comb. Hen 1 Lamson, trifle dark, large, good shape; 2 O. H. Hagoon, Providence, immense size and good color, loses on comb; V. H. C., Lamson, good bird; H. C., W. E. Bright, excellent comb but rather coarse in barring. Pullet 1 F. S. Pingry, large bird, fine shape, low comb, excellent color; 2 Lamson, low comb, good one rightly placed; V. H. C., Bright, nice in shape but a bit dark; H. C., Lamson, large, a bit smutty in flights.

WHITE PLYMOUTH ROCKS.—Pen 1 Geo. L. Lamson, Jr., cock large, with small comb but little rough in texture, and evenly serrated, hens admirable in color, a good pen; 2 A. Wright & Son, Worcester, Mass., fine even pen, the male's defect being chiefly in length of points

to comb; V. H. C., A. G. Lewis & Son, Central Falls, R. I., cock sunburnt but good bird, a very good pen; H. C., Benj. Watson, chicks shown in beautiful condition, cockerel's comb a bit weak. Cock 1 Lamson, admirable in shape and color; 2 A. G. Lewis & Son, stylish bird, a trifle leggy; V. H. C., F. S. Pingry, Littleton, Mass., big bird of good color; H. C., H. W. Mowry, Oaklawn, R. I., nice bird but brassy from sun. Cockerel 1 Lamson, elegant comb, clean white in color, bit leggy but will fill out with age; 2 A. Wright & Son, big bird, yellow on surface but pure white when opened; V. H. C., Lamson, young but promising to make best bird in lot; H. C., Pingry, good bird but will be yellow on surface. Hen 1 Pingry, great size, poor comb, evidently an old hen but holding her age well, rightly placed; 2 A. G. Lewis & Son, long in body, excellent in color; V. H. C., Lamson, nice shape, bit small; H. C., Lamson, on surface one of the best but plumage specked with black penciling, artificial moulting might have placed this bird higher. Pullet 1 Pingry, excellent in shape, white as snow; 2 A. Wright & Son, a close second to first; V. H. C.; H. W. Mowry, nice shape except tail after Leghorn pattern, plumage peppered a little with smut; H. C., Lamson, young, lacks development, plumage trifle penciled.

SILVER WYANDOTTES.—Pen 1 A. B. Terry, Brocton, Mass., a good pen of chicks, but cockerel has solid bar on wings; 2 Dr. N. W. Sanborn, Bellingham, Mass., male young but of great size, will make very large bird, females too dark now, more stripe of white in centre of feathers. Cock, Terry, large bird, wide comb, poor breast and hackle. Cockerel, Terry, better than cock but not a clinker. Hen, Terry, nice shape, fine breast but penciled back. Pullet, Terry, good bird but bit penciled on back.

GOLDEN WYANDOTTES.—Pen 1 B. S. Upham & Co., Wilsonton, Conn., male nice bird, two of females ditto and two somewhat mossy on back. Cock 1 Upham, a nice old bird; 2 Andrew Bray, Pawtucket, R. I., best comb in lot and close up to first; V. H. C., R. A. Crowet, Olneyville, R. I., medium sized bird with poor comb; H. C., Bray, big bird, too tall and in rough condition. Cockerel 1 Upham, fine bird, comb bit hollow and too large. Hen 1 Upham, excellent except bit mossy on back; 2 Bray, too light in ground color and back penciled. Pullet 1 Upham, a phenomenal pullet, ground color excellent, centers large and open and perfectly free of penciling, one of the best yet brought out, breast perhaps a trifle light, but any one would be glad to breed such a specimen.

WHITE WYANDOTTES.—Pen 1 F. W. Kling, North Attleboro, Mass., cock good bird but brassy, hens all good; all the other pens were disqualified. Cock 1 Robin Hill Poultry Yards, good shape, comb bit hollow, sunburnt on back, all other cocks disqualified. Cockerel 1 Upham, a beauty, fine shape and white as the snow; he had competitors but they were disqualified. Hen 1 Robin Hill Poultry Yards, comb smooth on top, but a big fine bird; 2 Upham, nice shape, close second, fails in size. Pullet 1 Upham, a beauty; 2 Robin Hill Poultry Yards, also a beauty.

BLACK JAVAS.—1 on pen, cock, cockerel, hen and pullet to Upham & Co.; good lot of birds.

AMERICAN DOMINIQUE.—Pen 1 Upham & Co.; 2 Watertown Poultry Yards, Watertown, Conn. Cock 1 Upham & Co.; 2 Watertown Poultry Yards. Cockerel 1 Upham & Co., a good one; 2 Watertown Poultry Yards, a good lightish colored young bird. Hen 1 Watertown Poultry Yards; 2 Upham; both too dark. Pullet 1 Watertown Poultry Yards, a very fair specimen; 2 Upham, moderate specimen, dark in leg.

LIGHT BRAHMAS.—Pen 1 E. C. Teft, Wakefield, R. I., typical shape, good combs and excellent black points; 2 C. J. Nesmith, Reading, Mass., a close second, loses by male not being equal to first; V. H. C., H. A. Cook, Franklin, Mass., male with fine leg and toe feathering, good tail and hackle but deficient in breast, females good; H. C., J. H. Hammett, Newport, R. I., moderately good pen. Cock 1 Talmadge & Shepard, excellent black but lucky to beat second; 2 Teft, rather tall, good body, stripe and comb but rough from moulting; V. H. C., Nesmut, a good bird but in poor condition; H. C., Job Dawley, bad comb, big hocks but excellent color. Cockerels 1, 2, V. H. C. and H. C. all to Teft, and a nice lot of cockerels they were. Hen 1 Hobbs Bros., Olneyville, R. I., a grand old hen of immense size, well developed and deserved her place; 2 to same, and of nearly equal quality; V. H. C., Teft, nice bodied bird but poor comb; H. C., R. J. & J. T. Taylor, Apponany, R. I., nice bodied, but faded tail and rather light in leg and toe feathering. Pullet 1, 2 and V. H. C., Teft, beautiful color, excellent shape; H. C., Nesmith, a good one, but not quite good enough.

DARK BRAHMAS.—Cock 1 C. A. Ballou, Worcester, Mass., size, color, leg and toe feathering excellent; 2 John Turner, Methuen, Mass., good shape but brassy. Cockerel 1 withheld; 2 Turner, too young to more than guess at quality. Hen, Ballou, nice steel grey, well penciled. Pullet 1 withheld; 2 and 3 Turner, good ground color but deficient in penciling on breast, may improve.

BUFF COCHINS.—Pen 1 Nesmith, immense feather, excellent color and shape; 2 same, big cock, some black in tail, hens good; V. H. C., Wm. Mayers, Newport, R. I., nice pen of chicks but lack development; H. C., H. C. Norcross, Methuen, Mass., fine pen of fowls. Cock 2 C. L. Marshall, Mass., high tail but good feather; V. H. C., Nesmith, good comb, moderate feather, trifle uneven in color; H. C., Wm. J. Faulkner, Bristol, R. I., black in wings and tail. Cockerel 1 C. W. Lord & Co., Milford, Conn., a beautifully colored bird, no black, light chestnut tail, heavily feathered legs and toes; 2 Nesmith, likely young bird, well feathered; V. H. C., Pine Grove Farm, Peppwell, Mass., too leggy and red on wings; H. C., same, promising young one. Hen 1 —, large, moderate cushion, good color; 2 Nesmith, good shape, rather faded color, magnificent leg feathering; V. H. C. —, faded in plumage, moderate quality; H. C., Marshall, good color and feathers. Pullet 1 and 2, Lord & Co., two magnificent birds; V. H. C., Pine Grove Farm, rich color, fine feathers; H. C., Nesmith, promising but young.

PARTRIDGE COCHINS.—Pen 1 R. J. & J. T. Taylor, nice male, fairly good females; 2 W. H. Sheldon, Pawtucket, R. I., promising young male, but females too mossy, may improve by

moulting. Cocks 1 Teft, large, splendid stripe in hackle and saddle, rough in condition; 2 Ballou, good stripe, excellent leg feathering; V. H. C., Teft, nice bird; H. C., Ballou, newly vulture hocked, good bird otherwise. Cockerel 1 Teft, size, color, feather, and shape excellent; 2 E. W. Brown, Old Mystic, Conn., good body and color but two side sprigs on comb; V. H. C., Teft, admirable, and if hackle were out ought to beat second; H. C., Ballou, young, will improve with age. Hen 1 Taylor, fine old bird, good comb, ground color and penciling; 2 Teft, good color and shape but at present bare middle toe; V. H. C. and H. C., Ballou, trifle mossy on back in former, ground color could be improved in latter. Pullet 1 Ballou, clear winner, elegant pullet; 2 Brown, good one but little mossy on back and ground color could be improved. V. H. C. and H. C., Teft, not quite up to winners in penciling, will improve with age.

BLACK COCHINS.—Pen Upham, moderate pen of chicks, fortunate that there were no competitors.

WHITE COCHINS.—Pen 1 withheld; 2 Mowry, young, fair pen of chicks. Cock 1 Mowry, moderate quality; 2 S. B. Roy, Worcester, Mass., long tail, poor comb, yellow; V. H. C., Mowry, poor condition, old bird in good condition would equal first, got all he deserves. Cockerel 2 Mowry, prominent hocks, young. Hen 1 H. A. Jones, Worcester, Mass., immense size and with little more cushion would be a clinker; 2 Mowry, moderate quality; V. H. C., Roy, close to second. Pullet Mowry, undeveloped.

BLACK LANGSHANS.—Pen 1 Nesmith, cockerel too cocking, pullets elegant; 2 Burke & Eldridge, Bristol Ferry, R. I., females excellent, male weak in legs; V. H. C., Upham & Co., good cockerel, moderate pullets; H. C., Kline, quality moderate. Cock 1 Upham & Co., fine old bird, well shown; 2 Kline, beaten by first only in size and condition. Cockerel 1 Burke & Eldridge, rather long in back, good comb; 2 Upham & Co., big but rather coarse; V. H. C. and H. C., Burke & Eldridge, similar in type to first. Hen 1 Nesmith, brilliant plumage, not quite typical in shape; 2 Burke & Eldridge, good style, neat comb; V. H. C., Upham & Co., great size, poor comb and too much fluff; H. C., Kline, good comb, but lacks luster. Pullet 1 and 2 Nesmith, typical and in pink of condition; V. H. C., large, long in back; H. C., W. G. Brumbaugh, Seville, O., young, undeveloped.

BLACK SPANISH.—Cock 1 John Turner, tall old bird with immensely developed face. Cockerel 1 and 2 Turner, good ones; V. H. C., J. W. Whitaker, Pawtucket, R. I., fair specimen, Hen 1 and 2, Turner, good ones of excellent size. Pullet 1 and 2, Turner, likely ones; V. H. C. and H. C., Whitaker, medium quality, young.

S. C. WHITE LEGHORNS.—Pen 1 C. J. Fogg, Waltham, Mass., nice chicks; 2 and V. H. C., Buffington, good birds but lobes too yellow; H. C., Frank C. Beadley, Pawtucket, R. I., good shape and plumage, yellow lobes. Cock 1 R. B. Smith, North Andover Depot, Mass., excellent comb, style, but tail not out; 2 J. H. Woodhead, Leicester, Mass., nice comb, pure white plumage, lobes a bit creamy; V. H. C., Bradley, good one; H. C., R. L. Card, bad lobes, but for which might have gone higher. Cockerel 1 Woodhead, a beauty, white, comb and lobes good; 2 Fogg, elegant comb, close to first; V. H. C., Smith, white, great style but fails in comb; H. C., R. H. Lynch, Pawtucket, R. I., very white, lobes creamy, comb rough in texture. Hen 1 Woodhead, a showy beauty; 2 R. L. Card, white, typical shape; V. H. C., Smith, color, comb and lobes good; H. C., A. M. Remington. Pullet 1 Smith, stylish, pure color, comb undeveloped; 2 Woodhead, stylish, comb undeveloped; V. H. C., Fogg, style and color excellent; H. C., Silas E. Barber, Arcadia, R. I., nice bird.

S. C. BROWN LEGHORNS.—Pen 1 Bright, a pen of clinkers; all other pens disqualified. Cock 1 and 2 Bright, stylish, rich in color, close together; V. H. C., R. J. & J. T. Taylor, too red in lobes, comb bit coarse in texture; H. C., S. E. Barber, light in hackle and bad in lobes. Cockerel 1, 2 and V. H. C., Bright, three grand birds rightly placed; H. C., Barber, good lobes and comb and excellent hackle. Hen 1 and 2 Bright, good ones; V. H. C., W. J. Haswell, Arlington, R. I., a good all-around one; H. C., W. P. Rickitson, good shape but fails in color. Pullet 1 and 2 Bright, differ but little except in age and development, good ones; V. H. C., Barber, a nice specimen; H. C., Bright, young bird, prick comb.

BLACK LEGHORNS.—Pen 1 Bradley, very rich in color and good legs. Cock 1 Bradley; 2 H. A. Jones, good specimen; H. C., C. H. Bassett, Lakewood, R. I., spikes on comb nearly gone, earlobes bad. Cockerel 1 Bradley, a likely one. Hen 1 H. A. Jones, stylish; 2 and V. H. C., Bradley, medium in quality; H. C., Bassett, prick comb. Pullet 1 and 2 Bradley, young, undeveloped but promising.

R. C. WHITE LEGHORNS.—Pen 1 E. W. Cutter, West Boylston, Mass., a good pen, cock somewhat brassy. Cock 1 Barber, poor spike, but rightly placed; 2 and V. H. C., Jesse Dawley, Centerville, R. I., fine in comb and lobes, and bit yellow on back. Cockerels 1, 2 and V. H. C., Barber, three good ones, first a beauty; H. C., Dawley, fair birds; H. C., Barber, bad comb, needs washing. Pullet 1 and 2 Barber, nice ones, close together; V. H. C., Cutter, young, undeveloped; H. C., Barber.

R. C. BROWN LEGHORNS.—Pen 1 and 2 Talmadge & Shepard, very good pens. Cock 1 C. H. Paine, Providence, R. I., good in shape and color; 2 C. Ellery, Middletown, R. I., nice bird, but bad lobes. Hen 1 Paine, excellent; 2 Talmadge & Shepard, bit rusty on wing.

ANDALUSIANS.—Pen 1 Daniel Love, a good pen. Hen 1 H. A. Jones; 2 O. H. Magoon, Providence, R. I.; V. H. C., Mark Bunsby, Johnston, R. I. Pullet 1 Love.

BLACK MINORCAS.—Pen 1 A. Wright & Son, excellent throughout. Cock 1 Mark Bunsby, poor comb, but nice upstanding bird. All other cocks disqualified. Cockerels 1 Wright & Son, rich color, good comb; 2 E. W. Cutter, a neat one; V. H. C., J. W. Whittaker, a good one; H. C., Samuel Lewis, nice bodied bird, but weak in comb. Hen 1 H. A. Jones, nice shape, color and lobe; 2 Magoon, beat first in size and close up otherwise; V. H. C., Bunsby, except in color, a trifle dull, liked her better than first. Pullet 1 Wright & Son, hard to beat; 2 Magoon, young,

but large; V. H. C., E. Watson; H. C., Samuel Lewis, too young.

WHITE MINORCAS.—1 on pen, cockerel and pullet to Wright & Son, these were of an exceptionally fine birds, fit for competition in the hottest company; 2 on pullet to Thomas Brown, a good bird.

WHITE CRESTED BLACK POLISH.—Quality of class moderate. Pen 1 W. J. Austin, Cock 1 W. J. Austin; 2 R. L. Card, Cockerel 1 N. P. Card; 2 R. L. Card. Hen 1 W. J. Austin; 2 R. L. Card. Pullet 1 withheld; 2 R. L. Card.

WHITE CRESTED WHITE POLISH.—Moderate in quality for class. Cock 1 C. W. Comings, Stafford Springs, Conn. Cockerel 1 B. S. Upham & Co.; 2 C. W. Comings. Hen 1 C. W. Comings. Pullet 1 Upham & Co.; 2 C. W. Comings.

SILVER POLISH.—A poor class. Cock 1 C. E. Carr; 2 Miss J. M. Carr, crest moulting, but will be a fair bird when plumage is full. Cockerel 1 C. E. Carr. Pullet 1 Miss J. E. Carr; 2 C. E. Carr.

GOLDEN POLISH.—One specimen, fair pullet, appeared in this class. 1 to J. A. Spraker.

BEARDED SILVER POLISH.—Pen 1 F. J. Clarke, a good pen, nice color and fairly large crests; 2 C. W. Comings. Cock 1 Comings, good bird, large crest; 2 Comings, close to first; V. H. C., C. E. Carr, loses in crest. Cockerel 1 Upham & Co., good one; 2 C. E. Carr; V. H. C., Comings. Hen 1 H. A. Jones, excellent, large crest, pure color; 2 and V. H. C., Comings, close up; H. C., C. E. Carr, too light, crest small. Pullet 1 C. E. Carr, good crest; 2 Upham & Co.; V. H. C., Comings.

BEARDED GOLDEN POLISH.—Fairly good birds. 1 cock, cockerel, hen and pullet to Upham & Co.

SILVER SPANGLED HAMBURG.—Some good ones. 1 on pen, cock, cockerel, hen and pullet to Upham & Co.; 2 on hen to H. A. Jones, too black, tail not clear.

GOLDEN SPANGLED HAMBURG.—Pen 1 Upham & Co., ground color good, spangling could be improved; 2 Jones, lucky to get second. Cock 1 Uriah Stafford, Pawtucket, R. I., except in lobes, an A. 1 bird; H. C., S. P. Ballas, very moderate. Hen 1 Stafford, fair bird; H. C., Ballas, very moderate quality.

SILVER PENCILED HAMBURG.—Pen 1 Upham & Co., females nice, male undeveloped; 2 C. Eldridge, fair pen. Cock 1 Eldridge, good breeding bird, lobes coarse in texture; 2 Upham & Co., yellow, fails in sickles. Cockerel 1 Eldridge, nice comb and lobes; 2 Upham & Co., promising young one; V. H. C., D. Love, nice little one, will improve with age. Hen 1 Upham & Co., fine one; 2 and V. H. C., Eldridge. Pullet, all too young, 1 Love; 2 Upham & Co.; V. H. C., and H. C., Eldridge.

GOLDEN PENCILED HAMBURG.—Cock 1 Upham & Co., a first-class specimen; 2 H. A. Jones, loses in spike. Cockerel 1 Upham & Co.; 2 Love; V. H. C., Charles Eldridge; H. C., Jones, all too young, chicken feathers still in body plumage. A good guessing match to place them. Hen 1 Upham & Co., splendid specimen, but hackle penciled; 2 Jones, close up; V. H. C., Eldridge, falls but little behind. Pullet 1 Love, a good one; 2 Upham & Co.; H. C., Jones, too young.

BLACK HAMBURG.—Pen 1 Charles Eldridge, Rye, N. Y., typical shape, excellent combs and lobes, brilliant plumage. Cock 1 R. L. Card, a big one. Cockerel 1 Upham & Co., tall, rangy, but will fill out; 2 Eldridge, close up. Hen 1 Eldridge, fails a little in lobe, but otherwise good; 2 R. L. Card. Pullet 1 Upham & Co.; 2 Eldridge, both young and close together.

RED CAPS.—Cock 1 A. Bray, Pawtucket, R. I., a typical specimen; 2 Frank J. Watson, big, lopped comb, good color; V. H. C., Edgar E. McIntosh, too heavily built. Cockerel 1 Thomas Brown, Fitchburg, Mass., a good one. Hen 1 McIntosh, large, dull ground color; 2 Watson, a big, good one; V. H. C., A. Bray, nice bird; H. C., James Barlow, Providence, R. I., good size. Pullet 1 Thomas Brown, a good one; 2 J. T. Handley, Providence, R. I., promising specimen.

HOUDANS.—Pen 1 D. Love; 2 William Mayers, Newport, R. I.; V. H. C., F. J. Clarke; H. C., Love. Cock 1 Love, too dark, a good stock bird; 2 R. G. Buffington, Fall River, Mass., also dark bird; V. H. C., Mayers; H. C., Love. Cockerel 1 and 2 E. C. Condict, Trenton, N. J., fair crests, good size, too dark; V. H. C., Love, not yet got out his spangling; H. C., Buffington. Hen 1 Love; 2 and V. H. C., Love; H. C., Buffington. Pullet 1, 2 and V. H. C., Condict; H. C., Love, a really good class of birds.

LA FLECHE.—1 on cock, hen and pullet to H. W. Mowry; 2 on hen to S. B. Roy, fair quality.

BLACK BREASTED RED GAMES.—Pen 1 W. J. Wheeler, Worcester, Mass., a good one throughout, good reach, shoulders, and heads; 2 R. L. Card, good male, females too dark. Cock 1 S. P. Ballas, good old bird, rugged in moulting; 2 Wheeler, close up; V. H. C., H. Niles, Wyoming, R. I., strong bird, smacking of pit type. Cockerel 1 W. A. Dawley, Centerville, R. I., young, high station, nice legs; 2 R. L. Card, reachy, a good one; V. H. C., Niles, medium station, fair color. Hen 1 Wheeler, good bird, but lucky to beat second; 2 S. P. Ballas, long headed, reachy hen; V. H. C., R. L. Card. Pullet 1 R. L. Card, too short on leg, good color. 1 preferred 2, Dawley, a likely one, but a bit rusty on wing; V. H. C., Niles.

BROWN RED GAMES.—Cock 1 Wheeler, a nice bird, but too much on Black Red color; 2 Niles, pit type. Cockerel 2 Niles, good bird, thought him worthy of first, which was withheld. Hen 1 Wheeler; 2 Niles; V. H. C., Elmer Henry, Johnston, R. I. Pullet, Niles, a beauty.

GOLDEN D. W. GAMES.—Pen 1 Wheeler, big cock, fair hens. Cock 1 Wheeler, rich color, good head; 2 R. L. Card, fair station, lead colored legs; V. H. C., Surprise Incubator Co. Cockerel 1 R. L. Card, long head, fair station, good color; 2 N. P. Card, younger, but I liked him better than first. Hen 1 Wheeler; 2 R. L. Card; V. H. C., Pine Grove Farm. Pullet 1 Wheeler; 2 R. L. Card.

SILVER D. W. GAMES.—Pen 1 Wheeler, a good pen of Silvers. Cock 1 Wheeler; 2 R. L. Card; V. H. C., William N. Fenner. Cockerel 1 R. L. Card. Hen 1 Wheeler; 2 and V. H. C., R. L. Card. Pullet 1 Wheeler; 2 R. L. Card.

RED PYLE GAMES.—Pen 1 Wheeler, high stationed cock, willow legs, good color, females good; 2 R. L. Card, excellent color, fair station. Cock 1 Wheeler; 2 A. F. Luther, Olneyville, R. I.; H. C., William C. Gardner, Hope Valley, R. I.

Cockerel 1 Luther; 2 Gardner; V. H. C., N. P. Card. Hen 1 Wheeler, a good one; 2 A. F. Luther; V. H. C., S. K. Luther, Olneyville, R. I. Pullet 1 A. F. Luther; 2 S. K. Luther; V. H. C., William C. Gardner.

BLACK GAMES.—Nice lot of birds, especially brilliant in color, but, like nearly all blacks, lacking in reachiness. Pen 1 Gardner; 2 Wheeler. Cock 1 H. H. Barnes & Bro.; 2 Wheeler; V. H. C., Gardner; H. C., Upham & Co. Cockerel 1 Barnes & Bro.; 2 Gardner. Hen 1 Barnes & Bro.; 2 Gardner; V. H. C., Upham & Co.; H. C., Wheeler. Pullet 1 Barnes & Bro.; 2 Gardner.

WHITE GAMES.—Pen 1 J. A. Spraker, Sprakers, N. Y., nice pen, good heads, yellow legs and fair station. Cock 1 Barnes & Bro.; 2 Wheeler; V. H. C., Gardner. Cockerel 1 Barnes & Bro.; 2 S. K. Luther. Hen 1 Barnes & Bro.; 2 Gardner; V. H. C., Wheeler. Pullet 1 Barnes & Bro.; 2 S. K. Luther.

BLACK SUMATRAS.—Cock 1 Wheeler; 2 W. J. Middleton. Hen 1 Wheeler; 2 Gardner. Pullet 1 Gardner.

B. B. R. MALAYS.—Cock 1 Gardner. Cockerel 1 V. H. C., Gardner. Hen 1 Gardner.

WHITE DORKINGS.—1 on hen to H. A. Jones. **SILVER GRAY DORKINGS.**—1 on cock and hen, 2 on cockerel and pullet to R. L. Card.

COLOR DORKINGS.—1 on hen to H. A. Jones. **B. B. R. GAME BANTAMS.**—Pen 1 C. A. Ballou; 2 Upham & Co., two likely pens of chicks. Cock 1 Ballou, a blinker, long head, fine station; 2 Love, trifle light in head and a bit large, but a good one; V. H. C., John F. Borden, Pawtucket, R. I., nice, fails in tail; H. C., W. H. Frilton. Cockerel 1 Ballou, reachy, long lean head; 2 Love, tall, and a good one; V. H. C., Borden; H. C., Warren Miller. Hen 1 Ballou, very neat headed one; 2 Borden; V. H. C., Edwin H. Morris; H. C., Borden. Pullet 1 Upham & Co., very tall; 2 Fulton; V. H. C., Ballou, fails a bit in color; H. C., Borden.

BROWN RED GAME BANTAMS.—Pen 1 Upham & Co., very small; 2 H. A. Jones, good ones, but a little large. Cock 1 Upham & Co.; V. H. C., R. L. Card. Hen 1 Upham & Co. Pullet 1 Jones, a reachy, nice colored one; 2 R. L. Card. **GOLDEN D. W. GAME BANTAMS.**—Pen 1 Upham & Co., Cock 1 Borden; 2 Upham & Co. Cockerel 1 Upham & Co.; 2 Borden. Hen 1 Upham & Co.; 2 Borden. Pullet 1 Upham & Co.; 2 Borden.

SILVER D. W. GAME BANTAMS.—Pen 1 Upham & Co., Cock 1 Upham & Co.; 2 Borden. Cockerel 1 Upham & Co.; 2 Borden. Hen 1 Borden; 2 Upham & Co. Pullet 1 Borden; 2 Upham & Co.

RED PYLE GAME BANTAMS.—Pens 1st Borden; 2nd Upham & Co. Cocks, 1st W. H. Fulton, a clear win; 2nd Upham & Co.; V. H. C., Borden. Cockerels, 1st H. Jones; 2nd R. L. Card; V. H. C., Upham & Co. Hens, 1st Fulton; 2nd Frilton; V. H. C., G. M. Smith. Pullets, 1st Frilton; 2nd Upham & Co.; V. H. C., R. L. Card; H. C., Borden.

BLACK GAME BANTAMS.—Pens, 1st W. C. Gardner; 2nd E. B. Putnam. Cocks, 1st and 2nd Putnam. Cockerels, 1st and V. H. C., Putnam; 2nd R. L. Card. Hens, 1st Putnam; 2nd Card; V. H. C., Gardner. Pullets, 1st and 2nd Putnam; V. H. C., Card.

WHITE GAME BANTAMS.—Pen, 2nd Gardner. Cock, Upham & Co.; 2nd Frank P. Millard, Jr., Cockerels, 1st Putnam. Hens, 1st Upham & Co.; 2nd Millard; V. H. C., and H. C., Putnam. Pullets, 1st H. A. Jones; 2nd Putnam.

GOLDEN SEBRIGHT BANTAMS.—A splendid class, nearly every bird of good quality. Pens, 1st and 2nd Upham & Co.; V. H. C., P. H. Sweet; H. C., W. Ball. Cocks, 1st Upham & Co.; 2nd R. G. Buffington; V. H. C., F. L. Peckham; H. C., F. L. Pingue. Cockerels, 1st Upham & Co.; 2nd Pingue; V. H. C., Ball; H. C., Pingue. Hens, 1st Upham & Co.; 2nd P. H. Sweet; V. H. C., Peckham; H. C., Buffington. Pullets, 1st Upham & Co.; 2nd Pingue; V. H. C., Ball.

SILVER SEBRIGHTS.—Splendid class, well placed. Pens, 1st H. A. Jones; 2nd Harry E. Austin. Cocks, 1st E. M. Hunt; 2nd Upham & Co.; V. H. C., E. M. Hunt. Cockerels, 1st H. A. Jones; 2nd E. M. Hunt. Hens, 1st Hunt; 2nd Upham & Co.; V. H. C., C. H. White. Pullets, 1st Hunt; 2nd Jones; V. H. C., Hunt.

ROSE COMB WHITE BANTAMS.—Pens, 1st H. A. Jones, 2nd W. Miller. Cockerels, 1st E. R. Putnam; 2nd W. H. Congdon. Oaklawn, R. I. Hens, 1st Putnam; 2nd W. Miller; H. C., H. A. Jones. Pullets, 1st Putnam; 2nd Congdon.

ROSE COMB BLACK BANTAMS.—Pen 1st Upham & Co. Cock 1st Upham & Co.; 2nd D. Love; V. H. C., Middleton & Keyes; H. C., Talmadge & Shepard. Cockerels 1st W. H. Congdon; 2nd G. M. Smith. Hens 1st D. Love; 2nd Smith; V. H. C., Upham & Co.; H. C., Smith. Pullets 1st Congdon; 2nd Smith.

BOOTHED WHITE BANTAMS.—Pen 1 Congdon. Cock, Middleton & Keyes. Cockerel 1 Congdon. Hens, 1 Middleton & Keyes; 2nd Congdon. Pullet 1 Congdon; V. H. C., Middleton & Keyes.

BUFF PEKIN BANTAMS.—Pen 1 C. C. Wood; 2 Buffington; V. H. C., Jones; H. C., Upham & Co. In these awards I could not follow the judge. My personal preference of these pens would have been the 4th. Cock 1 D. Love; 2 R. I. Poultry Yards; V. H. C., G. M. Smith; H. C., F. A. Borden. Cockerel 1 Upham & Co.; 2nd and V. H. C., R. I. Poultry Yards; H. C., mith. Hens 1 D. Love; 2nd and V. H. C., R. I. Poultry Yards; H. C., Buffington. Pullets 1 Upham & Co.; 2nd and V. H. C., R. I. Poultry Yards. A hot class throughout, and any exhibitor fortunate to win.

BLACK PEKIN BANTAMS.—1 on pen, 2 on cock and hen to Buffington. 1 on cockerel and pullet to Congdon. H. C., on hen to Peckham. Congdon's pullet, barring a trifle too much tail, was one of the best of the variety that has yet appeared.

MOTTLED PEKIN BANTAMS.—All the prizes to the R. I. Poultry Yards.

WHITE PEKIN BANTAMS.—Pen 1 Buffington. Cocks 1 W. E. Darling; 2 H. Kochesperger. Cockerels 1 and 2 Congdon; V. H. C., Kochesperger; H. C., G. M. Smith. Hens 1 Kochesperger; 2 Darling. Pullets, 1 and 2 Congdon; V. H. C., Kochesperger; H. C., Smith.

JAPANESE BANTAMS.—Pen 1 H. A. Jones. Cockerels 1 Jones; 2 and V. H. C., S. E. Barber. Hen 1 Barber. Pullets 1 and V. H. C., S. E. Barber; 2nd H. A. Jones.

ASELS.—1 on pen, cock and pullet to M. M. Dodd for a solid business like lot of Spangles.

WHITE BRAHMAS.—1 on cock and V. H. C., on hen to W. H. Congdon; 2 and V. H. C., on cocks,

1 on cockerel, 1 and 2 on hens and 1 on pullet to H. W. Mowry.

PEACOMB WHITE PLYMOUTH ROCKS.—Some nice birds. All prizes to W. H. Congdon.

INDIAN GAMES.—A large class of fair quality. Pens 1 R. G. Buffington; 2nd R. B. Smith; V. H. C., John Melvin, Whitensville, Mass. Cocks 1 to J. Wheeler; 2nd Chas. L. Marshall, Lowell, Mass.; V. H. C., Howard Turner, Oaklawn, R. I.; H. C., L. A. Dawley. Cockerels 1 John Melvin; 2 L. A. Dawley; V. H. C., John Baxter, Providence; H. C., W. G. Brumbaugh, Seville, O. Hens 1 L. A. Dawley; 2nd C. L. Marshall; V. H. C., S. P. Ballas; H. C., Howard Turner. Pullets 1 L. A. Dawley; 2 John Baxter; V. H. C., Brumbaugh; H. C., Turner. The cockerel, which I preferred to any male in the show was unnoticed. He was too young to be shown but had the right stamp for the later exhibitions.

WHITE INDIAN GAMES.—Cockerels 1 H. E. Austin; 2 John Melvin. Pullet 1 Austin.

BUFF PLYMOUTH ROCKS.—The barred birds have nothing to fear from such a class as this was. Altogether too much black in hackles, wings and tails. 1 on cock, cockerel, hen and pullet went to R. G. Buffington.

BUFF WYANDOTTES.—These were better than the preceding class, but there is a wide space between them and perfection. Pen 1 R. G. Buffington. Cock and Hen 1 to D. P. Show.

BUFF LEGHORNS.—In females there were some lovely birds shown. The males were not equal to their sisters. Pens 1 Robin Hill P. Yards; 2 Chas. C. Wood, Ayer, Mass. Cocks 1 R. G. Buffington; 2 Robin Hill P. Yards. Cockerels 1 E. W. Brown; 2, V. H. C., and H. C., Robin Hill P. Yards. Hens 1 and 2 Robin Hill P. Yards; V. H. C., R. G. Buffington; H. C., F. J. Clarke. Pullets 1 E. W. Brown; 2nd V. H. C. and H. C., Robin Hill P. Yards.

RUSSIANS.—1 on pen, 2 on cock, 1st on cockerel, 2nd on hen, 1 on pullet to C. E. Carr; 1st on cock, 2 on cockerel, V. H. C., on hen, 2 on pullet to J. M. Carr; 1 on hen to H. A. Jones. The 1st hen was a fine specimen, the others were of exceedingly moderate quality.

WHITE LANGSHANS.—1 on cock and hen to J. J. Hunt.

WHITE WONDERS.—All prizes to Wm. N. French, New Haven, Ct., the originator.

SPRINGTONS.—All prizes to Daniel Love.

PIT GAMES.—Pens 1 and 2 Walter Henry; V. H. C., J. A. Spraker. Cockerel 1 M. M. Dodd. Pullet 1 M. M. Dodd.

BARN DOOR OR CROSS BREED FOWLS.—1 and hen to W. G. Wheeler.

COLLECTIONS.

AMERICAN CLASS.—1 D. J. Lambert, Apponang, R. I. Barred P. Rock fowls; 2nd S. H. Davis, Fall River, B. P. Rock fowls.

ASIATIC CLASS.—1 S. H. Davis, Black Langshans; 2 P. H. Powell, Black Langshans, both chicks.

MEDITERRANEAN CLASS.—1 Pine Grove Farm; 2 W. E. Bright, both S. C. Brown Leghorns.

FRENCH CLASS.—1 D. Love, Houdans. **GAME CLASS.**—1 W. J. Wheeler.

MISCELLANEOUS.—1 Robin Hill Poultry Yards, Buff Leghorns; 2 Wm. N. French, White Wonders.

BEST PAIR WHITE TURKEYS.—1 fowls, Mrs. V. R. Joslin.

PEARL GUINEAS.—Fowls 1 H. A. Jones; 2 D. Lorr.

WHITE GUINEAS.—Fowls 1 Lucian Dawley; 2 H. A. Jones.

ENGLISH PHEASANTS.—Chicks 1 Wm. Meyers.

DUCKS.

BEST COLLECTION 15 BIRDS.—1 B. H. & E. B. Arnold, Lonsdale, R. I., Pekins. 2 B. H. Powell, South Portsmouth, R. I., Rouens.

PEKIN DUCKS.—Fowls 1 John Kender; 2 B. H. & E. B. Arnold. Chicks 1 John Kender; 2 F. H. Willis.

ROUEN DUCKS.—Fowls 1 H. A. Jones; 2 B. Moon.

CAYUGA DUCKS.—Fowls 1 H. A. Jones; 2 W. C. Gardner. Chicks 1 Gardner; 2 Jones.

CRESTED WHITE DUCKS.—Fowls 1 F. McAvoy.

COLOR MUSCOV DUCKS.—Fowls 1 H. A. Jones; 2 Geo. Dawley.

WHITE MUSCOV DUCKS.—Fowls 1 H. A. Jones; 2 S. P. Ballas. Chicks 1 C. E. Card; 2 J. M. Card.

GEES.

TOULOUSE.—1 on both fowls and chicks to C. E. Card.

WHITE CHINESE FOWLS.—1 C. E. Card. Chicks 1 Julia M. Card.

BROWN CHINESE.—Fowls 1 Geo. Dawley.

CANADA.—1 on fowls, 1 and 2 on chicks to Geo. W. Ralph.

PIGEONS.

BEST COLLECTION.—1 W. H. Greene, Providence; 2 E. S. Parker, Providence.

BEST DISPLAY.—Short Faced Tumblers 1 E. S. Parker; Long Faced Tumblers 1 J. J. Heffernan; Inside Tumblers 1 E. S. Parker; Jacobins 1 W. H. Greene; English Owls 1 E. S. Parker; African Owls 1 E. S. Parker; Fantails 1 Mrs. V. R. Joslin; 2 D. P. Show; Magpies 1 John Orchard; Dragoons, 1 E. S. Parker.

PETS.

BEST COLLECTION.—1 Walter D. Benson, Providence; Angora Rabbits 1 Benson; Himalayan 1 Benson; Fan Colored Rabbits 1 Frank Drown; Common Cavies 1 M. Wardwell; Abyssinian 1 C. R. Greene; Yellow Canaries 1 S. P. Ballas.

EGGS.

BEST DISPLAY.—1 Mrs. R. V. Joslin; 12 White, 1st S. W. Lewis; 12 Brown 1 Mrs. R. V. Joslin; largest 12, 1 E. C. Tefft; best 12 ducks, 1 Mrs. R. V. Joslin; best brooder in operation, O. F. Fuller; best bone cutter 1 F. W. Mann & Co.; 2 C. W. Browning.

FOUND WHAT HE WANTED.

I thank you heartily for sending me a copy of THE AMERICAN FANCIER. I had taken the — for several years, and have them all bound for reference, but I stopped it July 1st, as it being nearly all dogs was worthless to me. I am a pigeon man and have been casting about for several months for just such paper as this. I know I shall be pleased with it, and shall show it to some of my friends here in town, and hope to increase its circulation.

GEORGE HOTTENSTEIN,
Trenton, N. J.

Oscar J. Lewis Caned.

One of the pleasant features at the New York State Fair, held at Syracuse last week, was the presentation of a gold headed cane to Superintendent of Poultry and Pigeons Oscar J. Lewis. The affair was the outcome of the following:

Resolved, That we, the undersigned, contribute the amounts opposite our names for the purpose of procuring a present to our worthy superintendent of poultry, Oscar J. Lewis, for the manner in which he handled the over large exhibit at the State Fair. Never once did he get angry or lose his head.

Resolved, That William Warner and M. T. Burn be a committee to procure whatever is best suited to the occasion.

Resolved, That C. E. Rockenstyre be chairman, and M. T. Burn toastmaster.

C. E. Rockenstyre, M. T. Burn, L. M. Hallenbeck, William Warner, M. Kleason, W. A. Shafer, John T. Cothran, Harry Sibbett, C. G. Stanard, F. H. Dolbear, R. D. Button, A. C. Gardner, Geo. H. Gallinger, C. W. Bly, M. E. Phelps, B. F. Bryant, H. D. Mason, F. R. Morey, T. C. Stanton, L. Lent, R. F. Seeley, M. E. Dolbear, T. S. Clough, Geo. H. Kemp, F. W. Church, C. P. Earle, Milo Bills, Henry Ballard, Rowe & Broughton, Knapp Bros., Mrs. W. P. Wheeler, James Seeley, R. P. Burghart, L. Garrison & Co., C. C. Westyeete, J. B. Docharty, Webster & Hannum, B. D. Sarr, J. Eno, E. R. Gregory, John H. Warner, C. W. Jerome, Adrian W. Smith.

The committee finding that enough money had been subscribed, purchased a splendid gold headed cane. The presentation was made at the west end of the new poultry building with a few remarks by M. T. Burn. Mr. Lewis was so taken by surprise that he could not say anything but "Thanks for this kind remembrance by my many friends in the poultry fraternity."

From Farmyard to Table.

Passengers on the Delaware, Lackawanna, and Western Railroad have viewed with some curiosity the construction of a long building with slatted sides, which now stands completed in Hoboken near the eastern entrance to the tunnel. It is the live poultry freight house of the Lackawanna road, the only freight house specially built for that use in this vicinity, and probably in the country. It is 300 feet by 50, with a double track inside, having a capacity of sixteen cars; the greatest number of cars that has yet been in the house at one time is eight, containing about 30,000 chickens. Most of the poultry that comes here from the West comes from Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Iowa, and Missouri. It is brought in patented cars specially designed for the transportation of live poultry. Each carries from 3,000 to 4,500 chickens, the number varying with the season, the greater number being carried in cool weather.

The chickens are collected by Western dealers, who send out agents, who stop at all the little towns along the line of a railroad and notify the storekeepers that on a certain day, say four or five days later, they will be around for chickens. On that day they run a poultry car along the road and gather them up. If the chickens have been collected in Missouri, for instance, the car, when full, is run to St. Louis and thence to New York. The time from St. Louis to New York is usually about five days. A man comes through with each car to care for the poultry.—*New York Sun*.

Sternberg's Sallies.

Bright and Pithy Sayings
from the Great West.

BY THEODORE STERNBERG.

[Written for THE AMERICAN FANCIER.]

I note the extract and the editorial comment in *re* Cochin feathering. It's funny, but it is true, the amount of positive ignorance and mendacity exhibited (by some who have other fowls to sell) regarding Cochins. While the Cochin controversy was over feathering, because that was the point at issue, yet the practical qualities have not been disregarded. The full feathered Buff is the larger bird. It is the most meaty Cochin, has the longest breast bone and the most meat on it. It grows very much quicker, it is amply covered with feathers while very young, and as layers none of the large Asiatics equal them. Tomlinson, who has bred Cochins from the first importation, says Cochins have lost no practical quality, and that the heavy feathering was brought about by the public demanding it, as the full feathered bird is far handsomer than the scanty feathered fowl and looks better in the show pen and tells better. I have pullets hatched January 28, 1893, which began laying June 25th and are still at it. I am familiar with all the leading breeds, and I know not one of them lays more eggs in the year than these full feathered Cochins. Twenty females, five of them July hatch, '92, four of them September hatch, '92; sold 97 settings of eggs during the setting season last spring; 10 settings went out to replace. I got some out myself, and this from hens that had laid the entire winter. Cochin breeders ain't kicking over the practical qualities of their fowls; it's the other fellows, who don't like to see the Cochins grow as they are doing.

There, that's the severest I have ever written against other breeds, but it does become a little tiresome to read the constant attacks made by interested or ignorant parties on the full feathered Cochins. I have written many columns for the poultry press; I have said, and shall say in the future, many kind things of all breeds and of all fancies. I love all the old breeds. Each is good enough, each has its admirers, each fancier is entitled to the free enjoyment of his own fancy. Where is the sense of these constant attacks? It don't help the fancy, it don't hurt the Cochin, but it does tend towards creating bitter feelings, and I want to say right out in meeting that it won't help the A. P. A. nor Uncle's baby decimal for either decimal or A. P. A. saints to continue their assaults upon the full feathered Cochin. If that ain't plain English, it shall be put in more forcible terms.

Let everyone praise their fancy and paint the fowl of their choice in all the colors of the rainbow. They are simply recording their opinions, their feelings, the picture as it seems from their point of view, but never, never, never attack another's choice. Go into any home and tell the mother that her babe is a red-haired, slab-sided, dirty, unpleasant, of-no-use kid, and you will come out looking like a scanty feathered Cochin. You would not do it, neither should anyone attempt the same kind of criticism on another fancy in fowls. If you do so, being an editor won't save your face. But I have got away off.

What I started out to say in this AMERICAN FANCIER is this: Like all fanciers whose fowls do not have the widest range over wood and pasture lands, the question of animal food is of great importance. In winter, when bones and scraps can be frozen and kept fresh, it is easier, but in summer it is very difficult to have a sufficient supply. In country villages it will be as it was in my case. I had no difficulty in getting a basket of fresh bones every day until others caught on and wanted bones, and then the supply did not meet the demand and I cannot depend on it.

Three seasons ago I began an experiment which, with the experience gained, satisfied me that I have solved this animal food question. I procured a bag of dried blood from one of the Kansas city packing houses. The dried blood is sold as a commercial fertilizer. I have used this with very satisfactory results. Hens lay freely if fed on it, chicks grow and feather out rapidly; it seems to fill the bill. Blood is the concentration of all substances entering into animal growth. In feeding this dried blood this fact must be borne in mind—very little goes a great way. To-day for a flock, old and young of all kinds, numbering over 100, I feed a half pint daily. It is in form like gunpowder, small grains. I take of coarse corn meal and bran and shorts equal parts enough to nearly fill a twelve quart pail. Into this, dry, I stir a half pint of dried blood. When evenly mixed, I make with sour milk a crumbling dough and feed.

Care must be taken to feed very little at first for if over fed, hens will go back on it, but gradually one can increase the amount until the fowls will eagerly eat the amount I feed. The flesh of fowls so fed is surprisingly firm and solid. For very small chicks I only use a teaspoonful for a dozen. I prefer to feed such foods in small amounts daily to feeding larger quantities at longer intervals.

A number of my friends acting on my suggestions have been using this dried blood this present season, and only the other day at Topeka I had the pleasure of seeing seventy-five beautiful Asiatics, which had grown out in great form on this dried blood as a ration.

The one objection I have found, is, the article is rather forcible in its smelling qualities, but this I am informed could easily be remedied in the course of its manufacture. Here then is an article of commerce, easily obtained, which if kept dry keeps forever, is easily fed, has no hard back breaking labor connected with it and does the work to a feather. I call fanciers' attention to it.

There is another flesh food which in some localities is abundant in certain seasons and often easily obtained. I refer to the ordinary minnow, which is so universally abundant in all small streams. Three years ago the Smoky Hill River was very low and my little ones were having great fun catching minnows with an old gummy sack net. I paid them a nickle for two quarts and for some time I got a couple of quarts a day until the river got higher and fishing stopped.

Dear me how the fowls would scramble for these little fish, they are very fond of them, and they went to work shelling out eggs at a great rate. I know that there are many places where a minnow net and a few moments' fishing will supply a large flock of fowls with most excellent animal food. Fanciers set the children fishing in the creeks and you or at least the hens will cackle thanks and the cocks will crow for one who loves them all dearly and who makes this suggestion.

A Southern Letter.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

Let me congratulate you on your first number. It is a hummer, and THE AMERICAN FANCIER is bound to climb right up to the top.

The fancy is on a boom in the south, and we will have more big shows this fall and winter than ever before. The past spring has been all that could be desired for the rearing of young chicks, and most breeders have raised many and I have seen some extra fine ones in yards I visited.

The premium list of the Louisiana State Fair and Shreveport Exposition, to be held at Shreveport, La., Oct. 30 to Nov. 4, is out. Premiums on poultry are very liberal and should draw a large exhibit.

Poultry—Cock, hen, cockerel and pullet, 1st \$1.50, 2nd 50c; ducks and geese, 1st pair \$2.00, 2nd \$1.00; turkeys, 1st pair \$4.00, 2nd \$1.00. For best collection of fowls in variety and merit by one exhibitor, (open to the world,) \$20.00. For the best collection of fowls in variety and merit by southern breeder, \$20.00. Best collection of pigeons, \$10.00; best pen copon, not less than (3) three, \$3.00; best pair peafowls, \$2.00. No entry or coop fees charged.

Shreveport alwas holds a great fair and is well attended. Many sales are made at good prices. The writer knows, for he has been there. Anyone wanting premium lists or entry blanks should address Mr. John J. Horan, Secretary, Shreveport, La.

A letter from New Orleans, La., informs me that the fanciers there are not a sleep and have organized a strong club with enough money guaranteed to hold a successful show. It is to be a bench and poultry show, and will be held in New Orleans next winter. Hope to be able to give you full particulars in my next.

A. E. SHAW.

Bay St. Louis, Miss., Sept. 11, '93.

Poultry and Pigeons at
Chicago.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

You will doubtless be interested in the following:

The original entries represent nearly 5,500 specimens, including poultry, pigeons, and pets.

I wish you would call your readers' attention to the fact that single birds cannot compete as part of breeding pen, and no one can enter more than nine birds in any one section, viz.: One cock, one hen, one cockerel, one pullet, and one "breeding pen" (one male and four females).

Spratts Patent, Limited, of New York, has charge of the cooping.

Judges will be appointed by Hon. John Boyd Thacher, chairman Committee on Awards.

Canada has very nearly one half of the entries.

Richard Twells, of Logansport, Ind., has been appointed assistant superintendent of poultry, and will report for duty September 20th. Mr. Twells is ex-secretary of the American Poultry Association.

Hoping the above will be of interest to your readers, I am,

GEORGE SEEGER, JR.,

Supt. Poultry, Pigeons, and Pet Stock.

GLAD TO HAVE THE CHANCE.
I am glad to have the chance of subscribing to a weekly poultry paper edited by a practical poultryman.
W. L. SMALLEY.
Choate, Del.

Southern Notes.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

Well, things are on a great big boom down here in the Sunny South. Trade better than ever before and prospects even better. We will have this winter three of the largest shows ever held in the South, New Orleans, Atlanta and Greenville. Keep your eye on them, they will be hummers. Below is list of officers and directors elected by the New Orleans Fanciers' Club:

The New Orleans Fanciers' Club was organized on the 15th instant with a membership of thirty-five. At a meeting held October 21st, the following officers and Board of Directors were elected: Charles R. Kennedy, president; William LeMonnier, vice president; G. W. Sentell, Jr., secretary; E. W. Hunter, treasurer.

Board of Directors.—A. S. Brand, Ben. A. Michel, George D. Fisher, L. I. Doize and J. K. Newman.

Mr. Kennedy, the president, is the Comptroller of the city; Mr. LeMonnier, the vice president, is connected with the cotton house of Pickard & Meyer; Mr. G. W. Sentell, Jr., the secretary, is a cotton factor; Mr. Hunter, the treasurer, is in the real estate business.

The gentlemen composing the Board of Directors are Mr. A. S. Brand, cashier of the People's Bank; Ben A. Michel, general bookkeeper for the city; George D. Fisher, cigar merchant; L. I. Doize, with the People's Bank; J. K. Newman, with H. & C. Newman, cotton factors.

This club was organized with the view of giving a bench and poultry show in this city about the latter part of January or early in February, 1894.

The club intends to join the American Kennel Club and show under its rules. New Orleans is one of the best show cities in the South and as the club has ample means the show is bound to be a grand success.

THE AMERICAN FANCIER is getting there in great shape, every number seems better than the previous one.

A. E. SHAW.

Bay St. Louis, Miss., Sept. 24, '93.

Public Opinion.

SOLD ALL HIS STOCK.

Please change my advertisement as I have sold all the yearling stock advertised in THE AMERICAN FANCIER before the second issue of the latter appeared.

WILLARD SELMSER.

NOT IN IT.

I am well pleased with THE AMERICAN FANCIER, and any dog, poultry, or pigeon fancier without it, is like the man who fell out of the balloon, not in it.
H. T. KLUSMEYER.
Easton, Pa.

EXPECTS A TREAT.

I hasten to subscribe to THE AMERICAN FANCIER, knowing full well the sterling qualities of "Drevy" in handling poultry topics, which of necessity must be rehashed in a thousand different ways, but with his manipulation are always a pleasure to read. I expect a treat the coming year through THE AMERICAN FANCIER.
HENRY WALLACE.

Brooklyn, N. Y.

The Magpie Club.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

In addition to the questions I asked in the September 23d issue, I submit the following: What standard will we judge by? The English standard as published in the first issue of THE AMERICAN FANCIER appears the best. If it does not suit, will members state their objections and offer a better standard.

G. A. FICK, Sec'y.

Baltimore, Md.

PIGEONS.

The Treatment of Young Pigeons.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

While much has been written about the care of young pigeons, still to the young breeder just starting in the fancy anything in the way of advice is acceptable, and we think that ideas advanced at various times by older breeders are always of benefit, if for no other reason than that by presenting a variety of ideas it teaches them to notice conditions they would not with their inexperience observe, but it also teaches them to think for themselves. A loft to be properly arranged should have two compartments, and this can be made to serve two purposes, one to keep the sexes separate when not breeding, and the other to furnish a place to place the youngsters after they have been driven from the nest by the parent birds. Supposing the old birds have been properly mated, selected a location and began driving, a fact that intimates that the hen is about ready to lay. They should be provided with an earthen nest pan, as they can always be easily cleaned, never become tainted, and provide no place to harbor insects. These placed in the desired spot, should be filled about one-quarter full of coarse pine saw dust, or finely cut hay, before doing which we would recommend to sprinkle a few drops of turpentine, carbolic acid, or oil of pennyroyal in the bottom as a preventative of vermin, the pest of young pigeons. A few drops also sprinkled outside the nest occasionally will do no harm. Settled in the nest and the solicitude of the cock quieted, the hen will soon lay her first egg which should be carefully removed from the nest until the second egg is laid when the first can be returned and incubation on both be commenced at same time, thus providing for both of the young to appear together, which gives them an equal chance from the beginning. If the first egg is left in the nest until the second is laid it has that much the start in hatching, and the first bird hatched being fed first it becomes the stronger of the two and frequently takes the most of the mother's food to the detriment of its later arriving brother or sister. Just now care must be taken to observe if the parent birds are good feeders and if not the young birds, if valuable, should be fed by hand, soak a few peas or some wheat in water and holding the bird in the left hand open its bill and place some of the food in its mouth, it will soon learn to like the treat and take food readily. Some not over fastidious breeders, chew the grain in their own mouths until quite fine, then taking the young bird's beak between their lips by the assistance of the tongue force the squab to eat. It soon learns the "knack" and will then take the food regularly. Fortunate is the young breeder whose pairs are all good feeders as it saves much anxiety and is one secret of success.

The period of incubation with pigeons is from 17 to 18 days, but about the tenth day one can determine whether the two eggs are fertile or not; take them one by one from the nest and hold them to a strong light and if fertile they will appear dark and solid; if infertile clear and light in weight. If both should prove infertile they might as well be destroyed as the time used in setting on them there-

after is all lost. The eggs taken from the nest, it will not be long before the hen will lay another pair when they can be left until the tenth day and again tested and if found fertile left to perfect the incubation. If clear again, removed, should they a second time be found infertile the pair might as well be broken, and the hen given another mate as the deficiency evidently is the fault of the male in failing to fructify the eggs. Young squabs grow rapidly when well fed, and the nest is liable to become foul consequently it is advisable to frequently change the saw dust, this can be best accomplished by having a duplicate nest pan, filling this after medicating or disinfecting it with the requisite amount of saw dust, placing it in the position of the old one, and gently removing the squabs to the new nest. This keeps them clean,

bared, and the flesh in these sections a bloody mass of pulp. By separating them from the old they have nothing to disturb them and can continue to grow and improve until past all danger. The floor of the room for young birds can be covered with dry sand or saw dust, their feeding and drinking vessels should be easy of access, and a plentiful supply of salt cat kept where they can peck at it at pleasure. Unless desired for special breeding purposes all inferior and badly marked specimens should be disposed of while they are still young, as to keep them is only a useless expense and a disfigurement to the flock. This seems hard advice to follow sometimes, but it is the true course to pursue if you are breeding for perfection of feather. If simply breeding for numbers and variety this does not apply. Until young birds are

The American Owl Club.

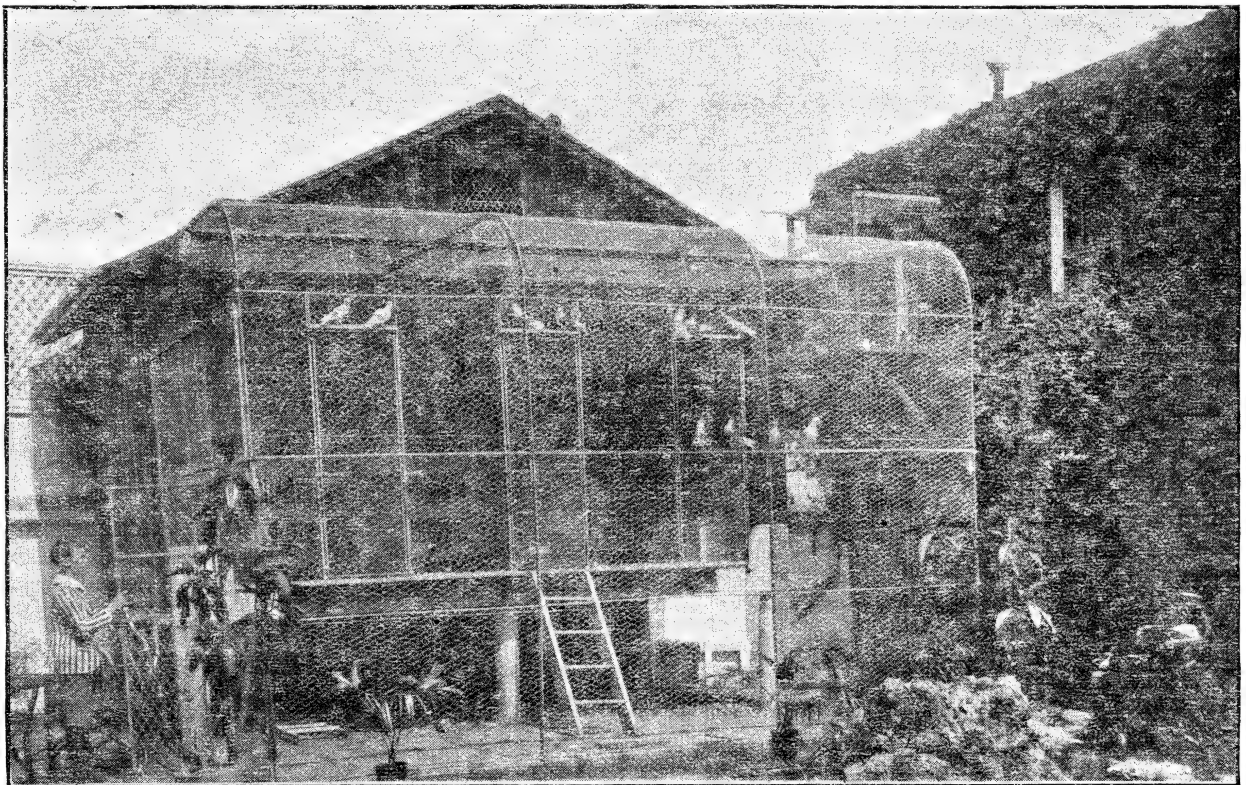
TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

The American Owl Club was organized Sept. 8th, 1893, to further the interests of the Owl and bring the breeders of this charming variety of Fancy Pigeons closer together so that we all might work to bring the Owl to the very front rank of Fancy Pigeons.

They surely deserve it, for no other variety of birds can be pointed out which are more beautiful or possess more fine points to breed for.

Owls have found a place in the lofts of some of the foremost fanciers of the country, and after once breeding them it is very hard to part with them, as many a good fancier will testify.

Among the members of the club can be found some of the leading Owl breed-



Mr. W. T. Levering's Pigeon Loft.

protects against insects, and tends to insure rapid maturity. The food of the parent birds while feeding their young needs to be of the sweetest and best of grain, good sound wheat, small Canada peas, occasionally a little cracked corn, this varied with a feed once in a while of canary or millet seed or both mixed furnishes as good as one can provide. The Spratts Patent Company furnish a pigeon food that is highly recommended by English fanciers, although I have never used it. Most breeders decry against the use of hemp seed as a food for young pigeons considering it's too heating and stimulating, although we once knew a breeder of Pouters who fed nothing but hemp and a little whole corn to his birds and he raised more Pouters than any of those who discarded hemp and were more particular with their feeding.

As soon as a young pigeon becomes well fledged it is usually driven from the nest, and caused to shift for itself, which it soon learns to do by picking up food from the floor, this is the time that the extra room becomes necessary. For young birds left to run about the floor of the breeding room are frequently terribly abused by the adult birds, sometimes a pugnacious male will so maltreat a young "squeaker" as to ruin him, picking its head, eyes and back until the bone is

strong and fully grown they should be kept confined to the loft, but when able to fly well they can be given their liberty as plenty of exercise in the open air tends to perfect their growth and give them strength and stamina. All lofts should be light and dry, and have an outside area, where pigeons can enjoy the light, air and sun when confined, this can be arranged with a falling door and bolting wires, which while they prevent a pigeon from going out, still allow of its coming into the loft when on the outside. These hints are but a tithe of what a pigeon breeder should know but may serve to assist a beginner in his initial experience.

JOHN HOPEWELL.

A Handsome Pigeon Loft.

We give an illustration this week of the ornamental loft in Mr. W. T. Levering's yard at 1203 Eutaw place, Baltimore. It is decidedly handsome, and a palace for breeding birds. The latter spend summer and winter in there, the loft having a southern exposure and is closed in front with glass doors. It is comfortable inside even on the coldest day of winter, retaining the heat similar to a hot house. A fountain with running water in the aviary is another feature. Mr. Levering is also building another loft over his stable to accommodate his increasing stock of fine Turbits. We are also indebted to him for a handsome colored plate representing four different varieties of Turbits, his winners at New York.

ers of America, and that we mean to make the Owl club the King of Specialty clubs, will be evident in the near future. All Owl fanciers are cordially invited to join. Any fancier can become a member of the club by sending his name and \$1 initiation fee to Mr. H. T. Klusmeyer, Jr., Easton, Pa. Every new member can be assured that he will receive a hearty welcome by the club.

The club has \$50 cash donated for special premiums, and these prizes will be open only to members. There are several fine cups offered which will also be competed for at the first show.

Any fancier wishing to offer specials or cash will please confer with our Secretary, who will make offers known in all the pigeon papers of the country.

Full particulars can be had by addressing either the President or Secretary and will be cheerfully given.

C. W. BUTTLES.

Columbus, O.

Queries and Answers.

All reasonable questions of interest to the fancy, pertaining to the care, management and health of fancy Pigeons will be answered in this column.

The department is conducted by C. W. Buttles, 1070 Madison Avenue, Columbus, Ohio, to whom all communications should be addressed.

The White Fantail Pigeon.

A Monograph.

BY JESSE M. RUTTER.

[Written for THE AMERICAN FANCIER.]
PREFACE.

While making my bow to the pigeon-loving public, although older fanciers will need no introduction, the rising generation may want a word of explanation as to my loft experience, and consequent fitness or unfitness to pen an essay upon the most popular pigeon that lives. This Columbian year happens to be the twenty-first anniversary of my birth as a breeder. Twenty-one years ago I had the "pigeon fever" so severely that it soon assumed a chronic form, and thus far has proved incurable. The genuine pleasure that this harmless hobby has put into my daily life cannot be estimated by any one who never tried a similar recreation. The keen satisfaction attendant upon the production of a typical "Broad-tailed Shaker" is utterly unexplainable except to the initiated fancier. In hope of inducing others to share this fascinating pursuit, I have written words which try to fairly present actual knowledge wrung from daily practice in pigeon breeding. This monograph is merely a mild attempt at celebrating my attaining majority in the fancy, and if one new convert is hereby added to the fraternity, the work will not be wholly useless. Knowing the real zest which follows the formation of a personal strain, I can hardly wish my readers better fortune than that they may become ardent admirers of the peerless "peacock pigeon."

JESSE M. RUTTER.

Lawrence, Mass., 1893.

CHAPTER I.—EARLY HISTORY.

Not being as old as Methuselah, necessity forces me to quote a few facts from the earliest records of this most ancient variety. Any treatise which is but a plain tale of personal pigeon history ought certainly to claim originality as its chief merit, so I crave your patience while briefly reviewing some lines borrowed from an early chronicler of this beautiful bird. This short selection is deemed advisable to show how little the primal type differed from the prize winner of to-day. Over two hundred years ago, Willughby, an eminent ornithologist, describes these *Broad-tailed Shakers* thus: "Shakers, because they do almost constantly shake or wag their heads and necks up and down. Broad-tailed, from the great number of feathers they have in their tails; they say not fewer than twenty-six. When they walk up and down, they do for the most part hold their tails erect, like a hen or turkey cock." Even at this date, both tail and style were required, as the very name proves. Perhaps this scientific man unconsciously set the fashion for "count," when he erroneously stated that "the great number of feathers" conferred the title *Broad-tailed*. Judging by his word picture, body action was yet latent, the shake being limited to head and neck.

Tropical India, whose moist heat seems most suitable to nourish so rare an exotic, is beyond doubt the birthplace of this stylish pigeon. In that torrid land, where the tawny tiger prowls through tangled jungles swarming with gaudy plumaged birds, profuse feather, and striking shape would find fitting conditions or abnormal growth. This little exotic needs both heat and moisture to

ensure its delicate perfection; but after all it is a hardy exotic, able to endure intense cold when once fully matured. So widely has this feathered gem been scattered from its native abode, that it is now a true cosmopolite, familiar to fanciers the world over.

Turning from this hasty glance at earlier times, my readers are requested to take a mental jump down to the year 1872, when your humble servant first felt the pigeon fever filling his youthful veins. Several years before this critical date, an uncle of mine visited Philadelphia, and there bought of Joseph M. Wade an assorted lot of fancy pigeons. These odd variations—there were at least twenty-five different sorts—created a sensation among local fanciers, whose previous knowledge was limited to feather-marked German toys. Although frequently visiting my uncle's loft, I had no particular desire to dabble with these strange freaks. In spite of repeated offers to give me any pair that met my critical approval. Finally, going over often to the fire I got scorched as it were, and burned to embark as full fledged amateur. Boy-like my initial choice fell upon the Fantail, and upon a white one simply because it was so showy. Who cannot recall his first pair, and dilate upon its supreme beauty? Did any later acquisition ever seem quite so delightful? Before my mental vision rises the image of that big, awkward Fantail cock, invested with the proud title "Calcutta" by virtue of his peak-crest. Then, on the principle that extremes meet, his dainty, demure mate, smooth in head-gear, and *petite* of person. Not a well assorted match from the breeding point of view, but eminently satisfactory to their new owner, who wanted all possible variety crowded into his two prodigies. Fortunately for the permanence of my zeal, an ancestry of blue blood lay hidden behind this motley couple. Their pedigree ever remained a sealed book, but at times they bred youngsters whose superior points plainly proved the thoroughbred traits latent in the parent stock. But few crests came from the mating, and by degrees my taste began to favor the smooth heads, because neater in build, and more trimly turned in neck. Even to-day, a fraction of this first blood exists in my strain, suppressed, and overlaid by multiple crosses. Do not suppose that the Fantail is the sole pigeon I have been intimately acquainted with. Tumblers, Magpies, Ice, Barbs, Owls, Turbits, Jacobins, and also the despised "common" have each held temporary sway. Through all, the snowy Shaker has had prior claim, and at last wholly displaced would-be rivals.

When rumor asserted that a budding fancier was living with my father, boys "came and went" intent on inspecting, or wisely criticising my limited stud. Slowly it became noised about that "Jesse Rutter has a Fan with a tail as big as a plate," and offers of moderate amount were numerous. At that stage of pigeon infancy I dimly thought success depended upon heroically resisting such tempting overtures, and the little hen remained an inmate of my loft. This loft by the way was a modest affair indeed. Conceive a space about five by three and four feet high boxed off in the upper corner of a flat-roofed barn. One small square window, specially cut, opened into a tiny outer area. The interior fittings of this pigmy pigeon coop were few. A series of square wooden nest-boxes completely covered one end.

These egg lockers were lined with fine hay, nest-pans being then a convenience unknown to the unskillful beginner. Sand strewn upon the floor, a lump of rock salt, and a scattering heap of crushed oyster shells, completed the outfit. Contracted as were these quarters, they filled my leisure with much pleasure, and some pain. Too much meddling sometimes bore sad fruit. Well I recall two Red Tumblers, flyers of the real working stamp. What a plucky fellow that cock was! Dire is the history of their first eggs. When the cock took turns in the joint incubation, youthful eagerness chafed to get "just one more look" at the pearly ovals buried beneath his breast; and far too often was a teasing finger thrust before those angry eyes, causing the bristling victim to strike savagely with uplifted wings. But fate was avenged, for no peepers broke open the brittle shells, and on the twentieth day two carefully opened eggs disclosed the dead. Experience truly keeps a costly school.

[To be continued.]

Fantail Fancies.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

I want to thank Mr. Hopewell for so kindly and fully endorsing my idea of the standard Fantail. I am so used to being roasted every time I open my head that I was really astonished when I read it.

It is a fixed fact that the Fantail is the most popular pigeon in the fancy to-day, and I have just learned that there are more Fans entered at the World's Fair than of any one other variety. Now that we are certain as to the popularity of the bird, we should decide on just what type is the proper one, and hence I have given the subject much thought and have also used up a few lead pencils on the matter. My idea of a Fan is not based wholly on what I myself think, but is the result of a lot of conferences with the prominent Fan men. Some I have interviewed by letter and some in person, and, without a single exception, we all agree. Those who held out for a big tail have agreed to let that part go, provided the tail is "in proportion," i. e., as large as the bird can carry gracefully. Those who wanted a very small bird, all style, have agreed that the bird must have good tail properties or it "don't go," so now we are all happily agreed, and the only thing to do is for the American Fantail Club to instruct its judges and the matter is settled. I speak of the above club for the reason that if the members of that body don't know what the proper Fantail should be I am away off in my opinion of their common sense.

So many have given their views of late, and they are so nearly alike, that I don't think it necessary to recapitulate the points now. For that matter, however, the American Standard fully covers the case, and I take it for granted every good fancier owns one and swears by it.

I had just affixed my signature to the above when a gentleman walked in and introduced himself as Mr. H. Schmail, of 14 Green street, New York city. Knowing him well by reputation, it did not take us long to become acquainted and get deep into a discussion on seamless bands.

We all know the existing trouble with the present band (and we have all been bored with a late discussion on the matter).

The English band, while it fixes the age of a bird, does absolutely nothing to

identify the bird. There is the year, but that is all. Hence to identify our birds, we must put on the other leg our own seamless band, and it is not "our own" unless it has our initials. Out of this, then, can grow the old talk about "Collusion with the judge," from which all of us have suffered.

Mr. Schmail has an idea which struck me so forcibly that I at once ordered a gross of his new bands for 1894. It will be a *fac simile* of the English enamel band, color and all—that is, the color will be changed each year. On one side will be the year and on the other the loft number, but no other mark. The idea is so simple as to carry conviction with it. Say I buy 100 bands. The numbers, from 1 to 100, appear on the register of Mr. Schmail the day the order is filled, and are a never failing record. A judge might examine the band as long as he pleased, and yet have no idea as to the ownership of the bird, yet in case of a wish to find the identity of, say, "Fan cock, bred 1894, No. 55," the register of Mr. Schmail would show that No. 55 was sold to me, and that would settle it. He will place an order with his manufacturer as soon as he finds about what number will be needed to fill orders, and I would suggest that the secretaries of the various clubs communicate with him. The beauty about this new band is that it tells the whole story with one neat band. It tells the bird's breeding from its birth to its death, no matter how many hands it passes through, and is thus invaluable in cases of fine specimens that made a record for themselves—and the men who bred them.

F. M. GILBERT.

Evansville, Ind.

The Magpie Standard.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

Having read in your issue of the 2d inst. the proposed adoption of the English Magpie Standard, permit me to make a few comments on the English Standard.

First: My limited observation has been that the English Magpie and the American Magpie are altogether different birds. Most English Magpies that I have seen have short beaks and tumbler-like heads. If the English standard is adopted Americans will have to breed their birds for at least two years to be able to compete with the English birds that have been, and may be, imported. The English standard restricts the weight while American fanciers feed their birds well, and, of course, flesh makes weight. Now what must we do? Shall we diet our birds as a racing horse or as a hunting hound?

Judgment teaches us that American fanciers by this time should be old enough to draw up their own standard. If Magpies are judged according to the English standard the American bred birds will have little or no show in the coming shows.

C. DORSEY.

Washington, D. C.

Transfers.

From Page & Shippen, Louisville, Ky., to A. F. Waters, La Porte, Ind., 1 pair Crested White Fantails, 1 pair Plain White Fantails, 3 pair Crested Blue Fantails, 1 pair Plain Blue Fantails.

A Stray Homer.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

A blue hen, bearing the band S, 11768, was caught by a watchman this evening and handed to me; she has both wings plucked; owner can have same by applying to

WM. BOOK, JR.,
139 Magazine St., Newark, N. J.

Pigeon Flying.

Notice to Subscribers.

Our subscribers are informed that we have arranged that all inquiries relating to the breeding, training and management of homing pigeons, and upon all questions bearing upon the history of pigeon flying, both at home and abroad, will be answered by "Fritz" through his columns in THE AMERICAN FANCIER weekly, and at the earliest possible opportunity, and should be addressed to

MR. T. FRED. GOLDMAN,
832 Herkimer Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

[All matter that he deems of general and practical interest, or of value to the young and inexperienced fancier, will be embodied in his weekly notes, while other matter will be sent direct by mail. —ED. A. F.]

Points in the Flying Fancy.

A Weekly Review of Events in the Homing World.

BY FRITZ.

The flying season may now be said to be virtually over for 1893, and I would impress upon the minds of all young flying fanciers that while the winter season is viewed by very many as one of rest to both birds and owners, yet the true fancier can still find an abundance of matter connected with his hobby of special interest and instruction to occupy his mind and leisure, even if his birds are rightfully enjoying a season of rest and entire freedom from work.

In fact, the true flying fancier may be said to be always on the go, and when the season of breeding and training is at an end, while very many in our sport regard their personal labors and interest also at an end for the year, the genuine fancier does not accept any such immunity from duty and interest, but finds an endless variety of interesting subjects for consideration.

The monthly and semi-monthly meetings of his club or association should now become doubly attractive to him, and the season's results discussed in its entirety. He must continue active. Now is the time to remedy and adjust all the discrepancies and defects that the year's experience has disclosed and rendered more intelligible—and I'll be bound they are many, and no flying section, however skillfully managed, is quite free from them—and ample opportunity also now afforded for a careful review of his personal breeding, training, and general labors, and an inquiry into that of his immediate associates in the sport also, for the true fancier cheerfully and unselfishly has the general good of the sport at heart, and should readily enter into a unison for its advancement and welfare. He should not, like very many, now crawl slothfully into his shell and lay dormant until the gradually advancing powers of the sun's rays next spring awakens him to the thoughts of new matings and commencing breeding operations.

One of the chief subjects that should now occupy the mind of the flying fancier is the question of *thinning down his stock on the lines of the survival of the fittest*.

I have in former writings touched strongly upon the common and bad

method of the American flying fancier in carrying over and handling far too many birds of extremely mixed and unknown qualities, and the present moment is very opportune for me to once again refer to the pernicious and senseless practice which our young flying men (and even many of the older ones) seem to fall into year after year.

As it is undoubtedly the true method to build up a loft of sound and reliable Homing pigeons upon the lines I advanced, I think I cannot do better than to repeat now for the benefit of the novice that what I have written in former seasons, and particularly to the many whom I know have made their *debut* during 1893.

When I determined years ago to keep only so-and-so many birds when separating the sexes for the winter, when the time came I was not equal to the denial, and the following spring found me with far more birds than I intended—holding and breeding and training with birds that I should have destroyed. I could not part with this one because it was out of a celebrated so-and-so, and that one because when it came slow from 100 miles the weather was bad, and I conjured up all kinds of excuses for this one and that and possible improvement when older and stronger (a very common error), overlooking the most important and all-telling point that *other birds to my loft homed quicker and in less exhausted condition*, and also to the lofts of my competitors.

I kept this pair of birds because perhaps out of a dozen nests extending over several breeding seasons they had given me a bird or two that had flown fairly well, and I retained for another season's trial a pair that had come to me from some friend in the fancy highly recommended, or perhaps an importation of very blue blood, but all of which had not stood the test in any one season with other workers in my loft. We raise undoubtedly *far too much trash*, and what is worse, many keep it.

This weeding-out process is one that the young American flying fancier must study very closely, and to acquire it thoroughly requires years of painful experience and self-denial; and until he does accomplish and gain this desired end he need never expect to be well up in the long distance races from 400 and 500 miles *year after year*, as many of our prominent fanciers are to be found, and who have mastered the *art of the knife*, as I term it. I say art of the knife, for by the *knife alone* a great part of this weeding-out process is to be accomplished.

I have long ago made it my practice never to sell a bird that I had condemned as a *duffer* (no reflection intended upon my old fancier friend Spangehl, of "Duffer" celebrity), nor breed from such, nor present such to any friends or acquaintances or customers in far-away cities, for it is not alone unfancier-like, but you are not in the true sense of the word carrying out the real "weeding-out process," and furthermore, your undesirable unloadings will certainly return to you like a boomerang in the shape of unfavorable criticisms of your loft and stock and your honesty questioned owing to your own good work with your other birds. By ridding yourself of your laggards and physically defective subjects

in sales or gifts you are not only perpetuating the "amount of trash raised annually," but you are unjustly freeing your loft from disappointments, labor, expense, and poor blood to the loft of another. If I sell or transfer such birds to fanciers in Philadelphia, Washington, Boston, and elsewhere, I am simply transferring undesirable blood from my own vicinity to another.

Of course, certain lofts establish a certain standard quality, and all birds falling below this standard the true and experienced flying man mercilessly gets rid of.

This standard, however, in many cases entails such a high degree of excellence that the old breeder can conscientiously unload to the younger fancier such surplus stock by sales or gifts, going as they do to lofts of lesser pretensions, and the weeding process here may contain, and frequently does, many desirable and excellent birds which have proved but a trifle below the standard or best work of the year of those retained by the breeder. But birds who have been proved by actual and reasonable tests and breeding by the careful and conscientious fancier to be sadly defective, mentally and physically, and such that do not reach the standard of "fairly middling" should be mercilessly knifed and the conduit of such undesirable production thus effectively sealed up.

"Sad Owest," a very readable writer on Homing matters in the Belgium *Le-Martinet*, has written upon the subject I now touch upon: "To sacrifice is the motto of the true fancier, and if he but cultivates the courage to carry it out he is certain to arrive at good and valuable results. He must kill, go on killing, and kill forever." To all of which I fervently say, Amen!

This same writer further wrote "The greater proportion of lofts are composed of a crowd of different types. Chance may now again bring forth a choice bird, but should this bird disappear the loft falls back again into inanition as regards all that constitutes excellence. Matters are never thus managed by the true fancier. All his birds belong to the same variety and class, they possess the same essential principles, and even supposing a good cock and a good hen disappear, he is sure to recover the thread of the parent qualities in the descendants." It is by following out this method that great fanciers avoid decadence. But this class of fanciers is a sanguinary individual. He sacrifices without pity or remorse the abortions or jades as fast as they appear.

The foregoing are the true principles of the foundation of a racing loft that is year after year well up. Prominent European flying men are firm believers in blue and the parent blood, and can trace the pedigrees of some of their birds for many generations, and the same strain runs in nearly every one of their winners. They are advocates of in-breeding in the third cross and attribute much of their success to this and a constant weeding out process.

All this intelligent and thorough handling of racing Homers is open to all, the only requisites being patience, observation, a love for the work and a determination to mercilessly weed out each and every year, each and every undesirable

specimen that may crop out, and keeping but a few birds.

The day will certainly come when the flying fanciers in America will keep and handle far less birds, and quality not quantity will be his motto.

The keen competition of the future will be built upon the line of many lofts competing in place of few lofts but many birds, as is now so frequently the case.

Many birds and an overcrowded loft mean additional and superfluous labor, expense and waste of valuable time and furthermore specially invite confusion, sickness and serious errors in breeding and judgment, no natural comfort for the birds, and frequent unfavorable criticism and complaints from neighbors. Furthermore it is by these many large entries that the labor and patience of the club's secretary become severely taxed, the expenses of the flying season and equipment unreasonably and unnecessarily increased and frequently the cause of much embarrassment and annoyance to liberators having to care for and handle such a consignment, with frequently a consequent poor care of the birds.

There is not the slightest necessity, in my judgment, for the American fancier to train and handle the large number of birds that he does.

I am sure that a better all round result in the sport would be obtained by select and small entries, and I am doubly sure that the standard of the American Homing Pigeon will become largely advanced by the intelligent fancier keeping and handling 20 or 30 birds, instead of 60, 100, and 160 as so many do.

When one considers the immense number of seamless bands that is annually dealt out to the American flying fancier, and the large numbers of young birds raised who are not banded at all, coupled with the knowledge of the large number of birds annually lost in training and the insignificant few which turn out strictly prime as compared to the immense number raised, is it not time, I ask, for a restriction in breeding and flying, and for a more intelligent conception and handling of the bird?

Breed less, keep less and fly less, and I'll be bound, good as the average quality is to-day and superb as the American flying records stand, they will be better two years hence, and the sport of pigeon flying will not only be more enjoyable than it is now, but will be on sounder lines and more likely to secure votaries that now stand aloof and retain many that quit in disgust and discouraged, directly traceable to this question of too many birds and too much trash, with all its consequent evils.

I congratulate Mr F. H. Morrison, of Leesburg, Va., upon the splendid work accomplished by his young birds in their recent 100 mile flight from Coveseville, as reported in the last issue of THE AMERICAN FANCIER. The uniformity of the flight and the velocity attained—over 1500 yards per minute, even under favorable flying conditions—speaks well for the quality of the young stock, and we may reasonably look for further good work from the birds of this gentleman during the old bird season of 1894.

I am also very pleased to note throughout the journals abroad that are devoted

entire and in part to the sport of pigeon flying, such very kind and extremely flattering mention of THE AMERICAN FANCIER. All seem to like the makeup of the journal, judging from the early issues which have reached them, and indulge in the hope that all subsequent issues will retain the present degree of excellence, which I am sure we will strive to accomplish.

I desire to particularly acknowledge the courtesies extended by *The Homing News* and *The Feathered World*, and warmly unite with my old friend, the accomplished editor of *The Homing News*, in expressing the hope that "the fancy will be strengthened numerically, and derive benefit from the information which week by week will appear in the columns of this, the youngest of our contemporaries."

From *The Homing News* I learn that one of the favorite strains of Belgian birds in the estimation of English fanciers who reckon only to have the best of blood in their lofts, undoubtedly is that of Plebinckx. The birds hitherto sent over to England have proved their worth, and fanciers desiring of adding to their stock cannot do better than consult Mr. Darbyshire, with a view of obtaining some of the draft sent over to him for sale.

I can personally testify to the fine quality of this celebrated fancier's birds, having a fair representation of the blood from this grand loft in my own loft, and which I have fully tested. I am just in receipt of a catalogue and list of the grand birds offered there for sale, and which, no doubt, are speedily secured by the English flying men long ere this.

In a "Visit to Continental Lofts," published in 1891, the writer remarks: "I have never missed an opportunity of paying my respects to that grand old fancier, Mons. J. Plebinckx. I have sat for hours turning over his portfolios containing in very neat form the diplomas his birds have won. The records of the lofts are preserved as carefully as possible. The strain has proved itself to be one of the best ever established, and the hundreds of prizes won at national races prove this. Monsieur Plebinckx would be a fancier and a keen one if there were no King's prizes, no prizes of honor and no pools."

All visitors to Brussels ought not to miss this celebrated loft, for they see a typical loft belonging to a grand old fancier.

One of the most conspicuous figures, wrote "Philo," in 1891, in this grand loft is "Barbiche," so named from having a white throat much resembling a beard. This is another most extraordinary bird (Blue Splashed) and has certainly proved his ability to keep up the prestige of such a loft. For years this bird has been among the first birds to arrive in Brussels during the grand national races, having won 7th Morceux (1935 competitors) and several pools 42 Dax (2923 competitors), and 16th prize Dax with 5 pools (3384 competitors). In this last race "Barbiche" should have won the first prize, and prize of honor given by the King of the Belgians, but owing to an accident much time was lost. The birds on this occasion were to be liberated at 4:30 A. M. but owing to fog were kept back till 6:30 A. M. The Belgians were speculating as to what time on the following day they could expect the first arrivals. A south-west wind sprung up at 2 P. M., and at 5 P. M. M. Plebinckx was heard to shout as he

walked leisurely across from his office to his house "Mon Dieu, Barbiche!" and, sure enough, there was Barbiche, having flown 550 miles in 10 hours. M. Plebinckx then rushed into his loft and waited the appearance of the bird that was competing for hundreds of pounds. The moment he appeared in the trap the wires were dropped, but unfortunately the inside instead of the outside wires, and owner, friends and runners watched with chagrin Barbiche's career in the clouds for over 20 minutes, as though he had not been away from his loft. When at last he came in he was wired, and won 16th prize and every pool, and was the 4th bird in Brussels.

The coming contests between the yachts Vigilant and Valkyrie is the all absorbing topic of conversation just now in the New York vicinity, and our birds are to play no unimportant part in the programme, for nearly all the local press I find have secured the services of the best birds of the Homing pigeon fanciers of Newark, New York and Brooklyn to carry press reports of the races.

The New York *Herald* will of course be served by its own trained birds, which I have touched upon in former note, and I think it but a question of a short space of time when all our large New York dailies will be similarly equipped.

Speaking of these coming yacht races I was amused to read in a recent issue of the New York *Herald* that Valkyrie has a mascot.

When the boat was sailing down the English channel prior to starting for New York, a black and white Homing pigeon flew on board. It is regarded as a Mascot and as it showed no disposition to depart became a part of the ship's company. There it was yesterday when the Valkyrie came to anchor off Bay Ridge, strutting about the deck prouder than the captain will be if the yacht wins the cup.

The pigeon, which is named "Jake," may be a Mascot in the international race.

"That settles it. The cup certainly remains with us," remarked a certain flying fancier to whom I related the incident, "for how can a Mascot be named Jake?"

I congratulate Mr. C. A. Mahr, Jr., in winning the match race between 5 young birds each from the Goldman, Morton and Mahr lofts as referred to in my last notes, and his success is further evidence of the good care and handling his birds get. The fly was a hard one and the velocity made under the conditions very creditable to all engaged, and the entire entry being all home to each loft within a few minutes of each other, and the majority of the birds having flown at Washington the previous Sunday is also strong evidence that each loft put forth its best for the occasion and Mr. Mahr consequently entitled to all the credit such victory calls for.

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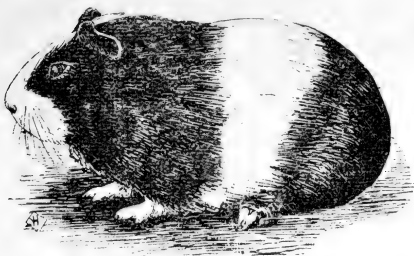
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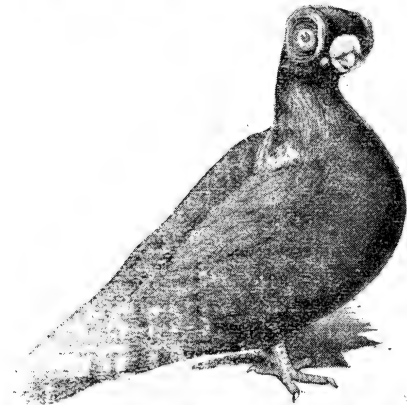
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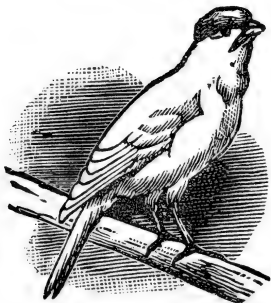
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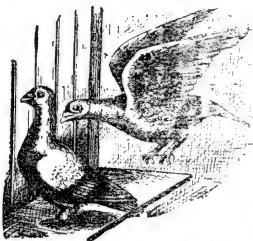
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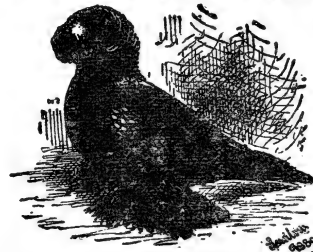
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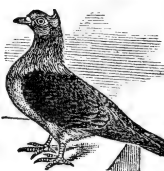
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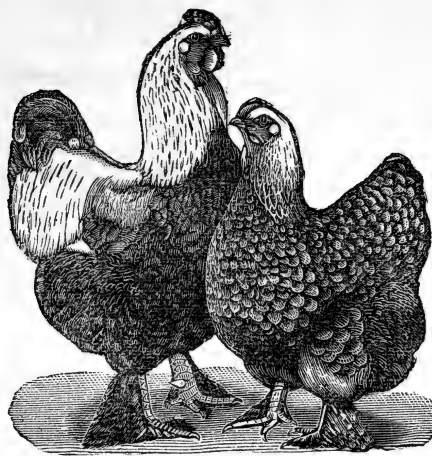
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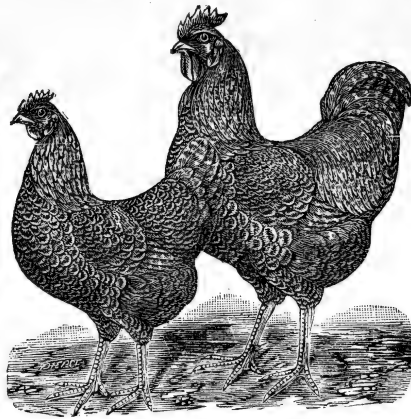
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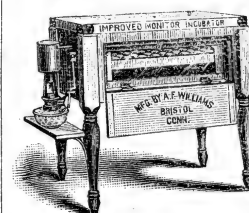
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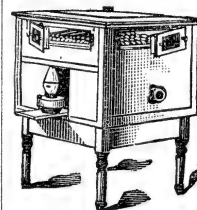
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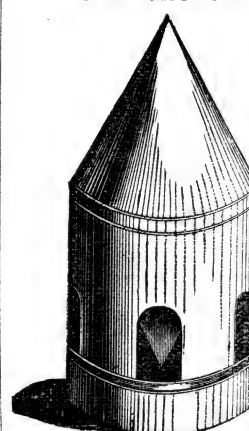
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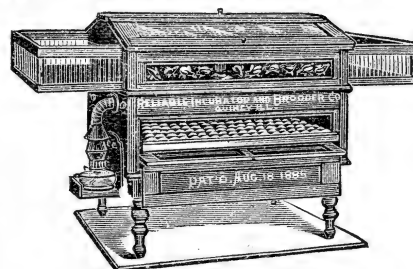
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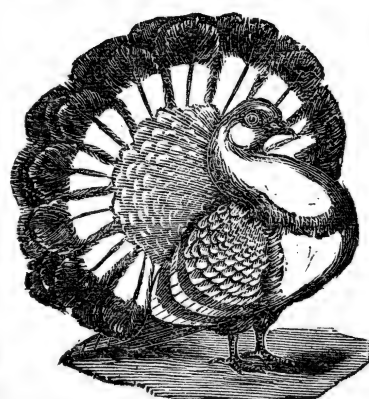
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- Oct. 10-13.—Frederick County Agricultural Society. Thirty-third exhibition. G. W. Cramer, secretary, Frederick, Md.
Oct. 10-15.—Hagerstown, Md. John L. Cost, superintendent.
Oct. 18-30.—The Columbian Exposition and World's Fair, Chicago, Illinois. W. I. Buchanan, Chief Live Stock Department, Chicago, Ill.
Nov. 30-Dec. 2.—Minneapolis, Kansas. T. E. Hurley, secretary.
Dec. 5-8.—Iona, Michigan. A. F. Herbert, secretary.
Dec. 11-16.—Omaha Fanciers' Association, Omaha, Nebraska.
Dec. 11-16.—Southern Kansas Poultry Association, Wichita, Kansas. F. D. Munn, secretary.
Dec. 12-15.—Missouri State Poultry Association, Sedalia, Mo. M. L. Andrews, secretary.
Dec. 14-20.—Cleveland, Ohio. H. J. Shaff, secretary, Brooklyn, Ohio.
Dec. 18-22.—Ottumwa, Iowa. W. S. Russell, secretary.
Dec. 18-23.—Washington C. H. Ohio. W. R. Dalbey secretary.
Dec. 19-22.—Southern Illinois Poultry Association, Albion, Ill. Edward Craig, sec'y.
Jan. 2-8.—North Kansas Poultry Show, Atchison, Kansas. S. G. Sprague, secretary.
Jan. 3-5.—Huntington and Shelton Poultry Association, Shelton, Conn. H. D. Hendrick, secretary.
Jan. 8-12.—Ohio State Poultry Association, Columbus, Ohio. Dr. M. F. Lee, secretary.
Jan. 8-13.—Kansas State Poultry Show, Topeka, Kansas. C. H. Rhodes, secretary, North Topeka, Kansas.
Jan. 9-12.—Rochester Poultry and Pigeon Association, Rochester, N. Y. J. F. Tallinger, secretary.
Jan. 14-20.—Denver, Colorado. J. L. McDowell, secretary.
Jan. 16-19.—Nebraska State Poultry Show, Lincoln, Nebraska. A. Lemen, secretary.
Jan. 16-19.—Saratoga Poultry and Kennel Club, Saratoga Springs, N. Y. D. G. Eddy, secretary.
Jan. 16-20.—Piedmont Poultry and Pet Stock Association, Greenville, S. C. R. Y. Hellams, secretary.
Jan. 22-28.—Connecticut State Poultry Society, Hartford, Conn. R. G. Bailey, secretary.
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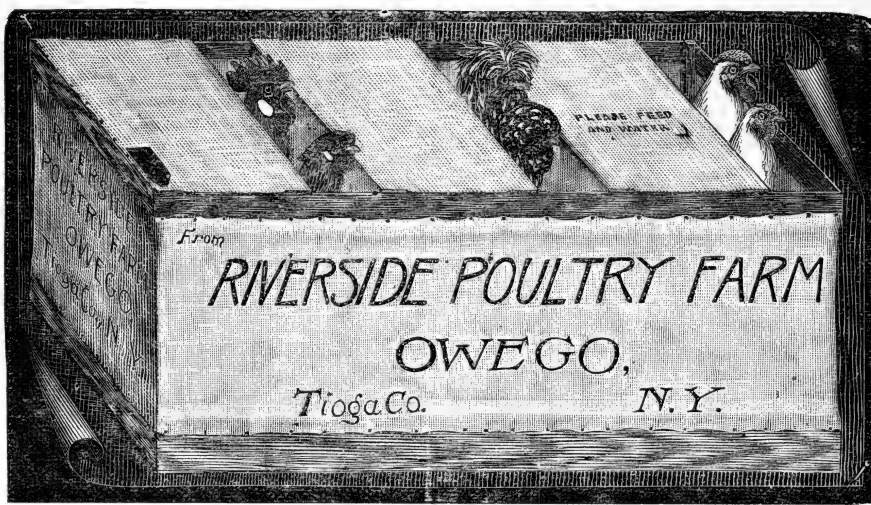
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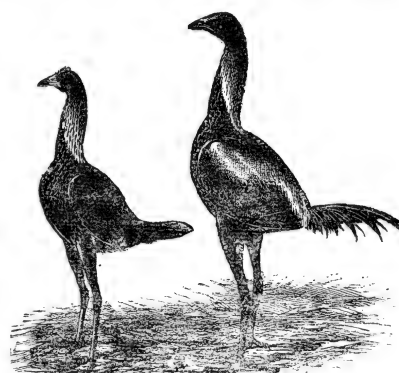
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C. W. Johnson, the well known Golden Wyandotte breeder, has been elected to serve as secretary of the American Wyandotte Club, and we can now look forward to a lively and able administration of the affairs of what should be one of the strongest specialty clubs in America.

A correspondent, who is enthusiastic over the new Decimal Score Card Association, thinks we ought to fall in line with the **325** and whoop 'er up. As one of the fathers of Decimal Score Card once accused us of catering to the **400**, we will have to wait until his followers reach that decimal number.

We call the attention of secretaries of poultry shows to the fact, that blanks for entering the names of the winners in all the different classes can be obtained free from the office of THE AMERICAN FANCIER. The only condition we impose is that secretaries promptly fill and mail them to us. We desire to have the full name and address of every exhibitor for publication in this journal. We are not afraid of giving fanciers that dreaded free advertising, so much feared by a few of our contemporaries. The policy of THE AMERICAN FANCIER is to give fair and complete show reports, and it matters not whether a man is an advertiser, if he has the best birds, he will get the credit.

The St. Louis *Globe Democrat* remarks: "In the Woman's building at the exposition is a very lovely cloak made of the feathers of prairie chickens. Anything softer or warmer looking or more harmonious in its coloring cannot be imagined. The lowest offer yet made for it is \$5,000. It is the work of Mrs. Viola A. Fuller of Mitchell, S. D. It is a full length circular, edged with otter and a pretty little cap goes with the luxurious wrap." Plymouth Rock, Silver Wyandotte and Buff Cochins' plumage would certainly make a more beautiful cloak than the feathers of prairie chickens.

The following happy effort escaped from the pen of Editor E. S. Hamnell and was published in his bright Jamesburg, N. J., *Record*:

"Mr. W. H. Ordway, of Jamesburg, has in the Pine Tree Farm, a great and growing poultry farm. He took the place after the death of T. W. Hill, and restocked it with new flocks of fowls from the best breeders in the country, including Knapp Bros. and James Forsythe. He breeds Antwerp pigeons, white Holland Turkeys, guineas, Pekin ducks, and fourteen varieties of pure, thoroughbred fowls. He has devoted his attention first to the securing of a good foundation stock; he has secured several hundred splendid specimens of each kind and is now ready to supply breeders, fanciers and market poultrymen with fine stock.

Aside from birds Mr. Ordway has a fine trade in the sale of eggs for hatching and eggs for the table. Of the latter he supplies thousands to one of the best hotels in New York city. Besides his success in hatching and rearing poultry, Mr. Ordway has a first-class idea of practical finance and he is building up a business that cannot fail to bring him a competency in the near future. At present he has several thousand head of poultry and they are in fine condition. His correspondence involves so much care that he has been compelled to seek more help. Consequently he has secured the assistance of Mr. D. A. Mount, a very skillful breeder of poultry who has been in charge of a large poultry farm at Prince's Bay on Staten Island. Mr. Mount will be in active work about October 1st. Mr. Ordway is fortunate in securing such a valuable assistant."

Here is a poultry farm on a large scale that *pays*. Mr. Ordway started in very cautiously, doing all the work himself and mastering every detail. This, together with the business training he had received in the severe school of mercantile trade in New York, made success possible. Now that his business has grown too large for him to handle alone, he does not blindly engage unskilled help, but secures at once the best and most experienced manager available. D. A. Mount has demonstrated in the past three years that he is capable of making a poultry ranch pay and his experience in Duck and Turkey culture will prove of immeasurable value to Pine Tree Farm. The latter is one of the most complete poultry plants in the United States and well worth a visit by every progressive poultryman.

The highest number of subscriptions received at one time was on September 30, when one agent sent in sixty names with the cash. Another agent on September 21, sent in thirty-one names. This in addition to numerous clubs of five to ten each, and what the enormous daily mail brought in, gives a faint idea of the success of *THE AMERICAN FANCIER* from its birth. These subscriptions cover an immense territory, nearly every state in the Union furnishing subscribers, while Canada, Belgium, England, Italy and Honolulu contributed toward making *THE AMERICAN FANCIER* something more than local in influence.

Every fancier and every breeder of poultry for market purposes should read the report of the Rhode Island Experiment Station, and especially the installment appearing in this issue of *THE AMERICAN FANCIER*. There is a vast amount of knowledge crowded into a very small compass. While the results given by Mr. Cushman may not be accepted by all breeders, especially those portions relating to the hardness of the various breeds, they are nevertheless so carefully prepared that they can be accepted as authoritatively as far as his own experiences are concerned.

It must also be borne in mind, that strains of the different breeds vary, some proving entirely hardy, while others are apt to be the reverse. This has been our experience with Wyandottes and Light Brahmas. We could either claim both breeds as ironclads or we could consider both delicate, according to the strains we experimented with. The same rule holds good with Cochins, Langshans and other hardy races of fowls. We can find constitutionally weak strains in every breed, and while some races of fowls are more delicate than others, proper selection and careful management will often result in building up a strain to become fairly hardy. But the old rule "the survival of the fittest" must be rigorously followed.

We believe in the thoroughbred fowl, and acknowledging the value of the first crosses or grades, we nevertheless think it better to build up the thoroughbred and stick to it. There is more pleasure and more profit in doing so. No grade cow can surpass the thoroughbred Jersey or Holstein-Friesian in milk production. The magnificent cattle of Holland are thoroughbred to the core, and have been so for many years, yet there are no better breeders and milk producers or more uniformly marked cattle than those of the famous Dutch farmers.

The same will hold good with thoroughbred fowls. Food, care, selection and proper surroundings will produce thoroughbreds that will surpass all mongrel bred birds in beauty and utility. As a man or woman has but one life on this earth, he or she might as well let the sun shine on a beautiful bird. The onerous work of the poultry yard is lightened by the pleasure of seeing a flock of grandly bred thoroughbreds. To keep the latter in fine fettle, stimulates their owners to extra exertions and to be candid, exerts a very wholesome mental influence on them as well.

We have received word from Westervelt Haywood & Co., of Rutherford, N. J., that ten of their best birds were stolen on Friday, September 29, at the Interstate Fair, Trenton, N. J. They offer fifty dollars reward for information leading to the conviction of the thief. The birds stolen were Brown Red Game, White Rose Comb, Black Rose Comb, White Polish Bantam chicks, and a Red Pyle and Pekin hen. The thief was evidently well posted, and took the best in sight, and it should be the duty of the Trenton Fair managers to double or treble the reward and take every means in their power to hunt down the contemptible wretch that stole the birds. Messrs. Haywood & Co., were especially fortunate in possessing the best Brown Red Game Bantams in this country, and to have their choicest chicks stolen is a severe

blow, and every fancier will sympathize with them and aid in tracing the stolen birds.

The Buff Leghorn cockerel, so favorably commented upon in the report of the New Jersey State Show, which appeared in *THE AMERICAN FANCIER* of September 16, has been sold to Davis Bros. Mr. Hoff in parting with this bird, even at a good price, did what few fanciers would do when they have such a "cracker jack," but Mr. Hoff may have more of the same kind. A letter from him informs us that the bird was hatched from eggs bought of H. S. Burdick, Rome, N. Y., and the latter is naturally elated over the winnings of his stock in his customer's hands, while Mr. Hoff is glad to give credit where it belongs. If Mr. Burdick has many more such Buff Leghorn cockerels around, they will soon be disposed of, for breeders of this grand new variety are on the *qui vive* for anything extra. That the Buff Leghorn has become so popular, is particularly gratifying to the writer of these notes, as he was probably the first to call attention of American fanciers to this breed of fowls, and predicted a big boom for them. The result justifies his prophecy.

The Evolution of the Show Game.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

It is said that the origin of our domestic fowl is somewhat shrouded in mystery, but if we believe in reversion, the exhibition game fowl must have originated from the Sand Hill Crane, and gradually whether from too close breeding or improper selection, is reverting back to the original type, else why the long stilty legs undoubtedly intended for that family of birds known as Waders. The long slender neck the counterpart of its original progenitor, its small body and tuft like tail, all these features point distinctly to its origin. The head and bill still retain something of the game appearance, but they too are gradually lengthening and as the improvement from the Crane upward was gradual, so the deterioration is naturally gradual, but they will get there eventually all the same. The symmetrical beautiful type of bird we used to know as game, has generally given place to this "Crane" descendant, and now while passing through the Game department of our principal shows we are almost inclined to believe that the denizens of some zoological garden have been transferred to the cages. If they did not retain the beautiful coloring of the Game, we should certainly think we had lost our bearings, and that we were in the bird department of a menagerie. But all jokes aside, where is the thing going to stop; have we always got to gaze upon the present type of bird when looking over the Game department, or will the "fad" have its day and we again see the Game *advance* to the beautiful birds of ten years ago, and these descendants of the denizens of the swamp be exiled forever from the show pen?

MOSSBACK.

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Valuable Experiments.

Annual Report of the Poultry Division at the Rhode Island Experiment Station.

BY SAMUEL CUSHMAN.

The Selection and Mating of Breeding Stock.—The selection of the finest individuals of a breed is of as much, or of more importance, than the choice of a breed. Pure breeds have as strong an impulse to perpetuate their inferior characteristics as their superior qualities. Breed only from the best males that can be procured. Avoid those showing the slightest trace of sickness or the effects of disease. Disease, or a tendency to disease, is transmitted. Weakness reproduces weakness, and vigor begets vigor. Hereditary unsoundness or a predisposition to disease, may be made the dominant characteristic of a strain. The offspring of stock that is very young or immature, or imperfectly developed, or that is constitutionally impaired by privation or neglect, will inherit a condition of the system that readily becomes diseased from slight exciting causes. Hardiness, vitality and vigor of constitution are of more importance in poultry for profit than all other qualities combined. Only the most vigorous should be bred from.

Birds having a strong, bright eye, that are cheerful and active, and are not much above the average of the breed in size, are the most desirable. A dull and sunken eye shows defective nutritive power and lack of constitution and vigor. The progeny of two year old fowls grow larger, mature earlier, and feather more rapidly, than that from younger stock. A cockerel mated to mature hens usually gives large and vigorous chickens. If the hens are few in number there is generally a preponderance of cockerels, especially from the earliest eggs. Cockerels are generally more efficient early in the season than cocks. If pullets are to be bred from they should be mated to a mature cock. The earlier eggs will produce more cockerels than the later ones. As a rule, other things being equal, the fewer the number of hens allowed to a male the greater the number of cockerels produced, and the greater the number of hens allowed, the greater the proportion of pullets produced. The number of hens that should be allowed to a male will vary with the breed, the age, and whether they are at full liberty or closely confined. They should be mated early and remain together during the season. Pullets' eggs are smaller than hens' eggs and the chickens obtained are also smaller and not so strong. Size in progeny is usually most influenced by the hen.*

Theory versus Practice.—To test in a measure this knowledge, and that additional light might be gained, as to the most desirable cross matings for the production of table poultry, a number of experiments were undertaken. Many have written on this subject but it is hard to distinguish between that which is the result of actual experience and that which is simply theory worked out at the writer's desk. While the latter is of value to the experimenter—assists him to decide which cross matings he will test—no extensive poultry keeper can safely follow advice based on theory only. Some breeds combine well, while others, apparently just as well suited for crossing, owing to some influence that is difficult to account for, do not give good results.

Fowls, as well as animals, have beside those qualities which are developed and readily seen, many others, also inherited from ancestors, which remain latent and do not show. These inherited tendencies which have been latent or suppressed for a long time, may be made active by crossing, or by certain combinations of blood in pure breeding. This cropping out of old ancestral qualities is termed "breeding back," "throwing back," and "reversion."

Inheritance may be strong in a pure breed but its prepotency weak, when it is crossed with another breed. Again, prepotency may be strong in one sex of a breed and weak in the other. There are so many invisible tendencies and forces that the results of a cross can not be foretold with any certainty. The types of some breeds are obliterated or absorbed by crossing. Some characteristics are never blended by crossing but are transferred in an unmodified state from either parent. By crossing, characteristics may be obliterated, breeds modified, degenerated, or new breeds formed.

Different stock will be required to raise, with hens in mid-winter, chickens that are sold as roasters when weighing 4 to 6 pounds each, than is necessary when broilers are reared, by artificial means, that are marketed when they weigh 1-2 to 2 pounds each. For the production of capons, stock that is hardy enough to grow in winter, that does not develop sexually until nearly full grown and that will make the largest and heaviest fowl possible, is the most desirable.

In many markets in this country dressed fowls having yellow legs and skin are preferred to those having black, blue or white legs and white flesh, even though the latter are more plump, tender and juicy. In England and France yellow skin and legs are looked upon with disfavor, as indicating coarseness, a lack of flavor, and of the finest qualities. Of late years in New York and Philadelphia markets there is no distinction made in this respect where the poultry is of high quality. In the east, as a rule, the ordinary market stock sells best if yellow. As long as this prejudice exists the average raiser will find it best to comply with the demand and be particular to furnish yellow poultry, but the producer of the highest quality of dressed poultry, or one who sells direct to customers, need not on account of this be restrained from using some of the finest material for market purposes.

Qualities Desired in a Table Fowl.—Hardiness is, without doubt, of the first importance in poultry raised for the table, that there may be but slight loss. Quick growth and early maturity, good feeding qualities and disposition to readily take on fat, or the ability to return the largest profit for food consumed, are also indispensable to profitable production, while a good quality of flesh that is tender and juicy with the largest amount on breast, back and wings, as well as fine bones and least amount of offal, gives the finest carcass. Excessive length of leg or neck, prominent joints, angular projections of the frame, as well as a large amount of offal, are undesirable. A nervous disposition is also not desirable. Breeds with small combs usually make the best table fowl and are more readily fattened.

There are no breeds more hardy than Cochins and Brahmas. Cochin chickens can be raised when all other breeds

would perish. None are so free from colds or croup, or better able to thrive under close confinement, or in cold weather. They are also great feeders and fatten readily. Their defects are thin breasts, large legs, coarse bones, and angular frames.

For quick growers, Houdans, Crevecoeurs, Wyandottes and Plymouth Rocks, are good material and the two latter are fairly hardy, and are of a broad and blocky build. Plymouth Rocks have rather coarse flesh and also dark pin feathers, if dressed when young.

For heavy flesh development the Dorking with its wide build and rectangular form, or outline, is noted, as well as the solid fleshed Games and especially the extraordinarily developed Indian Game. Houdans are also very plump having considerable flesh on the back as well as on the breast and small bones. Games are, however, slower growers, and none of these birds are as hardy as could be desired, the Dorking especially being very tender and very hard to rear. Indian Games have long necks and legs, are too closely and thinly feathered to withstand cold, and are liable to disease. It seems that the most desirable flesh development and greatest hardiness are not found combined in one breed.

*In preparing the foregoing we have appropriated ideas wherever we have found them, and would give credit to the following publications as the source of many of them. Darwin's "Plants and Animals under Domestication"; Miles' "Stock Breeding"; Wright's "Illustrated Book of Poultry"; Tegetmeier's "Poultry for the Table and Market, versus Fancy Fowls." Articles by Mason C. Weld.

[To be Continued.]

The White Langshan.

[Written for the Los Angeles County, California, Poultry Association, by Stephen T. Lea, Cokesbury, South Carolina, Honorary Member.]

Brother Fanciers of the Los Angeles County Poultry Association.—As I glance in review at the various breeds of poultry which our country possesses and the extent and character of the criticism which their popularity or breeding has at various times evoked, I am deeply impressed with the abuse which has been the lot of the White Langshan to endure. It surpasses every other breed of poultry in the magnitude and virulence of the attacks made upon it; and it also eclipses them all in the brilliant character of the defence by which such attacks are repelled, and its popularity and future position in this country is fixed as firmly as the waters which circle our native land, yes, the battle royal is fought and won—what we hear now are only the pot-shots of a few guerillas of a defeated and scattered army, who have been sleeping the sleep of Rip Van Winkle, and now awake to point their little shafts of venom at the invulnerable armor of the White Langshan. But it is in vain. The White Langshan coming as it did from China, little was known of its previous history. Beautiful to the eye they certainly were, beyond this they were strangers in a strange land. They came into prominence in this country on short notice, and their sterling merits and beautiful shape and plumage have more to do with their popularity to-day than any "booming" they have received. The White Langshans possess a distinct type in as prominent a degree as any pure breed of poultry. Besides their strongly defined characteristic type, their beautiful clear white plumage, their majestic carriage renders them especially handsome. As

to their origin, there is but one answer; they come direct from the Black Langshan as "sports;" they are found in China and have been imported into this country. Some few fanciers and poultry papers brand the White Langshans as "made up," "none to be found in China in their natural state," "frauds, etc.," and stamp their breeders and importers as "charlatans, frauds and impostors."

It is not my purpose to reply in this article to these tirades, as it is evident their authors confine their knowledge and research of the White Langshan to a limited area. I will only put forward a few facts beyond dispute. The third edition of the Langshan Fowl, its history and characteristics, with some comments of its early opponents, by Miss A. C. Croad of England, on page 61, quoting from a communication from G. P. Burnham in *Poultry Monthly*, 1879, says: "G. P. B. also makes mention of a letter received by him from the U. S. consul at Hang-Kow who describes the breed (Black Langshans) as among the most esteemed in China. He says they are brought from the Langshan district and adds, there is a clear white variety, as well as the blacks bred in this district, they are very beautiful but scarce." Miss Croad also adds that one or two correspondents have mentioned this variety, they are supposed to have been "sports" from the Blacks. Page 63, from a letter received from Mr. Keesling, at that time editor of the *California Cackler*. Mr. Keesling writes

"* * * February, 1888, I received among a nice lot of Black Langshans one white hen, she was of good size, vigorous, and bore the Langshan characteristics in an eminent degree * * * By renewed efforts and the co-operation of a Jesuit priest who was engaged in missionary work in the Langshan district, I received February 26th, 1889, a fine lot of Black Langshans and with them two more whites" * * * American Langshan catalogue, 1890, page 19, see sworn statement of Kirby and Smith regarding the purity of the "Crystal" strain of White Langshans as bred by them. (K. & S.) "We hereby affirm that our entire stock of imported White Langshans have not shown a sign of yellow in feet, legs or skin, neither has there been one single yellow legged or yellow skin chick hatched, raised or bred from this strain of Langshans this year; furthermore, we have statement from Pope and Sanders, Brighton, England, that they are bred from the true 'sports' from the Blacks, without the faintest taint of Cochin or foreign blood."

Now, brother fanciers, what more proof do we want as regards the purity of the White Langshan? I am sorry to say there has been some impure (so-called White Langshans) imposed upon the public. I am not prepared to say if the breeder who sold them was aware of the foreign blood in these birds or did it as has been told of the boys of ancient Sparta, "they were at liberty to steal provided they did it with sufficient cleverness as to escape detection." This has done the breed no good and has caused some to claim all the White Langshans impure. If buyers are particular to make every breeder prove where his stock came from, and buy only from those who can give entire satisfaction, then these boys of Sparta, with their spurious White Langshans will soon be unknown. There are pure bred White Langshans and spurious White Langshans; they are to each other as gold is to brass. There is

no breed in the world that will breed truer to type than the White Langshan.

Long may the stately White Langshan reign,
The noblest of the feathered race,
And every dastard art be vain
That seeks to hurl him from his place.

Though venom bolts his power assail,
And shafts of envy round him glide,
The sword of Truth will still prevail
And dash the poisoned barbs aside.

Then, matchless bird, down many an age
Still buried in the womb of Time,
Thy Fame shall live on many a page
In many a widely sundered clime.

And all shall join with loud acclaim
To hail the Monarch of thy kind,
For peerless worth, for ancient name,
And every beauteous grace combined.

The pure White Langshan will win the race in the end, for its merits surpass all other breeds. Many fanciers ask why do we breed the White Langshan? We answer because of their sterling merit. As winter layers no other breed can approach them. They are not disagreeably broody during the warm months, often not seeking their nest until late in April, and not more than twice during the year. They are good mothers and are a splendid table fowl. They are the most active of any of the large breeds, are good foragers; in fact they have no equal, not excepting the Blacks. What constitutes a pure White Langshan? We would answer they resemble the Blacks in all parts except the following: White beak, white plumage, lighter slate-colored legs, lighter pink bottom of feet and deeper pink extending up the legs. Let each breeder of the White Langshan make it a special point to improve in every possible manner this grand breed, and breed from only the best and sell only such birds as he would breed from. Let us strive to see how near perfection we can breed the best of all fowls—the White Langshans.

Read before the L. A. C. P. A.,
Sept. 9, 1893.

The Peacomb Barred Plymouth Rock.

[Written for the Los Angeles County, California, Poultry Association, by H. S. Babcock, Providence, Rhode Island, Honorary Member.]

The admirable practical qualities of the single combed Barred Plymouth Rock, in those days when we had but a single variety of this excellent breed, were responsible for the idea that this fowl could be made still more excellent by engrafting upon its head the pea, in the place of the single comb. It was argued that the change was desirable because,

First.—The fact was well known that a small, low comb, thick enough to require considerable circulation of blood, would prevent the pain and loss that followed as the inevitable result of freezing. Thin single combs, even when not large, were found to be susceptible to freezing unless special precautions were taken, and even then a single careless act might defeat the precautions of a winter's care.

Second.—The fact was also well known, outside of the pain caused, or perhaps because of it that a frozen comb upon a hen caused her to cease from laying until the injury was healed, and in males the pain caused by freezing prevented the gain that should be reasonably expected from the food consumed and also, to some extent, diminished the procreative powers.

From these two facts it was argued that a fowl, in other respects like the Plymouth Rock, with a pea comb, would be superior to the Plymouth Rock as a winter layer, and winter layers, for practical poultrymen, are more valuable than

summer layers, because a dozen eggs produced in winter, will bring as much as two dozen produced in summer. It will thus be seen that at the back of the conception of a Peacomb Barred Plymouth Rock lay only practical ideas. It was the production of a practical fowl for practical men that was aimed at. It so happened that at about that time there appeared in a number of quarters from purely bred single comb Plymouth Rocks, specimens with pea combs. These were saved and bred from. The earliest birds, however, were vastly inferior in plumage to the single combed fowls, and to this day the pea combed birds, as show birds, have never been able to quite equal their single comb relatives. The practical idea cared less for feathers than for eggs and meat and as much care was not exercised in breeding to feather. Much better birds are now produced, but the exquisitely barred light females which are to be frequently found in the single combed birds are extremely rare in those with pea combs.

The pullets run rather dark, though they are, as a rule, exceptionally well barred. The males average better than the females in color, and I have bred in past years, as handsome cockerels of this variety as any one could well desire. At first there were a good many single combed chickens hatched from the pea combed birds' eggs, but this tendency is largely eliminated and such chickens are very rare. As an illustration of the prepotency of the pea comb I may instance a cross I made a few years ago of a pea combed male upon two single combed females, from which I hatched a number of chickens, about seventy-five per cent coming with pea combs. Not all, of course, of this seventy-five per cent had good combs, but the combs, even the poorest, would have to be classified as pea.

I have tested the pea and single combed birds, side by side, and have tested the pea combed birds with White Leghorns—all being yarded—and the pea combed birds have proved better layers than the single combed, and in my tests fully equal to the Leghorns; I think even superior to Leghorns, but as I am writing solely from memory, I do not wish to overstate any fact. As practical fowls the pea comb Barred Plymouth Rocks have more than equalled my anticipations, and I know of no fowl for a villager, that can be procured for the same price and that must be kept yarded that I consider their equal. In my Argonauts I have a fowl which I think is going to fully equal and perhaps surpass the pea combed Barred Plymouth Rock in practical worth, and has a beautiful buff plumage in place of the barred. But Argonauts are not plentiful and can be purchased only at a long price at present.

I believe the pea comb Barred Plymouth Rock would be a taking fowl on the Pacific coast and if I were living there and intended to take up its breeding, my course would be, not to purchase a pen of them, but to buy a couple of cockerels or yearling cocks and mate them to the lightest, finest marked, single combed Plymouth Rock hens I could find. I should select such hens as had the smallest and thickest combs. The cockerels from this mating I should not save, but the best pullets I should breed back to their sires and their progeny would be sure to throw a very large percentage of pea combed birds. In this way at a small expense and with a little patience one could estab-

lish a strain of pea comb Barred Plymouth Rocks that would become famous, not only for their practical but for their exhibition qualities that would unite utility and beauty in such a degree as to make them sought for and enable them to command large prices, because they would be worthy of it.

Read at Association Meeting,
Sept. 9th, 1893.

From "Ole Virginny."

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

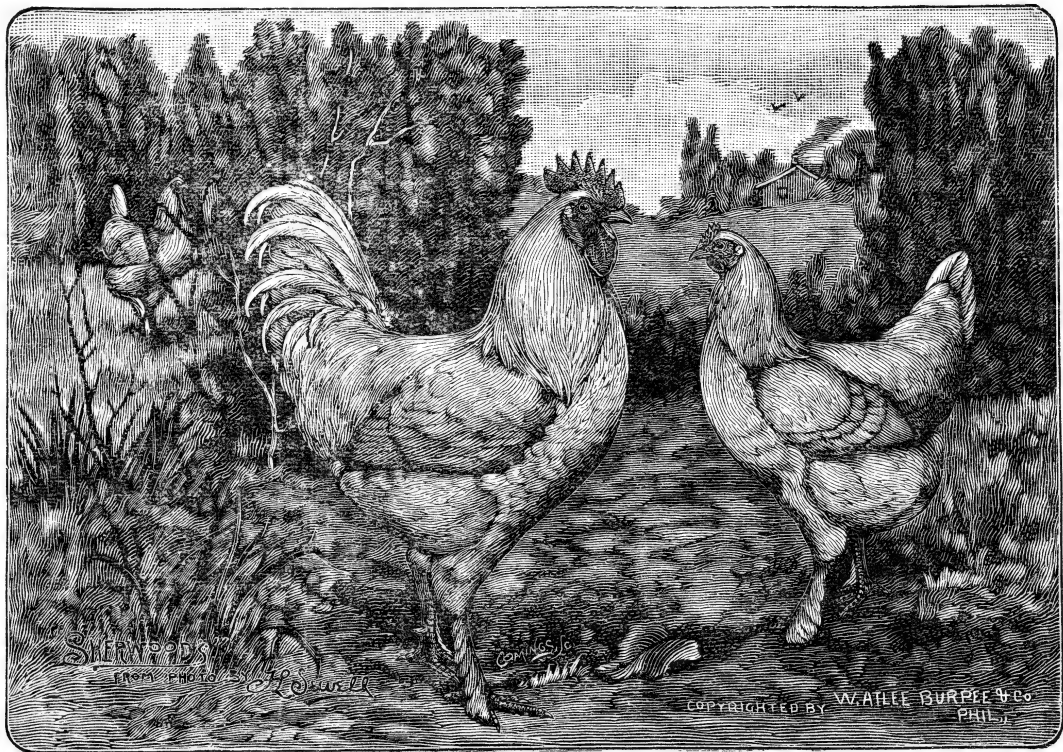
Please accept many thanks for Nos. 1 and 3 of THE AMERICAN FANCIER, which have been received. I have been plowing stalk land all day and am too tired to write, but feel that I must have my say.

Having watched and followed the editor from paper to paper for several years, I was not surprised to see the

do so, saw that a very large black snake had taken possession of the nest and was coiled up on the eggs. You bet, I got out of that quickly, because if there is anything in the way of a snake that I am more afraid of than another it's one of those long black ones. I called to a couple of men who were chopping wood near the house, and one of them stirred his snakeship around until he could get a hold on his tail and cracked his head off. The snake was something over five feet long.

Do you know what will bring a runty chicken out of the kinks, make a thrifty one grow until you can almost see it, or make an old hen "shuck her old duds" and put on new ones quicker than anything you can feed them? I'll tell you what it is, and if you ever try it you will agree with me. When corn begins to

Buff and Black Cochins and Black Langshans were much admired by visitors and fanciers and deserved all the attention bestowed upon them. The Black Cochins and Langshan chicks were among the most mature in the show and showed good care. The light lemon buff seems the popular shade in the west, and the first premium chicks, though small in size, were simply grand in color. They were almost entirely free from black with buff in quill and undercolor. The Silver Wyandottes were a good lot, and two Golden Wyandotte hens were beautiful beyond description and called forth many a low "Ah!" Among the rare varieties was a fine pair of Buff Laced Polish, Blue Andalusians and a pen of Silkies, the latter exhibited by D. A. Wise of Topeka, Kansas. There were not to exceed 350 pigeons on exhibition, but they were of



SHERWOODS.

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"young 'un" full fledged, crowing, and with big spurs. I like it all over, inside and out. It is a success; was a success from its inception. Could not be otherwise with Drevenstedt at the helm.

Well, for Virginia news, not much of to tell. Every one hard at work seeding wheat.

I see from Richmond papers that the Richmond Poultry and Pet Stock Association expect to have a big chicken show in connection with the State Fair in October. They have engaged Mr. Rackham to coop the show, and I suppose it will be quite an improvement over former shows. From some cause they have not, as they usually do, favored me with a catalogue. I have been very anxious to exhibit some Indian Games there this fall, but am too busy to get them in condition. Will have to wait for the Knoxville show.

I had quite a lively experience in August, one which made the cold chills run all over me. I went into one of my poultry houses to examine a couple of Indian Game hens that I had sitting, and found one of them down by the side of the barrel, taking things, well not exactly quietly, but was making no stir about it. I supposed another hen had driven her off the nest, and was just going to put my hand in to see if such was the case, and as I stooped down to

glaze and up to the time it is hard enough to shell, just take a sharp knife and shave it off and give them a full feed of it twice a day. If they have full range, you need give nothing else, but just watch results.

I see an article going the rounds of the Poultry Press advising the use of Embden and Toulouse ganders on the common goose and then breed the young back to some ganders. Don't do it. The first cross is a good one for the table and feather, but the bird is a mule as far as our experience in this section goes. I have known several persons to try it, and have never heard of any other result. First cross all right, but it stops there.

BUCK.

Poultry at Kansas City.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

The Kansas City Interstate Fair, held this week, was a grand success, especially the poultry exhibit. There were 3,300 specimens on exhibition and all were of a high order, the finest lot of birds ever brought together at a fall show in the west. There were 185 S. C. Brown Leghorns in competition and they would have been a credit to any show. The B. P. Rocks were also a grand lot and almost as numerous as the Leghorns. Competition in Light Brahmas was hot and many deserving birds failed to be placed. The

good quality, and but one entry of pet stock. The states of Ohio, Illinois, Wisconsin, Nebraska, Kansas and Missouri were represented. C. A. Emry of Carthage, Mo., and W. F. Hitchcock of Greenleaf, Kansas, judged the fowls and gave good satisfaction, while the superintendent, Asa Maddox, added many friends to the large number made while acting in that capacity during the past fifteen years. Local kennel men had a few good dogs on exhibition. H.

Poultry at Brattleboro, Vt.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

The poultry department of the Valley Fair held at Brattleboro, Vt., like all the rest of the fair is one of the finest in New England; only surpassed by the Rhode Island State Fair. This year there were 285 entries of 640 birds. The Plymouth Rocks, Light Brahmas all four varieties of Cochins, Leghorns, Wyandottes, Polish and Silver Spangled Hamburgs were especially fine. Nearly all breeds of fowls were represented and Bantams were a great attraction. No department on the fair grounds was more thronged from morning till night with such a "jam" of people as the poultry hall. The veteran judge Uncle Isaac Felch passed upon the merits of the exhibits as he has done for 8 successive years, and it is indeed one of our standing cards that "draws" when we are able to announce him for judge. D. E. F.

The Westchester County, N. Y., Fair.

The annual fair of the Westchester County Agricultural Society was held at White Plains, from September 25 to 30. The poultry exhibit was not so large in number as in former years, but the quality was far ahead of anything seen here before. Dr. E. W. Deyo judged all classes, and D. A. Weed of Scarsdale, the genial superintendent, made things as comfortable as possible for the exhibitors and birds.

H. T. Paulding, of Tarrytown, as usual showed a fine lot of Games, and F. H. Davey, of Minisink, had a large number of all the principal breeds of poultry and pigeons. An exhibition pen of twenty White Leghorns, shown by W. H. Dumond, was the admiration of everyone.

J. H. Gallway showed some fine Light Brahmas. E. Garnjost, of Yonkers, had a fine lot of Rose Comb Black Bantams, but his Black Spanish did not show up as well as usual, the birds being heavy in moult. A collection of about thirty Wing Turbits, owned by this gentleman, made a fine and pleasing show. W. J. Stanton, of New York, also had a large collection of pigeons, and took the bulk of the premiums. Following is the list of the awards:

COLLECTIONS.

Best exhibit, 20 birds, 6 breeds, 1 F. H. Davey.
Best exhibit, 20 birds, 1 breed, 1 W. H. Dumont.

BRAHMAS.

LIGHT.—Pen 1, pair 1, J. H. Gallway; pen 2 W. W. Hammond.

COCHINS.

BUFF.—Pen 1 F. H. Davey; 2 L. R. Miller.
PARTRIDGE.—Pen 1 Davey.
BLACK.—Pen 1 Davey.

LANGSHANS.

BLACK.—Pen 1, pair 1, E. P. Shephard; 2 Miller

PLYMOUTH ROCKS.

BARRED.—Pen 1, pair 2 Th. Searles; pen 2, pair 1 Shephard.
WHITE.—Pen 1 Davey; pair 2 Miller.
PEACOMB.—All to Davey.

WYANDOTTES.

SILVER.—Pen 1, pair 2 Davey; pen 2, pair 1 J. B. Tompkins.
WHITE.—Pen 1, pair 2 Davey; pen 2 Chas. E. Strang.
GOLDEN.—Pen 1 and 2, pair 2 Davey; pair 1 Hammond.

DOMINIQUE.

AMERICAN.—Pen 1 L. Brown.

LEGHORNS.

S. C. BROWN.—Pen 1 Elliott Smith; 2 Miller; pair 1 Shephard; 2 Davey.
S. C. WHITE.—Pen 1, pair 2 W. H. Dumont; pen 2, pair 1 O. M. Hart.
S. C. BLACK.—Pen 2, pair 1 and 2 Davey; pen 1 Shephard.
S. C. BUFF.—Pen 1 and 2, pair 1 Davey; pair 2 Shephard.
R. C. WHITE.—All to Davey.

SPANISH.

W. F. BLACK.—Pen 1 Garnjost.

ANDALUSIANS.

BLUE.—Pair 1 and 2 Davey.

MINORCAS.

BLACK.—Pen 1, pair 1 Shephard; pen 2 Davey.
WHITE.—Pen 1 Davey.

FRENCH.

HOUDANS.—Pair 1 and 2 Davey.

HAMBURGHES.

GOLDEN SPANGLED.—Pen 1 and 2 Davey.
SILVER SPANGLED.—Pen 1 Mrs. J. Raven; pair 1 Davey.

POLISH.

W. C. BLACK.—Pair 1 Elliott Smith; 2 J. S. Dobbs.
BEARDED GOLDEN.—Pen 1 Smith.
PLAIN GOLDEN.—Pair 1 Dobbs; 2 Smith.

DORKINGS.

SILVER GREY.—Pen 1, pair 1 and 2 Davey.

GAMES.

B. B. RED.—Pen 1 O. J. Rudd; 2 O. Van Tassel; pair 1 Paulding; 2 J. H. Gallway.
BROWN RED.—Pen 1 J. H. Gallway.
RED PYLE.—Pen 1 Paulding.
SILVER DUCKWING.—Pair 1 Edgar Bailey; 2 J. R. Woodruff.
INDIAN.—Pen 1 and 2, pair 1 Davey; 2 Paulding.

BANTAMS.

B. B. RED GAME.—Pen 1, pair 1 Davey; pair 2 Hammond.
RED PYLE GAME.—Pen 1, pair 1 H. J. Grant.
SILVER DUCKWING GAME.—Pen 1 Davey.
WHITE GAME.—Pair 1 G. W. Gallway.
BUFF PEKIN.—Pen 1, pair 2 Davey; pair 1 Dobbs.
R. C. BLACK.—Pen 1, pair 1 and 2 Garnjost.
WHITE POLISH.—Pair 1 H. A. Grant.
R. C. WHITE.—Pair 2 Hammond.
SILVER SEBRIGHT.—Pen 1 Mrs. J. Raven, pair 1 Grant.
GOLDEN SEBRIGHT.—Pair 1 J. Murphy.

TURKEYS.

BRONZE.—Pair 1 O. C. Read.
BUFF.—Pair 1 W. K. Ryan.

DUCKS.

PEKIN.—Pair 1 W. D. Burns; 2 F. Van Wyck.
MUSCOVY.—Pair 1 J. B. F. Read; 2 O. C. Read.
GUINEA FOWLS.

PIGEONS.

Best collection 1 Garnjost; 2 L. R. Miller.
POUTERS.—Red pied pair 1 Garnjost; black pair 1 J. R. Woodruff; blue pair 2 Davey.
CARRIERS.—Black pair 1 W. J. Stanton; blue pair 1 L. Herbert.
ANTWERPS.—Pair 1 Stanton; 2 J. R. Woodruff.
FANTAILS.—White pair 1 Stanton; 2 Woodruff; black pair 1 Davey; blue pair 1 and 2 G. H. New; red pair 1 Davey; yellow pair 1 Stanton.
OWLS.—Blue pair 1 Stanton.
BARBS.—Black pair 1 Stanton.
TURBITS.—Blue wing pair, yellow ditto, red ditto, black ditto, black tail ditto, all to Garnjost.
TUMBLERS.—Bald head 1 Stanton; red 1 and 2 Davey; black 1 Davey; black mottled 1 Stanton.
MAGPIES.—Black 1 Stanton; blue 1 Stanton.
JACOBS.—Black 1 E. A. Fisher; yellow 1 and 2 Davey; white 1 E. A. Fisher; 2 Chas. A. Strange.
DRAGOONS.—1 Stanton.
ARCHANGELS.—1 Stanton.

Poultry at Warwick, N. Y.

The poultry at the Orange county fair, held at Warwick September 19-22, eclipsed all previous exhibitions of this society, both in quantity and quality of stock shown.

The show was superintended by W. J. Minturn, Amity, assisted by Geo. E. Howell, Howell's depot, both Orange county fanciers, and no point was overlooked that added to the comfort of the birds or lightened the work of the judge.

Doctor Deyo, of Montgomery, N. Y., did the judging very satisfactorily to all. Below are the awards:

LIGHT BRAHMAS.—Pen and pair fowls, pen and pair chicks 1 W. J. Minturn; pen and pair fowls 2 Vanderoff & Son; pen chicks 2 M. E. Gibson.

DARK BRAHMAS.—All to Minturn.

BUFF COCHINS.—Pen fowls and chicks 1 Minturn; pen, pair fowls 2 F. H. Davey; pen and pair chicks 2 Gibson.

PARTRIDGE COCHINS.—Pair fowls 1, pair chicks 2 Minturn; pen fowls 1 Davey; pen chicks 1 Gibson.

LANGSHANS.—Pair fowls and chicks 1 Gibson.
BARRED PLYMOUTH ROCKS.—Pen fowls 1, pair fowls 1 and 2, pair chicks 1 Minturn; pen chicks 1 and 2, pair chicks 2, pen fowls 2 Vanderoff & Son.

PEA COMBED BARRED PLYMOUTH ROCKS.—All to Davey.
WHITE PLYMOUTH ROCKS.—Pen and pair fowls 1, pen and pair chicks 1 and 2 G. H. King; pair fowls 2 Geo. E. Howell; pen fowls 2 Minturn.

SILVER WYANDOTTES.—Pen and pair fowls 1 Minturn; pen chicks 1, pair chicks 1 and 2 Davey; pen chicks and pair fowls 2 Howell.

WHITE WYANDOTTES.—Pen fowls, pair chicks 1 Minturn; pair fowls 1 Davey; pen fowls and chicks 2 Flemming Bros.; pen chicks 1, pair 2 A. G. & J. H. Morrison.

GOLDEN WYANDOTTES.—Pair chicks 1, pen fowls 2 Davey; pair fowls 1 Minturn.

HOUDANS.—All to Davey.

INDIAN GAMES.—Pen fowls 1, pair chicks 2 Howell; pen chicks 1 and 2, pair chicks 1 Davey; pen fowls 2 S. G. Carpenter; pair fowls 1 Minturn, 2 Geraghty.

GOLDEN DUCKWING GAMES.—Pen chicks 1 Davey.
BLACK RED GAMES.—Pair chicks 1 Davey, 2 D. H. Haight; pen chicks 1 John McKeever.

PIT GAMES.—Very inferior. Prizes all taken by Warwick parties.

SILVER SPANGLED HAMBURGHES.—Pen fowls 1, pair chicks 1 Minturn; pair fowls 1, pair chicks 2 Davey.

DORKINGS.—All to Davey.
WHITE F. B. SPANISH.—Pen fowls 1 Minturn; pair chicks 1 and 2 Geraghty.

BLACK MINORCAS.—Pen fowls 1 Carpenter, 2 Davey; pair chicks 1 Gibson, 2 Davey; pen chicks 1 Howell, 2 Pelton.

WHITE MINORCAS.—All to Davey.
WHITE LEGHORNS.—Pen fowls 1 Howell, 2 Carpenter; pen chicks 1 S. W. Bull; pair chicks 1 Minturn, 2 Carpenter.

ROSE COMBED WHITES.—All to Davey.
BROWN LEGHORNS.—Pen fowls and chicks 1 Minturn; pen fowls 2, pair fowls 1 Davey; pair chicks 1 Geraghty, 2 Howell.

R. C. BROWNS.—All to Carpenter.
BUFF LEGHORNS.—Pen fowls 1, pen chicks 2, pair fowls 1 Davey; pen chicks 1 Howell; pair chicks 1 and 2 Pelton.

BLACK LEGHORNS.—Pen fowls and chicks 1 and 2 Davey; pair fowls and chicks 1 Pelton.

ANDALUSIANS.—All to Davey.
GOLDEN SPANGLED HAMBURGHES.—All to Davey.

B. B. RED GAME BANTAMS.—Pen fowls 1 and 2 Requa Bros.; pair fowls 1, pen chicks 1, pair chicks 1 and 2 Minturn; pair fowls 2 Davey.

BROWN RED GAMES.—All to Adrian W. Smith.

RED PYLES.—All to Smith.
WHITE GAME BANTAMS.—All to Smith.

JAPANESE.—Pair chicks 1 Smith.
ROSE COMBED BLACK.—Pair fowls 1 Requa Bros.; pair chicks 1 Smith.

BUFF PEKIN.—Pen fowls 1 Requa Bros.; pen chicks 1 and 2, pair fowls 1, pen 2 Vanderoff & Son.

SILVER DUCKWING GAME.—Pair fowls 1, pen chicks 1, pair chicks 1 Minturn; pen chicks 2, pair chicks 2 Smith.

GOLDEN DUCKWING GAME.—All to Davey.

Binghamton Industrial Exposition.

Sept. 19th-23d, 1893.—The poultry exhibit as usual was one of the main features. The Poultry Press was represented by THE AMERICAN FANCIER and the *Practical Poultryman*, both papers getting quite a large number of subscriptions. Geo. Mead represented the AMERICAN FANCIER and Nat E. Luce the *Poultryman*. J. Y. Bicknell did the judging to the satisfaction of all. The awards were as follows:

LIGHT BRAHMAS.—Pen 1, cockerel 1, pullet 1 D. L. Smith, Lestershire; cock 1, hen 1, pullet 2 August Mohring, Binghamton; cock 2, hen 2 W. D. Blatchley, Binghamton.

BUFF COCHINS.—Pullet 1 and 2 Nat. E. Luce, Binghamton.

LANGSHANS.—Black, Blue and White, all prizes to Cunningham & Blair, Chenango Bridge.

BARRED PLYMOUTH ROCKS.—Pen 1 F. W. Pratt, Binghamton; 2 C. R. Howard, Union Centre; pullet 1, cockerel 1 J. O'Donohue, Binghamton.

WHITE PLYMOUTH ROCKS.—Pen 1 fowl, cockerel 1, pullet 1 and 2 F. L. Rogers, Whitneys Point; pen 1 chicks, cock 1, hen 1 W. D. Blatchley; cockerel 2 Clayton Graves, Binghamton.

WHITE WYANDOTTES.—Pen 1, pullet 1 Cunningham & Blair.

SILVER WYANDOTTES.—Pen 1 fowls, hen 1, pullet 2, cockerel 2 Nat. E. Luce; pen 1 chicks, pullet 1, cockerel 1 D. L. Smith; cock 1 and 2, hen 2, pen 2 C. R. Howard.

GOLDEN WYANDOTTES.—Pen 1 fowls and chicks, cock 1, hen 1 Cunningham & Blair; cockerel 1, pen 2 M. D. Hinds; cockerel 2, pullet 1 and 2, hen 2 U. D. Jones, Kirkwood.

S. C. WHITE LEGHORNS.—Pen 1, cock 1, hen 1 E. Pinney, Binghamton.

R. C. WHITE LEGHORNS.—Pen 1, cock 1, pullet 2 White Bros., Hornellsville; pullet 1 Johnson, Marathon.

S. C. BROWN LEGHORNS.—Cockerel 1, pullet 1 and 2, cock 1 and 2, hen 1 and 2 F. L. Rogers; cockerel 2 Leon Van Nostrand, Binghamton.

R. BROWN LEGHORNS.—Cockerel 1, pullet 1 W. D. Blatchley; hen 1 G. W. Burbank, Binghamton.

WHITE MINORCAS.—Pen 1, pullet 1, cockerel 2, cock 1 Cunningham & Blair; cockerel 1 U. B. Abel.

BLACK MINORCAS.—Pen 1, cockerel 1, pullet 1 James T. Weed, Binghamton; hen 1 and 2 Nat. E. Luce; pen 2, cockerel 2, pullet 2 M. D. Hinds.

BLACK SPANISH.—Pen 1 Cunningham & Blair.

RED CAPS.—Pen 1 Cunningham & Blair; cock 1, hen 1, cockerel 1, pullet 1 Edward Joslin Nichols.

INDIAN GAMES.—Pen 1, cock 1, hen 1 M. D. Hinds.

SILVER BEARDED POLISH.—Cockerel 1, pullet 1 and 2 F. W. Pratt.

B. B. RED GAME BANTAMS.—All to W. J. Hill & Son, Binghamton.

GOLDEN DUCKWING BANTAMS.—Cock 1 W. J. Hill & Son; cockerel 1 and 2 French Bros., Binghamton.

BUFF PEKIN BANTAMS.—Pen 1 W. J. Hill & Son; cock 1 Charles Ogden, Binghamton; hen 1, cock 2, pullet 1 and 2, cockerel 1 and 2 Cunningham & Blair.

Comparison Knocked Out.

[Special Telegram to THE AMERICAN FANCIER.]

Harlem votes for the Score Card. Score one for Uncle Isaac.

"No one cares to test the comparative strength of two goats. Comparisons are odorous."—RUDOLPH.

English Comments.

A GO-AHEAD PAPER.

Number one of a new paper devoted to poultry, pigeons and dogs has just been issued in America, under the title of THE AMERICAN FANCIER. It is edited by Mr. Drevendstedt, the late editor of *The Fancier's Journal*, and so is in the best of hands. Judging from the copy before me, the new venture deserves, and has, the best prospects of success, for it has all the characteristics of a go-ahead paper. A special feature of the journal will be the homing pigeon section, under the charge of Mr. T. F. Goldman, a well-known authority on homing matters. "Fritz's" first instalment of notes are especially interesting, as furnishing a kind of critical analysis of the recent long distance flights from the World's Fair.—*Feathered World*.

AN IMPORTANT ORGAN.

We have received the first copy of THE AMERICAN FANCIER, which has certainly started well, and promises to be an important organ of the fancy on the other side of the Atlantic.—*Stock-Keeper*.

BRIGHT, CRISP AND SPARKLING.

We mentioned a few weeks ago that Messrs. Blunck and Drevendstedt intended starting a new fanciers' paper, and we have now the pleasure of welcoming No. 1 of THE AMERICAN FANCIER, a weekly journal devoted to poultry, pigeons, dogs and pet stock. Judging from its first number it is bright, crisp, and sparkling, and well up to date; but then we should have been disappointed had it been otherwise with that old poultry journalist and editor, Mr. J. H. Drevendstedt, at the wheel. We are also pleased to note in its columns contributions from many well-known specialist writers. Mr. Blunck has turned out the paper in a most credible manner, the general get up being very nice indeed. We heartily wish THE AMERICAN FANCIER the best of luck, and trust it will receive that full appreciation it so richly merits.—*Poultry*.

PIGEONS.

Announcement.

We are pleased to state that we have completed arrangements by which F. M. Gilbert will write exclusively for this paper.

It is but justice to him to state that his own legitimate business takes all his time and he objects seriously to a staff position, preferring rather to write when he can, and not be bound to furnish certain matter at certain times. In his letter he says:

"I think a man who feels that writing on any certain topic is a task, or duty, soon degenerates into a 'space writer' whose only idea is to send off so many pages of MSS., with little regard to what they contain. The only time I can write with any satisfaction to myself is when I have something to write about. If such contributions will suit you, I am willing to write when I have time and the inclination, for THE AMERICAN FANCIER is a good clean paper, with which the most 'captious critic' can find no fault."

Pigeon Notes.

BY JOHN HOPEWELL.

[Written for THE AMERICAN FANCIER.]

The raising of squabs in connection with farm and fancy poultry if properly conducted can be made a source of income not requiring a great deal of attention save to see that pigeons are properly mated, biding peacefully together and feeding their young well. It does not require an expensive outlay as any barn or outbuilding with a loft high enough to stand upright in, will answer. Give it a thorough whitewashing and nail a lot of boxes around, about the size canned corn comes in, whitewash these and put about three inches of pine sawdust in the bottom. Clean them occasionally, see that the birds have plenty of feed, let them fly at liberty and they'll do the rest. Of course if one desires to go into it in an elaborate way, a finely furnished loft will give more conveniences than a roughly furnished one, but we doubt if the squab harvest will pan out any better for the extravagance. Crosses of large Common Pigeons with Runts, Dutchess or large Trumpeters make good squab raisers. A cross of large sized Antwerp cocks with Runt Hens ought to produce just the kind for raising squabs, and the nearer approach to white one can get them the better the squabs will be for market use. Large Antwerp cocks with large light colored common hen pigeons make a good cross but the Runt hens will make largest progeny.

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It is a mooted question whether removing the egg first laid by the hen pigeon is of any particular benefit to that egg. Some have an idea that the two are more likely to hatch about the same time if the one first laid is taken from the nest soon after being laid. Others claim that handling the egg is of no benefit to it, and that if left in the nest until both are laid that the difference in time of hatching is so slight as to have no particular effect on the last hatched bird. We are of the opinion that the closer we follow nature the better the chances for success, and therefore never disturb the eggs. Have tried both plans and our experience favors the latter. We believe that the less the pair are disturbed while setting the more attentive they become after the eggs are hatched. Constantly fumbling about the nest tends to make them restless, timid and suspicious of every movement.

At this season while young birds are getting their adult plumage and otherwise maturing it is difficult to distinguish the male from the female. Moore says in his interesting work on pigeons that the breast bone of the hen is shorter than that of the male, that the os sacrum or bones surrounding the vent are more open or farther apart in the hen. This would seem perfectly natural considering the function of this particular part of the body in the hen, but for all this my experience of years in handling of young pigeons teaches me that these signs cannot be relied on. Some take the young bird (and old ones also in which the sex is not known) by the legs with one hand and the beak with the other, draw the hands apart and if the tail of the bird is thrown up pronounce it a hen, if thrown down and hugged tightly to the vent, pronounce it a male. We have found this plan quite as reliable as any, especially with old birds, but sometimes all these signs fail, and we must wait for nature to assert itself and show the sex in the movement of the birds. All pigeon breeders know the action of the cock when desirous of mating also the more modest and quieter actions of the hen at same time. When two exhibit these separate actions, if considered suitable for mates they can be put together and there need be no fear but what they will make a match.

Young pigeons at this season, as the sudden changes come, frequently show evidences of having taken cold, we would recommend trying the homœopathic remedy some time ago so frequently recommended for poultry, Spongia. It is easy to administer if given in pellet form. We would advise giving 3 pellets 5 or 6 times a day at first, diminishing doses as it improved. The loss from this cause is sometimes heavy in some lofts, and a quickly and easily administered remedy is what is needed to be effective. Give at regular intervals as recommended.

Pigeons flying at large frequently get their foot and leg entangled with a hair, which after a time becomes tightly twisted around the leg causing it to become inflamed, to swell, and we have seen instances where by this means the toes had become shrunken, shrivelled and finally dropped from the foot. If you see a pigeon standing around and holding its foot as if in pain examine it and you will frequently find this the cause.

We read in the English periodical *Poultry* of a mixture recommended for pigeons whose young are troubled with canker of the mouth indicating an impure condition of the blood in the parents. It says to mix with a quart of boiling water 2 ounces glauher salts, 1-2 ounce burnt alum, 4 ounces common salt. Allow it to cool and give about a teaspoonful to the old birds twice a week for two months, also to give the young birds the same mixture twice a day for a week and then discontinue. The authority does not say what quantity to give the young but we should suppose half the quantity given the old birds would be sufficient.

Public Opinion.

SOLD ALL HIS DOGS.

Please drop my advertisement in THE AMERICAN FANCIER for the present, as I have no more dogs for sale, having sold all I advertised, inquiries coming from Maryland, Louisiana and Ohio. THE AMERICAN FANCIER is a hustler to advertise in. C. R. TEARS.
Walden, N. Y., Sept. 23, 1893.

Baltimore Show.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

The fanciers and breeders of fancy pigeons throughout the country will no doubt be pleased to hear that there will be a show held in Baltimore from December 28 to January 3. It was the intention to hold a poultry and pigeon show combined, but the committee appointed to rent a hall could not procure one suitable or large enough to exhibit both, so were obliged to drop poultry and have an exclusive pigeon show.

The show will be held at the Cyclorama Building, which is unusually well adapted for the purpose, as it is finely lighted by a skylight placed in the top of the roof. It is about 40 feet high from floor to roof and well ventilated; it is convenient to reach by several lines of city cars, and only one square or block from Union Station, Penn. R. R. This will be a great convenience to strangers not well acquainted with the city, as they will only have a short distance to walk to reach the show, where they will all receive a hearty welcome.

All the Specialty Clubs are invited to assist the Baltimore Columbarian Society to make this the finest exhibit of high class fancy pigeons ever shown. They should send a representative collection of their best birds, and also decide to have their annual meeting at this show. The show committee will have a private room arranged to be used for this purpose only.

This will be one of the grandest opportunities to show young birds ever offered. Mr. Wm. T. Levering offers over two hundred dollars for best birds bred in 1893. The show committee has also under consideration to pay, in addition to prizes for best birds, an extra prize for best birds bred in this country in 1893.

Mr. Wm. T. Levering assumes all responsibility of the show, and fanciers can feel assured that every prize won will be paid without delay.

G. A. F.

The Archangel.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

As there seems to be a growing interest in the pigeon fancy, and a disposition shown on the part of specialists to bring their varieties more prominently before the thousands of breeders in this country, I thought it but proper that the Archangel should not be lost sight of in the conflict now going on for supremacy.

In years gone by I bred thirty-seven varieties of high class and toy pigeons, but engaging in business soon realized very keenly the fact that for want of time to look after the needs of my numerous feathered pets, it would be good policy to dispose of all except one variety. Imagine my perplexed position, thirty-seven varieties and all considered favorites at one time; but now, owing to lack of time to devote to them, compelled to part with all except the chosen one.

After several days of careful consideration as to how I should make my selection, resolved that the variety retained would be the one meriting the greater number of points, both in beauty and general worth. All varieties to be fairly treated in the contest. With this determination firmly fixed upon my mind, I entered the spacious loft one day, but, strange to say, the task which at first seemed puzzling proved very easy indeed. The Archangel was chosen at that time, and has since then and for

ever will hold the fort so long as I remain in the pigeon fancy. For real beauty, attractiveness, and peculiarity of plumage there is no other variety, in my opinion, that can outdo a typical Archangel, be the variety either dark or light bronze.

Now that I have given a brief history as to why and how I became a fancier of "Archangels only," I will endeavor to give the readers of THE AMERICAN FANCIER an idea as to what I consider necessary points of merit in a typical bird. Before doing so, however, I will here state that most of the Archangels (?) which have been exhibited during the show season of 1892 and '93, that have come under my notice, were entirely too large and coarse. The true type of Archangel is rather a small bird, neat, and sparingly built. I have bred the variety with care since 1871, and some years ago adopted the following standard, which has aided me materially in trying to produce what seems to be generally considered necessary points in the construction of an ideal Archangel:

ARCHANGEL STANDARD.

Head.—Long and narrow, with gradual curve from front to back, round skull, showing an easy curve in all directions; lean face, junction with head to neck almost imperceptible.

Crest.—Central, needle pointed, one-fourth to one-half inch in length, and slightly inclined forward, showing no mane behind or beneath it.

Beak.—Dove shaped, light brown color, slightly curved at end with black marking on top of upper mandible extending from wattle to end of beak, lower mandible straight.

Wattle.—Fine in texture and small, showing very little or no white surface.

Eye and Eye-Cere.—Deep orange red, pupil large and clearly defined, prominent, yet of a rather mild expression; eye-cere very small and fine in texture.

Neck.—Long, slender, graceful, and slenderest at point of junction with head, gently widening towards the shoulders, joining the latter with a gradual curve.

Breast.—Slightly prominent, plain, and neat.

Wings.—Long, close to body, and tapering to flights, which should be narrow in web of feather, extending to within half an inch of end of tail and meeting tip to tip, gently resting on the tail.

Legs and Feet.—Firm and of good length, shank free from feathers and covered with fine scales; toes well separated and long, claws black, legs and feet crimson in color.

Body.—Rather small in size, narrow and slender, gracefully tapering from front to vent, with shoulders well defined and close to the body.

Color.—Wings, rump and tail rich bronzed black; around ends of wing and rump feathers are arranged brilliant metallic colors, changing in hue with every change of position; tail feathers black, and have a rounded appearance at end; head, neck, belly, and thighs of an even and deep rich copper.

Plumage.—Close and compact.

Nature.—Rather wild yet graceful.

If any breeder of Archangels has anything better than the above standard to lay before the admirers of this beautiful variety, let him speak through the columns of THE AMERICAN FANCIER.

GEO. G. FETTEROLF.

Langhorne, Pa., Sept. 21.

THE BEST POULTRY PAPER.

One of the best poultry papers I have ever read.
JNO. W. FLENNIKEN,
Secy. of E. Tennessee Poultry Ass'n.

The Magpie Club.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

I was very favorably impressed with the article written by our energetic secretary in last week's paper, his zeal in pushing matters is highly commendable and should be appreciated by every member.

As he invites members to express their views upon important questions, as president of the club I would state that a correct standard to breed up to, and judge by, should be the first question to claim the attention of the members.

As we state in our second article of the constitution the objects of the club are to promote and improve the culture of the Magpie Pigeon, what standard shall we adopt to carry out our object?

I have been breeding Magpies for years, have read books and articles in papers treating upon the improvement of this variety, and have concluded that the English Magpie Standard as compiled by P. H. Jones Esq., and others, and adopted by the Magpie Club, and West England Magpie Fanciers' Association, C. Burton Barnes, hon. secretary and treasurer, is the best and most complete we can adopt. Every part of the Magpie is noticed accurately and explained so plainly that any one can understand it readily.

Our secretary had the standard published in the first issue of THE AMERICAN FANCIER. (Members should send for copies or better still send \$1.00 and subscribe, as it is the best paper we have.) Read the standard carefully, state your views either in THE AMERICAN FANCIER or write to the secretary. If they are approved by the majority of the members, they should be adopted at once.

I favor our secretary's invitation to have our first annual meeting in Baltimore, during the show to be held there from Dec. 28 to Jan. 3, as I am personally acquainted with most of the members of the Baltimore Columbarian Society. I am frank in saying I never met a more sociable, friendly, or enthusiastic lot of fanciers, and I am sure they will give all members a hearty welcome that visit the show, and will also arrange classes to meet our approval. I hope to hear from others upon matters concerning the success of the club.

WM. EHINGER, JR.

President Magpie Club.

Valuable Pigeons Stolen.

Some contemptible wretch entered the loft of E. T. Hazeldine of Terre Haute, Indiana and stole 30 of the latter's best birds including choice Fantails and Pouters. Mr. Hazeldine writes: "It just ruined me, but I am doing all in my power to get them back. I can tell you I'm heartsick, but do not propose to be run out of the fancy. Have ordered an electric alarm to be put in my loft and have bought a gun also. It was the boldest trick I ever saw, as I have iron grating over all my windows and everything is locked tight all the time, but the thief or thieves cut and pried off the boards in the hay loft and slid down the horse manger and cut off the boards of the loft to get there. I have the police at work and have offered a reward."

Our readers will assist a worthy brother fancier in helping to trace these stolen pigeons and in bringing the thieves behind the bars of a jail. A pigeon and poultry thief is on par with a horse thief, and if anything, still meaner.

The Magpie Standard.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

In answer to Mr. C. Dorsey, who stated in the last issue of THE AMERICAN FANCIER that most English Magpies that he had seen had short beaks and Tumbler heads, I will state that he evidently never saw perfect headed and marked English Magpies, as their beaks and heads are just the reverse of what he saw.

The standard we propose to use has been used in England since 1890 and birds have been bred according to that standard, which says the beak should be long, thin, and nearly equal in substance throughout, etc.

It also states the head must be long and thin etc., with no approach to Owl and Tumbler form.

If we breed our birds according to the above they will surely not have short beaks and Tumbler heads.

In regard to size and weight we find that Turbits, African Owls, Fans, Jacobins and others are preferred of medium size in body. Fanciers of those varieties don't diet or restrict their birds in feed, but mate judiciously to get the size as well as other points.

In regard to getting up a standard of our own, if we can't improve on the English standard we should let good enough alone.

If Mr. Dorsey will read the first issue of THE AMERICAN FANCIER he will find the English standard covers all parts and points of the Magpie perfectly. I have received letters from several prominent Magpie breeders approving the English standard, and expressing a desire that our club would adopt it,

G. A. FICK.

Secretary Magpie Club.

Baltimore, Md.

The Western Pigeon Club.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

Our club organized two years ago, has steadily increased in membership and intends giving the Kansas State Fair an exhibit of pigeons never seen before. With fifty-seven exhibition cages and an immense banner on the wall decorated with pictures of all kinds of pigeons, this will surely be the drawing attraction at the fair. The winter state show will be held January 16 to 22, 1894, and we expect a large exhibit in pigeons from the neighboring cities. At the close of the state fair those desiring to send their birds on to the World's Fair will have an opportunity, as arrangements have been made for that purpose. There are many fine birds in and around Topeka, but the boys are rather shy of the White City, I think.

M. F. HANKLA, Sec'y.

Topeka, Kan.

Transfers.

From the loft of M. F. Hankla, Topeka, Kansas, to Comfort & Bucher, Stockton, Cal., five Parlor Tumblers; to L. Hardman, Herrington, Kansas, nine Mottled Flying Tumblers, exhibition birds.

From H. T. Klusmeyer, Jr., Easton, Pa., to Charles Akerley, Gowanda, N. Y., entire collection of White, Black and Partridge Pekin Bantams without reserve. Also ten pairs of high class owls in all colors.

A GREAT NEW YORK NEWSPAPER'S OPINION.

THE AMERICAN FANCIER is a new weekly paper devoted to poultry, pigeons, dogs and pet stock, published at Johnstown, N. Y. If later issues maintain the high standard established by the first number, the success of the paper is assured.—The World.

Pigeon Flying.**Notice to Subscribers.**

Our subscribers are informed that we have arranged that all inquiries relating to the breeding, training and management of homing pigeons, and upon all questions bearing upon the history of pigeon flying, both at home and abroad, will be answered by "Fritz" through his columns in THE AMERICAN FANCIER weekly, and at the earliest possible opportunity, and should be addressed to

MR. T. FRED. GOLDMAN,
832 Herkimer Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

[All matter that he deems of general and practical interest, or of value to the young and inexperienced fancier, will be embodied in his weekly notes, while other matter will be sent direct by mail.—ED. A. F.]

On The Wing.

Our correspondent "Fritz" a few weeks ago gave an interesting paragraph of his weekly notes to the famous bird "Albright." The owner of the latter, A. C. Butts, informs us that the 'great little flyer died a few weeks ago, but its memory will be kept green for many years to come. Mr. Butts is having "Albright" mounted by a taxidermist.

We give in this issue considerable space to pigeon flying, as the approaching cold weather will soon end the sport, and while flying is in progress, THE AMERICAN FANCIER is determined to give space to all flights, but it cannot do so without the hearty co-operation of the flyers themselves. The splendid support the pigeon flying department of THE AMERICAN FANCIER is receiving from New York, Newark, Detroit, Brooklyn, Chicago, Boston, St. Louis, Baltimore and Washington should start pigeon flyers in other cities to do the same.

The exclusive method of publishing news by our Philadelphia friends will not help the sport throughout the country. This is a source of regret to thousands of patrons of the sport, and we trust the two factions in the Quaker city, although not recognizing each other, will at least recognize that their good work should be known to the entire fancy.

True sport is only advanced by inviting national competition. Local and private records, no matter how reliable they may be, are not recognized by the true sportsman. This should make all pigeon flyers ponder, and result in elevating the sport to a higher level, and on terms with all other legitimate sports.

Our large agricultural fairs held every fall could do much toward interesting people in pigeon flying. Why would it not be a good idea to offer prizes for state records every year? The managers of these big fairs offer thousands of dollars on horse races, why not offer a few hundred on pigeon races?

Points in the Flying Fancy.**A Weekly Review of Events in the Homing World.**

BY FRITZ.

"What's well begun is half done." This truism may well be borne in mind by the novice in Homing pigeon keeping, and to those also who are only contemplating an entry into the infatuating sport and pastime. I am induced to

write a little this week for the particular benefit of those entirely new in the fancy, having received several letters recently soliciting advice and my views upon "How and when to start a loft of Homers."

Now this is one of the many leading questions in the flying fancy, and at the very outset the young and inexperienced in his search for knowledge and light is beset with a strange conflict of theory and opinion. Many advocate the purchase exclusively of a few pairs of reliable breeders for the young fancier to embark in his hobby, and, on the other hand, many advise the stocking of the new loft with a half-dozen or so pairs of well bred and sound squealers secured from two or three reliable, constantly active, and more or less successful old fanciers.

Both sides can certainly advance much that is sound and reasonable in furtherance of their arguments, and it is not my purpose, neither would I feel justified, in endorsing exclusively either particular course. Each method referred to has certain particular advantages, and I think by adopting a part of each the interests and education of the novice is better maintained, and at least a certain gain of time and better adherence to his hobby.

The old adage that "A fancier must know his birds" would seem to point towards the selection of a few pairs in their infancy by the novice starting out in the Homing world as the more proper course. Here is afforded perfect opportunity to the careful and observing fancier to study and note the particular construction, temperament, and physical and mental capacity of each of his young pets during their progression through moult, and their flying exercise around home, and in the subsequent flights from the training basket when physically fit for the more serious education in the early fall of the year. All this teaches the novice to know his birds and just what particular qualities are best developed in them, which are the stronger, more precocious, and of better mental balance.

I think the young fancier who thus embarks in the pleasures of Homing pigeon keeping becomes in the end more thorough than the one who at once launches out as a breeder, for when the season comes around for him to try his hand at pigeon raising a year afterwards he has a more perfect conception of the material in hand, and if not so positive a source of reproduction as with the old reliable breeders, at least whatever good results he attains is far more to his credit and unquestionably more encouraging and tickling to his vanity.

There is, however, a particular charm to the young fancier in breeding pigeons from the very outset. The settling of a few youngsters at his loft does not, I think, completely fill the bill. The morning exercise on the wing is certainly an attraction to him, but I know from long experience that he thirsts for more serious work and more varied resources for his mind than the weekly cleaning of his coop and seeing his purchased youngsters fly.

I'll be bound there is not a single fancier to-day of ripe experience but what can readily and enjoyably recall his first pair of eggs and first youngsters in the nest pan, and, I may also add, the keen satisfaction in seeing his first settlers at liberty on the alighting board or roof and remaining with him.

Now the interest of the young fancier must be maintained and his love for the work be kept warm by all reasonable inducement and device. There is no earthly reason in the world why the pleasures of pigeon breeding, if practiced in moderation and on sound lines, should be denied to the novice until he had scored a twelve months' apprenticeship as a keeper and flyer.

And, on the other hand, it is equally unreasonable to confine the novice in the Homing world to the sole and exclusive pleasures of pigeon breeding from a few pairs of prisoners, without enjoying the pleasures of a small flight at liberty.

The taste of these mixed pleasures, however, have frequently set back and hurt many an ambitious young fancier in his first and second year. He wants to sail so fast, and in his attempts to emulate and even excel his older and more experienced brethren in the sport he overdoes the thing, and in trying to crowd two and three years into one frequently comes to grief.

It is remarkable and almost unexplainable with what persistency and regularity the young novice in the Homing fancy will collect nine times out of ten such a mass of flyers and breeders in his loft; and this is nine times out of ten the cause of his non-advancement and slow progress. It would seem that you can no more confine a young beginner to six or eight pairs of pigeons during his first year's connection with the sport than to later on induce him to renounce breeding out of season. He seems to have a particular knack in accumulating a mass of mixed trash, that I sometimes think is really a part and parcel of his education and experience before getting down to the finer lines of the fancy.

It seems so unreasonable that he should not avail himself of the experience of others, and in no other hobby can I recall such a stupid and obstinate evasion and ignoring of principles and sound advice as that of the novice in the Homing fancy.

"What's well begun is half done," and I now advise the young fancier to begin right and keep right. At this particular period nearly all our best flying men are through the season's flying, and many can be found who have good trained birds of this year's hatch for sale and even pairs of reliable breeders they intend to replace in their lofts by younger, straight descendants, who have proved their worth also in the training basket. Now is the season to secure from reliable flying men a little desirable stock, but let it be a little only. They can be bought at less figures now than next spring, for the breeder is now thinning down his stock and cares not to winter so many. Secure two such pairs to breed from next March, and at the same time place your order for, say four pairs of early 1894 hatch to settle at your coop, and let this quantity suffice.

Thus equipped you can enjoy all the pleasures of breeding during the Spring and early Summer months and in the setting of the purchased young at your coop you have an additional interest in their flying and training.

Confine your purchases to preferably one or not more than two reliable old fanciers, and be guided by their counsel.

Let not another feather enter your loft until the few you have bought and raised are thoroughly tested. This is the proper time and a desirable method to start a loft.

Personally I incline to starting in the Spring of the year with a half dozen pairs of sound and well bred young, but my counsel and that of others has been so frequently ignored that I have come to the conclusion the young fancier cannot so content himself, and for this reason include a pair or two of good breeders to make up the stock of the loft and chiefly as a means of education in breeding and as additional interest. The chances are he won't raise many. But the young fancier must here draw the line and school himself thoroughly to decline all further additions in the shape of gifts or further purchases.

In due season I shall touch upon the question of breeding and handling in general.

A correspondent writes me regarding a certain pill for pigeons going light and ailing, that he remembers was very popular a long time ago, but cannot remember where they were made or what they consisted of and their name. He also asks for a remedy for diarrhoea as he has some young so suffering. I have several times stated that I did not believe in doctored Homing pigeons, and that the knife was my chief remedy for most complaints, and inasmuch as sickness was a very rare visitor at my loft I could extend but little

advice upon treatment and remedies from actual practice.

I think the pills referred to were known as the "No. 6 Pill" the formula of which is, pulv capsici, one drachm; pepsin, one half drachm; pyro-phos iron, one drachm; quinia, fifteen grains and extract of gentian sufficient for 60 pills, giving one pill each morning and evening until there is apparent change for the better, then give only one at night.

I should no more advise the retaining of young pigeons affected with a diarrhoea than I would those with a stiff wing or going light. The Homing records were never built up on such stock. I believe a little blue vitriol (sulphate of copper) in the drinking water is the favorite and prescribed remedy. Just enough to make the water pungent. Better get rid of them.

The *Stockkeeper* (England) of recent issue reports a remarkable case of a bird going astray. A Homer owned by Mr. Hampson of Half Acre, Prestwich, a member of the Radcliffe District Homing Society was tossed at Avranches with the Federation birds and was caught on board the ship G. F. Hay off the Azores nearly a thousand miles from its home.

Certainly a remarkable case and perhaps a part solution of "what becomes of our lost birds" when we also consider the following from a correspondent in the last issue of the *Homing News*: "On August 12th I sent a pigeon to Shelford near Cambridge which did not return. On going to my Club on August 31st, I was handed a letter by a member from the captain of a ship bound for Russia stating he had caught it on board his ship on the night of August 13th during a fog in the North Sea."

While the young bird flying season to the New York and vicinity fanciers was quite a successful and enjoyable one I regret to note very heavy losses to several other sections of the League owing to unwise and careless liberations and poor flying weather.

Abroad, they too have not escaped heavy loss, for the *Revue Colombophile* in reporting the concours from Tours of Sunday the 20th of August organized by the Club, the *Union de Ronbaix* remarks: "Fanciers will have to go very far back in their memories for so complete a disaster as that of Tours. The loss was exclusively for young birds of this year and lofts the most renowned in France have lost from 90 to 95 per cent of their birds and others who lost all."

It is the oft told story over and over again regarding the flying of young birds from 200 miles distances and over.

The following comment upon this particular concours which I quote, cannot but prove valuable and interesting: "Flights from 250 miles are full of dangers to young pigeons. They may succeed in favorable conditions of wind and weather and when fogs are not in waiting here and there to mystify and bewilder the birds, but if they be unable to see further than a matter of three hundred yards, if the horizon is nowhere visible from behind the thick bluish curtain incident to our autumnal mornings, the result must of necessity be one of disaster. There is nothing to wonder at in this. In the first place however the youngsters destined for Tours were put into the panniers three days before toss. They had not acquired the habit of old stagers viz: that of eating and drinking in the pannier just as though they were in the loft, and naturally the greatest part of them would be enfeebled considerably by the time that liberty was given them. With the instinct of orientation not yet fully developed birds thus tossed are soon bewildered as they enter the thick and stubby zones in front of them. For a time they struggle but in a very brief space they make for the ground below them.

Their older companions have passed all through this. If they have to lodge for the night under the open sky upon the ridge of some farm building or on the roof of some country mansion they know beforehand the necessity of finding something wherewith to keep the stomach going and know where they are most likely to find it. The next day with

strength recouped, they resume the journey home.

Our young pigeon as yet knows little about fielding for the reason that up to now he has not been called upon to attempt more than a two or three hours spin at the end of which he would be sure to find his breakfast or dinner awaiting him at home.

Soaked it may be and harassed, he is glad of any shelter he can find, buries his head beneath his wings and goes to sleep. Fasting has exhausted him and should he have the will at break of day to again look about him for his home, he soon succumbs to hunger and fatigue. In the meantime his owner is diligently at intervals climbing into the loft in the futile hope of finding his bird of promise once more in his possession, but he may bid adieu to the pigeon he has tended so carefully in the past. In the case of Tours there are several of our friends who had despatched the whole phalanx of their young birds on the principle of testing their merits and regaining and reserving the best. It is right enough to risk one or two subjects in order to get a correct estimate of the value of a carefully studied crossing, but to involve all one's cards at a single throw, this is surely unscientific and unwise."

The foregoing is an eloquent and sound argument against the senseless practice of so over working young birds, and many a young loft is thrown back season after season for just such work, and which I have repeatedly warned the young fancier against. The story also cannot but afford much reflection to our fanciers who annually get a dose of the long distance flying fever from one thousand miles and upwards.

I recently visited the loft of my old friend, Mr. L. W. Spangehl of Brooklyn, N. Y., and I think his drinking arrangements for his birds specially worthy of mention and particularly ingenious. Of course the loft is supplied with running water, which flows from a pipe into the end of a long zinc trough, exactly similar to the regulation drinking tin of a shipping basket, and with round holes on the top and fitting close to the sides of the coop. In front of the drinking trough is a frame work, exactly similar to the usual wicker partition of the training basket, which separates the feed and water tins from the main body of the basket where the birds are. The birds therefore to drink put their heads through this frame work and into the open holes of the drinking trough, just as if they were in the baskets *en route* to a toss. The same applies to the feed tins. Such benefit to the birds and particularly the youngsters is plain to be seen when put into training.

I have in former notes touched upon the remarkable vitality occasionally found in pigeon eggs and the surprising production of young from eggs that had become cold and with apparently no possible chance of incubation.

The following interesting comment by "Nemo" in the last issue of the *Feathered World*, just received, cannot but be read with interest:

"The extraordinary length of time for which the eggs of pigeons retain their vitality has been often commented upon, and an interesting instance of the kind is related by M. J. Willems in *L'Echo de L'Elevage Belge*. This gentleman, on the 2nd July last, had the misfortune to lose two of his best Homers, which had just commenced to sit. In hopes of the birds returning, the eggs were carefully placed in bran. The parents did not return, so on July 20th the eggs were placed under another pair of birds, their own eggs having been previously removed, and on August 6th, M. Willems was pleasantly astonished to find two healthy young had been hatched from these eggs."

Our contemporary says: "This proves once more that the eggs of pigeons, despite the trying conditions to which they may have to submit during the process of evolution whilst hatching, preserve their vitality for a long time and apparently with but little loss of energy."

Advertisements for the World's Fair edition of THE AMERICAN FANCIER must be sent in before October 23.

Philadelphia Items.

The distances to the lofts of the leading contestants in the last championship hundred mile race from Odenton have now all been received and filed, and it is at last possible to make known the result of the race, which was one of the best that has ever been flown, although, owing to the adverse winds, the speed attained by the birds was by no means remarkable. The race was won by M. Sullivan, of West Philadelphia, who was hard pushed by Messrs. L. H. Mehler and M. Collier, who gain the second and third prizes, respectively. The following is the official record:

	Miles.	Time.	Average Speed.
M. Sullivan.....	100.32	1:55.54	1003.20
L. H. Mehler.....	102.30	2:59.38	1002.
M. Collier.....	100.51	2:56.35	1001.76
A. Baines.....	104.12	3:02.59	1001.46
H. Tew.....	104.08	3:03.01	1000.80
H. W. Beck.....	101.99	3:00.19	995.40
Thos. Eagan.....	100.10	2:57.35	991.80
H. Short.....	103.49	3:04.07	988.80

It is quite possible that E. Senderling, whose bird made over 102 miles in three hours, one minute and forty seconds, made about 995 or 996 yards, but as he was positively not a prize winner, it was deemed advisable not to put him to the expense of getting his distance measured. Messrs. Baines and Tew were so well up to the front, however, that it was absolutely necessary to have their distance officially measured.

A challenge for another race has been received from Mr. Frank Lane and others; and, now that a decision has been arrived at in the last, there is nothing to prevent the immediate arrangement of a new one, and, therefore, the last Sunday in October is named for the next contest. Entries can be made anytime between now and the Sunday prior to the race.

The pigeon fanciers of Falls, of Schuylkill and district will have a three mile race Thanksgiving day.

The entrance fee is 25 cents per bird, and 25 cents per week until day of fly. Any person whose coop is within a radius of one mile and a half from the intersection of Scotts lane and the Reading Railroad can enter the race. Each bird will be mapped to fly the full three miles.

We expect to make this race the best ever flown in this district. Ten dollars (\$10) will be added to above monies, and we already have twenty-five subscribers.

M. GREENWOOD, Secretary.

The members of the Quaker City Homing Club flew their birds from Montreal, a distance of 250 miles, on Saturday, Sept. 21. The weather was threatening all day, and the Homers had to fight their way against adverse winds; consequently but one bird returned on the day of liberation, and this belonged to Jacob Eberle.

Most of the birds returned on Sunday, when Eberle was able to boast of seven returns out of the eight he sent for liberation.

He won the first prize, and it is stated that the second and third prizes will be again flown for in the near future.

The birds of the Sterling Homing Club in flying from the 100 mile station made a record of about 1,200 yards per minute. J. R. Hunsberger taking the first prize. This was pretty good work for youngsters.

The members of the Belmont Homing Club, of West Philadelphia, have been training their birds steadily down the road of late, and will fly their first race from Odenton, Md., on Oct. 6th.

W. S. Torkington, Jr., has met with great success in his breeding loft this year and has managed to raise as fine a lot of youngsters as can be found in the city. He has gradually thinned out nearly all his red check and silver colored birds, and is now confining his attention exclusively to blue and black checkers.

Very little flying has been done with S-banded youngsters this fall. But indications point to a big boom in the sport in the early opening, when flying will again be resumed over the old south-west course, and all experiments from the west abandoned.

The next race for the *Item* 100-mile challenge trophy will be flown on the last Sunday in October, and entries will be accepted from now until the Sunday prior to the race. Several fanciers have already signified their intention of taking part in the race, and owing to the pleasant manner in which all the past events of the kind have been brought off, it is likely that the entry will be a large one. The charge for entrance is one dollar per bird, and those who desire to fly should forward same to the sporting editor as early as possible.

The pigeon flyers of the Falls of Schuylkill are active just now, and have just arranged a three-mile race for Thanksgiving Day, in which it is expected that nearly every fancier within a radius one and a half miles from the intersection of Scotts lane and the Reading Railroad will compete.

Twenty-five persons have already entered, and as the fee is twenty-five cents entrance, a further sum of twenty-five cents a week, with an added stake of ten dollars, the prizes should be well worth flying for.

All fanciers who desire to keep a well regulated loft should have the same divided into two compartments, and at this season of the year separate their male and female breeders, keeping them apart until the early Spring, when they will be all the better for the change.

Word has been received from the cruiser New York every day since the vessel left its anchorage off League Island, and on Friday the message that left vessel at 8:45 A. M., was given up by the bird in Philadelphia at 12 o'clock noon. The bird was Punch, of W. T. Innes' loft. Its messages were for Ellsworth, Me., and Bryn Mawr. The next best speed probably was by the Louis Mehler bird Dashiell, with messages for Millerburg, Md., and Newark. Liberated off Cape Henlopen, at sea, Thursday, it was seen to fly over the city shortly before 11 o'clock. The A. J. Cadwallader birds, of Yardley, have returned in good time, their messages being immediately forwarded by mail. Some birds have undoubtedly fallen prey to the pot-hunter, but there are but few missing.

The next use of pigeons as messengers will be from the United States cruiser Montgomery, when it goes for its official trial. This will engage two lots of birds, one to be taken on board at the Columbia Iron Works dock, and for use on the way to the place of the trial; the other to be shipped at New London for use in the trial. The latter is to fly against the J. O. A. Herring and Komekul Kus record from the northeast. The birds were to have gone away for this on Monday, but owing to the accident to the vessel in the builder's trial, the date is deferred. For this trial Mr. George W. Childs offers a series of leg-bands, the prizes to be one for each entry of three or more birds having a return the same day, with special for the best work done. Besides this there will be two cash prizes made up of the difference between the entry fee, \$1 per entry of three or more birds, and expenses.

The record flying for the week has been for the Interstate Charm, to Philadelphia lofts, and for the Philadelphia prize to New England lofts. When the week opened the best speed for the autumn flying to date was the mile in 102 seconds. This was beaten by the Bellevue Club in its journey from 100 miles, when T. T. Mather's bird covered the mile in 89 1-5 seconds, a gain of 12 4-5 seconds. The next day the Senderling team, in a 200-mile fly, came home at the rate of a mile in 89 seconds. Two days later the Charles Mehler reserves tried against this from 100 miles and the average was 77 1-2 seconds per mile.

The next trial will be by the Hunsbergers; of Chestnut Hill, Pa., from 100 miles; the Hillebrechts, of Pittsburg, from Columbus, O., 150 miles, and the Bellevue Club, from Barboursville, Va., 210.

Washington Flyers.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

The young birds of the Washington Federation were shipped to Amherst (150 miles) on the 9th ult., and liberated at high noon on the 10th ult. Weather showery all day. No returns same day, and unfortunately the rain continued nearly the whole week, and out of 83 birds shipped only 27 have returned up to this date. These 27 were shipped on the 22nd ult. to Chatham, Va. (200 miles), and liberated on the 23rd at 6:50 A. M. The result is as follows:

	Yards per Min.
Lewis Turner.....	1,101
C. W. Boyd.....	906
J. H. Stockman.....	877
H. C. Wall.....	609
J. Saffle.....	574

This, I am aware, is a bad report for this section, but let truth prevail. We have had, on the whole, an unsuccessful season this year both in old and young bird flights, the only real successful fly being that of Mr. Morrison, who flew by himself and happened to strike good flying weather, but our club has plenty of first class birds and hopes to do better next season.

Much interest is taken at present in fancy pigeons by that class of fanciers. Dr. C. M. Buckley has purchased quite a large collection from A. C. McLean, and the latter has strengthened his Homer loft by the purchase of several pair of first class breeders.

Pardon me if I relate here a little joke. A prominent member of our club was training one of his pets by liberating it in different parts of the city, so he took the bird in his hand one morning, stroked its fine feathers, and said, "Now, my precious, I want to try your mettle." He boarded a car and started for his office, about a mile distant. While riding along he got in conversation with a friend and told him all about the homing qualities of his bird, and when near the department he let the bird go and told his friend to watch it strike a bee line for home. Imagine the surprise of our noble fancier when the bird darted out, made a few circles, and returned and lit on the shoulder of his owner.

Our club meeting this evening was a very enthusiastic one, and one new member was added to our roll. Thus the shadow of the Washington Club never grows less.

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Detroit Flights.

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The outcome of the 200 mile young bird race of the Detroit Homing Club, of which mention was made in your last issue, being unexplainable by those participating, for the enlightenment of the fraternity at large, I will give all the facts at my command concerning this flight not mentioned in your last issue.

The liberator, the Logansport Journal, had on several occasions liberated our birds, and as they exhibited a great interest in the little travelers, we were assured of good treatment and have now no reason to doubt that the birds were cared for in any but the best possible manner.

The start was ordered for 6:30 A. M. and not later than 9 A. M., Sept. 10. At 11:30 A. M. a telegram was received, giving time of start as 8:25, and advice by mail next day confirming telegram and stating that the birds had started straight for home, being out of sight in two minutes.

The Journal of the 12th contains the following: "The carrier or homing pigeons belonging to the Detroit Homing Club, which were liberated from the Journal office, Sunday morning, got bewildered en route and returned during the day to the place of starting, evidently with the view of obtaining a fresh start. The birds, 45 in number, made an elegant start, hovering a moment in the air, then starting on a bee-line Detroitward. How far they got, or when they got back is not known, but in the afternoon the entire flock was found in the third story room over Kreis Bros., whither they had evidently flown for protection. Yesterday morning they were gone, probably having found climatic conditions more favorable for flight. They were not released at 6:30 Sunday morning, as per announcement, the atmosphere not being entirely favorable, but at 8:30 the sky having cleared they were released."

As the wind at the starting point and at home was blowing from contrary directions, and thinking the birds may have encountered a storm en route, we obtained the following weather report from points along the route between 10 A. M. and 4 P. M. on the day of liberating:

Logansport, 200 miles, clear, wind S. by S. W. N. Manchester, 170 miles, clear, calm and warm. Columbia City, 150 miles, clear, calm and hot. Blakesley, 100 miles, cloudy, mild, light east wind. N. Morenci, 70 miles, cloudy, mild, light east wind. Detroit, clear, E. by N. wind moderate.

A letter dated the 13th, from the Journal, stated that the birds were still in town, but they must have separated then, as we had two arrivals on the 14th, one on the 16th, one on the 18th and one on the 19th. Had they met with a storm or adverse winds, or hawks, or gunners, surely a few must have broken through and reached home, if not the day of start, at least the next day. As to there being stragglers in the lot, by a new rule in force this year, all birds not reported by countermark as home from the 70 mile station and all subsequent stations the day of start, were debarred from further participation in the season's races, consequently the entire lot arrived home in the day from 150 miles.

It might be said that the birds were overworked, but they received the same training and the rests between journeys were the same as last year's birds, who flew from the same station with a very small loss and in good time.

We are not worrying much over the loss of the birds and if they prefer Logansport to Detroit they are welcome to remain there, but we would like to know why this preference.

C. H. GALE, Secretary.

Detroit, Mich., Sept. 25, 1893.

Pigeons from the Cruisers.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 24.—Word has been received by carrier pigeon from the cruiser New York every day since the vessel left League Island, and Friday the message that left the vessel at 8.45 A. M. was given up by the bird in Philadelphia at noon. Unless the bird was less than 195 miles away the speed was a mile a minute. The bird was Punch, owned by W. T. Innes.

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The Chicago Five Flying Club.

The above club was organized June 1, 1893, and has a membership of six energetic Homing Pigeon fanciers. Officers are: President, A. Kakuska; treasurer, Chas. H. Robus; secretary, Jas. H. Hoyng; race secretary, Louis Kuster.

Since its beginning the club has completed their old bird schedule. The first race was flown from Sterling, Ill., 100 miles, June 25.

The birds were liberated by J. A. Yuill, who wired, "Birds started at 6:45 A. M., wind southeast, light clear." The birds arrived as follows:

Owner.	Distance.	Time in Loft.
Jos. H. Foyng	102.75	9:12
L. Kuster	102.5	9:16
F. B. Kakuska	104	9:21
A. Kakuska	104.	9:22

As not one of the five watchers arrived on time, the race was declared off, to be flown July 30. The race from Cedar Rapids, Ia., 219 miles, was to be flown July 23, but owing to bad weather the birds were held over till the 24th. Mr. Jos. Hoyng saw his birds home at 10 o'clock A. M., and it was learned afterwards that the entire entry of 12 birds in 5 hours, very good time. On July 30th, the race from the 100 mile station was decided:

	Dist- ance.	Time in Loft.	
4. A. Kakuska...	104.	12:36	1st Diploma
3. T. B. Kakuska	104.	12:36.5	2d Diploma
2. Jos. Hoyng	102.75	12:55.30	
4. L. Kuster	102.5	12:35	

As the 219 mile race was not flown, the club honors were again contested Aug. 6th, entry 14 birds. Birds liberated 8:10 A. M., wind N. E., weather clear. At home a strong east wind prevailed all day. The returns were A. Kakuska 1st; T. B. Kakuska 2nd; Jas. H. Hoyng 3rd. The members not being contented with the 219 mile record, arranged for a fly from State Center, Ia., 303 miles on Aug. 20th, entry A. Kakuska 1; L. Luster 1; Jas. Hoyng 2. The birds were tossed by Wm. Tate at 7 A. M., Aug. 20th. Weather cloudy and cool, wind North East. At home the weather was very hazy and a strong north-east head wind blowing all day, making the possibility of a one day return out of the question. Monday, Aug. 21st at 6 P. M., Mr. Kuster found his bird in the loft, Hoyng reported one at 6 A. M., on the 22nd. Kakuska one at 6 P. M., Aug. 22d. Hoyng one later. The young bird schedule calls for 100 mile race Sept. 17th, 150 miles Sept. 24th, 219 miles Oct. 1st.

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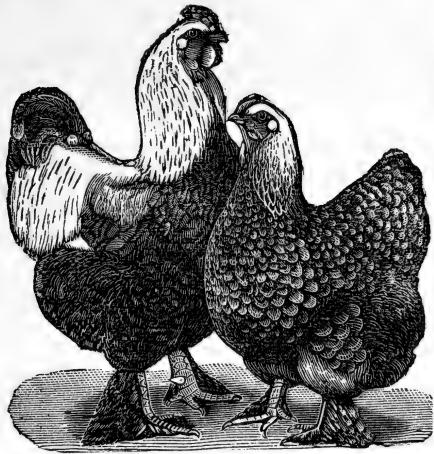
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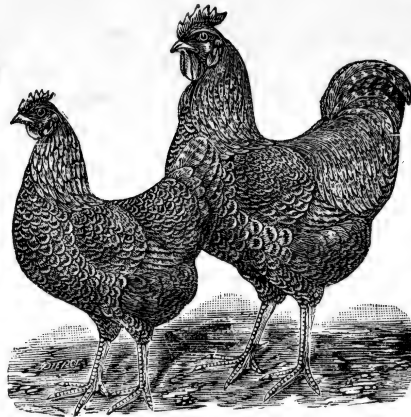
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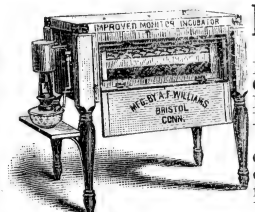
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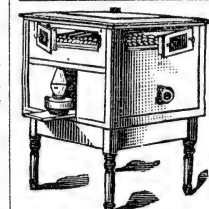
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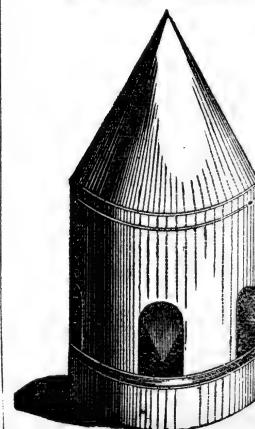
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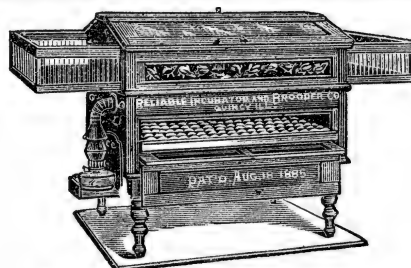
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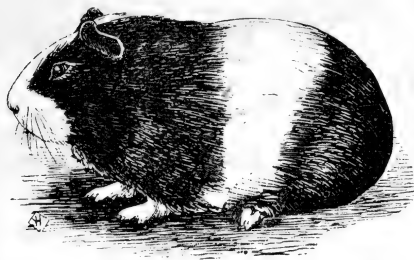
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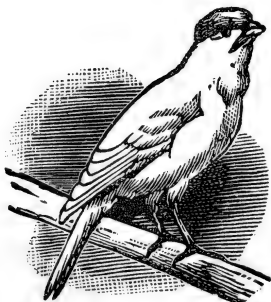
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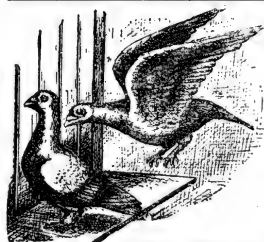
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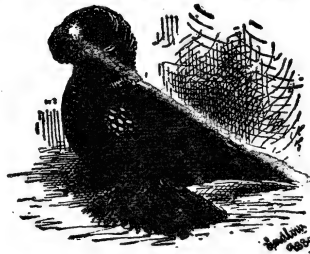
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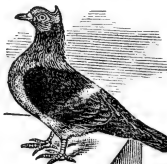
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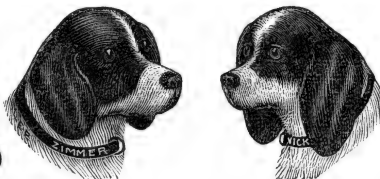
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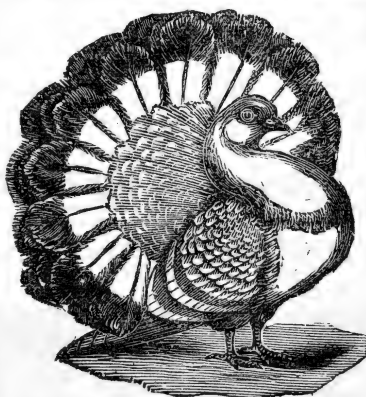
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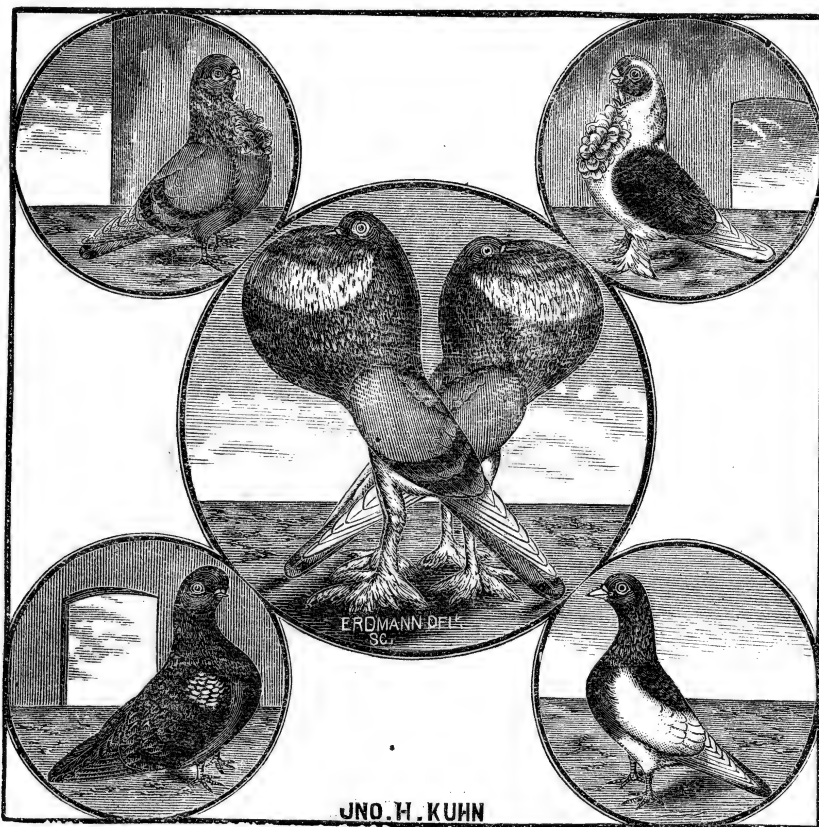
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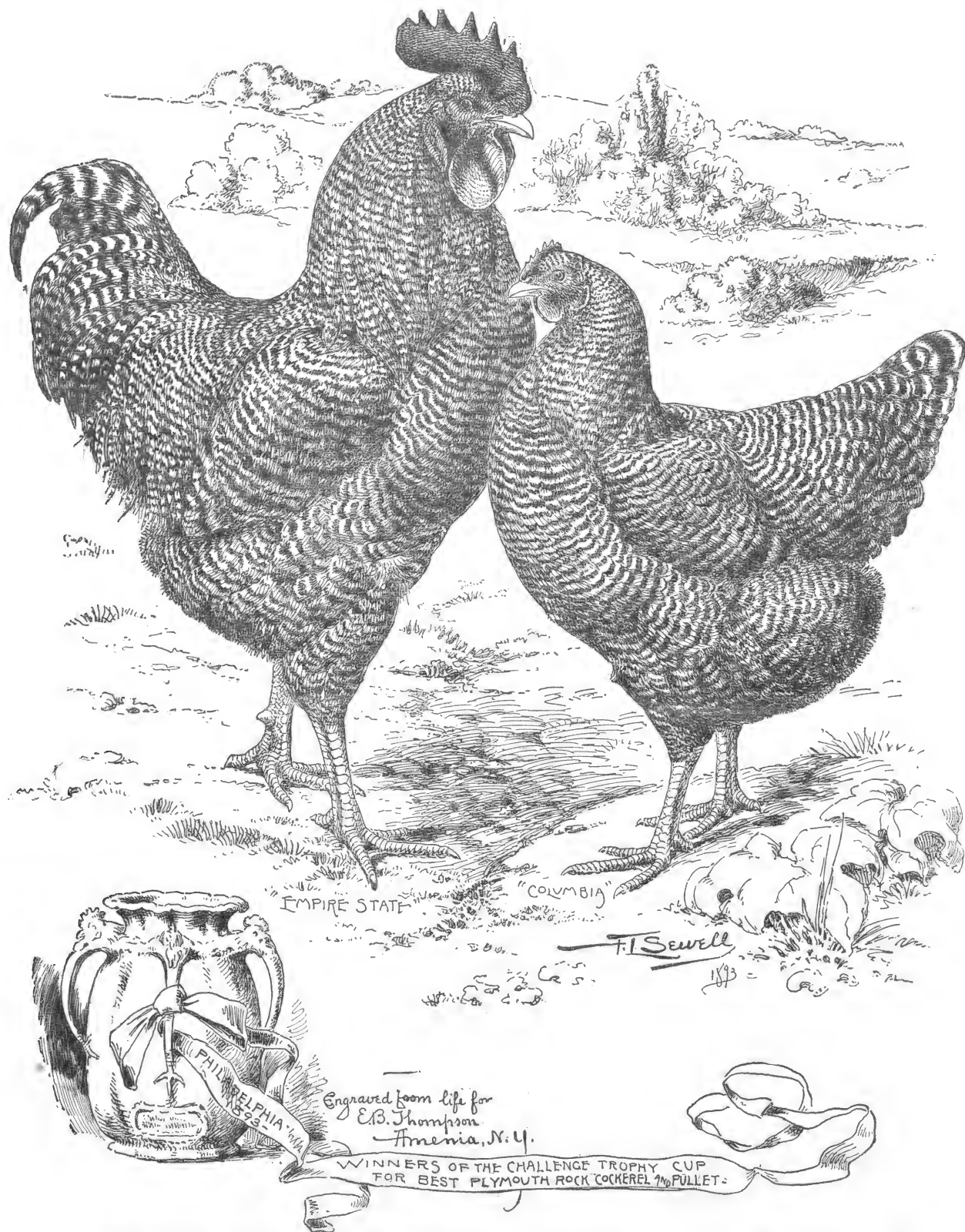
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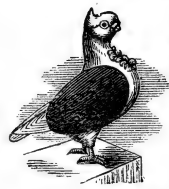
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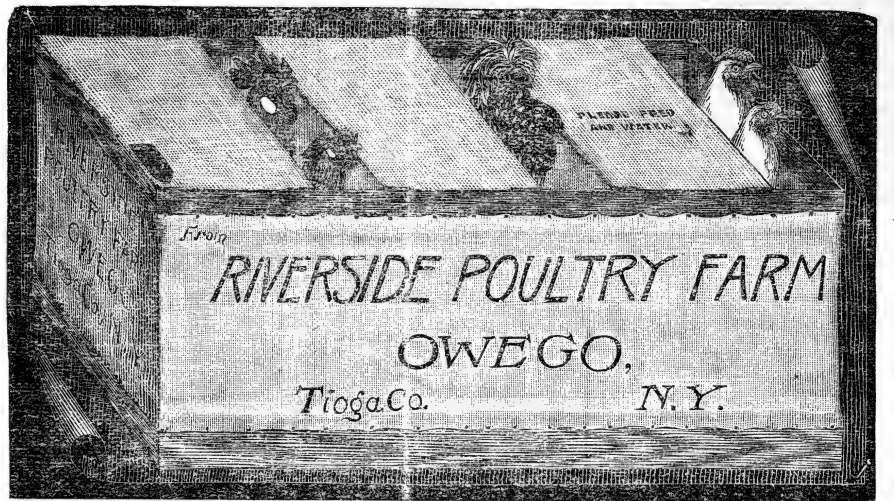
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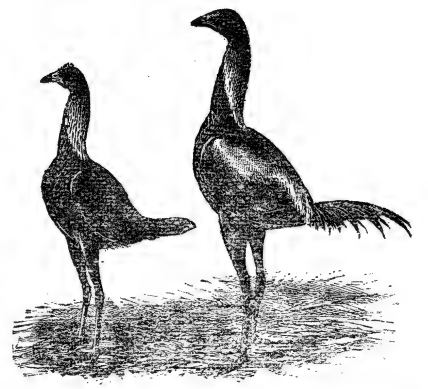
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Our illustration on the first page of this issue represents E. B. Thompson's famous pair of Barred Plymouth Rocks, winners at Gloversville, N. Y., and Philadelphia, Pa., in 1893. The worthy descendants of Mr. Thompson's old champions and the cockerel "Empire State" in symmetry and color is fully equal to his famous "Sumter" and "New York Boy," winners at Charleston, S. C., and New York. The pullet at Gloversville was a marvel of shape and color, her barring being clean and distinct—in fact, both were "true blue" in blood and color. Mr. Thompson has been "on the turf" many years, and enjoys a world-wide reputation as a Plymouth Rock breeder and a local reputation as a wag and expounder of grotesque tragedy. As a trainer and handler of show birds, he is unexcelled.

We are indebted to *Farm-Poultry* for the illustration of Mr. Nesmith's poultry plant, with description, appearing in this issue. *Farm-Poultry*, as its name implies, is a monthly magazine for poultry farmers. It is thoroughly practical, being edited by A. F. Hunter, a poultryman who has made and is making considerable revenue from his fowls. Mr. Hunter devotes his entire time to poultry culture and editorial work. This accounts for his success, and we have no hesitation in recommending *Farm-Poultry* as the best publication of its kind in the world. We will send *Farm-Poultry* and THE AMERICAN FANCIER to one address for \$1.50 for one year. This gives every subscriber the best practical market poultryman's and fancier's papers published at a very low cost.

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That thorough fancier and judge, Irving Crocker, having just returned from a long business trip in the West, writes us from Seneca Falls: "I hope I

am not too late with my congratulations. I assure you they are none the less hearty for being delayed. THE AMERICAN FANCIER exceeds my highest expectations, and that is saying much."

We give an illustration on another page of this issue of A. A. Parker's famous little Black Red Game Bantam stag, the "Duke of Lancaster," winner of first at New York in 1893. This bird is a perfect miniature Game and exceedingly fine in color. Being of royally bred parentage, Mr. Parker took great care to mate him with hens in whose veins only the bluest blood flowed, and we are informed that the progeny is very superior. At all events, Game Bantam exhibitors at the next Game C ub show in New York will have to bring out their best birds to get a slice of the pudding when Gov. Parker's cracks are around. It will be battle royal.

Joseph Shull, of Johnstown, N. Y., is a devoted champion of that king of fowldom—the Game. He has just bought from A. E. Blunck a fine pair of Black Red hens, and is also on the lookout for some of England's best. Although possessing a fine flock of his own breeding, Mr. Shull is determined to secure the best the market affords, and he will soon make a formidable showing at the large winter shows.

The demand for fine Games has been so large during the past year that we may look for a decided boom in the different varieties, notably the Black Reds, Brown Reds, and Duckwings. Birchens are also being bred and imported, and are, without doubt, among the handsomest of all Game fowls. The revival of the interest in Games is due to the efforts of the American Exhibition Game and Game Bantam Club, whose able secretary, S. W. Doubleday, has done much to make the latter the most powerful specialty club in the United States.

The Brown Red Game Pullet Challenge Cup was won outright by Mr. Bothway at the last Birmingham (England) show. Subscriptions for a new challenge cup, value £30 if possible, are now being asked for. Think of this, ye American fanciers and exhibitors, a cup in value aggregating to 150 dollars for the best pullet in the Brown Red Game class! No wonder England maintains its supremacy as a fanciers' country. A few more years of New York and Philadelphia poultry shows and we may see challenge cups and trophies regular features at all large exhibitions.

From *Poultry*,^{* * *} England, we clip the following:

"Messrs. Abbott Bros., East of England Poultry Yards, Hingham, Norfolk, have received an order for a pair of their Blue Madras Game from P. A. Webster, Esq., Cazenovia, N. Y., U. S. A. The same firm are also sending by the Britannic, on the 6th inst., a pair of Brown Red Game Bantams; also White Malay Bantam cockerel to the order of Mr. H. Kochersperger, Phillipsburg, America. The above will be exhibited at Chicago."

The article entitled "Mossbacks," by A. E. Blunck, appearing in this issue, should not be pounced upon by Silver and Golden Wyandotte breeders as a reflection on their favorite fowls. It's another kind of biped Mr. Blunck is alluding to. Mossbacks sometimes do considerable good, even if their old-

fashioned views are not palatable to our *fin de siècle* breeders and fanciers. The good done by our correspondent, "Mossback," is in stirring up the Game breeders in defense of their crane-like productions.

Our old friend, F. H. Graves, will no doubt join in and debate the question. If we mistake not, he is inclined to favor the old English type of Game fowl, and does not look with favor upon the "giraffes of fowldom," as some writer has dubbed the modern Game.

We regret to announce that on Wednesday night, October 4, the large factory of the Pineland Incubator and Brooder Co., of Jamesburgh, N. J., was destroyed by fire. The origin of the fire is a mystery, as no stoves or lamps were burning that night. As a large stock of incubators were destroyed, many orders will have to be delayed in filling, but we are assured that arrangements will be made to manufacture a large number of machines as quickly as possible, and the company trusts its many patrons will not suffer any serious inconvenience by the unavoidable delay.

A letter from F. D. Mann, secretary of the Southern Kansas Poultry Association, writes :

"To say that I am much pleased with THE AMERICAN FANCIER is expressing it very mildly: everything about it is bright, new and sparkling, and I find none of the articles in it "old enough to vote," as in some of the journals I could mention. I think it one of the greatest evils of the day (if I may so term it) in poultry journalism, is the general tendency to fall into the rut of copying about one-half (or more) from other papers. Original matter is what we all want and with it results from practical experiments, by practical men. I have now received three copies of THE AMERICAN FANCIER, and the last is best of all."

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The above is but a sample of many letters we receive, and concisely states what a poultry journal should be like. The amount of original matter published in THE AMERICAN FANCIER in the past six weeks is sufficient evidence that its publishers are not following in the old rut. THE AMERICAN FANCIER is unlike any other poultry and pigeon journal published. It is a success because of its original and novel features.

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The wonderful success of THE AMERICAN FANCIER in the great west is a surprise to its publishers, and simply goes to show that the western fanciers are keenly alive to the merits of a weekly poultry journal that treats them with the same fairness as it does its eastern subscribers, and aims to give all the news from all parts of the United States, without fear or favor, that may interest and benefit the poultry fraternity.

Mosher Bros. of Seneca Falls, N. Y., have bought Frank Payne's entire flock of White Plymouth Rocks, including all his prize winners, and they will in the future handle this breed only.

Among the new breeds, several pair of Rosecomb Black Minorcas owned by Mr. Keller were shown at the Waterloo, N. Y., fair a few weeks ago. They are sports of the single combed variety and decidedly attractive birds.

All aboard for Chicago! Will be the cry among poultry and pigeon fanciers next week. The great show of the blue blooded feathered tribe, the annual meet-

ing of the American Poultry Association and of the specialty clubs, the great attractions of the Columbian Exposition and especially the fraternal exchange of opinions between fanciers who will perhaps meet for the first time, all these are the powerful magnets that will draw chicken and pigeon fanciers from all parts of the United States, New Jersey and Canada.

"Coriander" Thompson, the only original "blue-barred-to-the-skin" Plymouth Rock breeder is due at Chicago on the 17th of this month. Being of a rural turn of mind, he has selected the Haymakers Excursion train to carry him to the Windy City and back. This train will stop on signal most anywhere.

Our Chicago correspondent writes us under date of October 4th: "I am glad to say that the promise now, is for a very good show here at the World's Fair. I was allowed a little peep at the books and can predict that many a fancier, who has been slyly keeping very low and quiet so as not to stir up enthusiasm, will be a bit surprised to find his neighbors all there. It looks now that five thousand birds will be in competition for the honors."

"I am looking with much interest for the decision of the head officials, as to where the poultry exhibit will be placed. Our hopes are that they will choose the upper gallery of the Live Stock Pavilion instead of the barns as some had talked up. The barns are really unfit for a show claiming to be a World's exhibit. Eastern breeders we fear who have enjoyed such show rooms as Madison Square Garden of New York and Tattersalls of Philadelphia would think they had mistaken the place and got into the storage instead of the show room, but for a late summer show, the Live Stock Pavilion gallery is far and away the best place the Fair affords and would be appreciated by breeders throughout the country."

"No show heretofore, of fine birds, was yet held in a barn. We hope that the dignity of the poultry industry will not here at the World's Fair, be so lowered as breeders might feel it had been, should they find their birds put into barns."

Our correspondent concludes by advising exhibitors as follows: "I can say that breeders in the United States will have to bring the very best that their season's breeding can afford, if they don't want the majority of the ribbons carried into Canada, for I learn that breeders in that country are preparing some wonderful teams, and you know the fanciers over there don't do things by halves."

Nebraska Poultrymen.

At the Nemaha county fair, held at Auburn, Nebraska, the poultry exhibit, Mr. E. C. Worden writes us, was unusually fine. About 350 birds were shown, mostly of good quality. The writer says that some prizes went to poor birds because the judging was done by an inexperienced person. Those leading in entries were O. P. Dord, A. W. Sullybaugh and E. C. Worden. The fanciers of Nemaha and surrounding country have organized and incorporated a poultry association and will hold a show the coming winter.

Sternberg's Sallies.

Bright and Pithy Sayings from the Great West.

BY THEODORE STERNBERG.

[Written for THE AMERICAN FANCIER.] The American Poultry Association meets in October. I became a member of the association because I wish to see for all time to come but one National association, and prefer to aid in making that one the present association. At the same time I feel that the old association must get a move on itself, must realize that the world has moved since it was organized, and must think modern thoughts and do modern acts, or it may have a divided field in the future.

There is wide spread dissatisfaction with many parts of the standard descriptions. Some most excellent breeds have been seriously injured in the effort to breed to standard. In several it is impossible without running two yards, one for cocks and one for pullets, to approximate standard descriptions. Is this not in practical effect making two varieties under one name and one description, and does it not practically render valueless one of the sexes reared from each mating? There are two ways of meeting this difficulty, one is to revise the standard so that single matings alone are necessary, or best of all, make two sub-varieties. For illustration, those two fine breeds, the Partridge Cochin and the Dark Brahma could very easily be subdivided into two varieties each, in one of which the cocks will be superb, in the other the hens just lovely.

The Partridge Cochin bred as a black breasted red would be grand. The hen colored very much as is the brown leghorn, save it would have a penciled breast. The hackles could be very clearly marked and free from penciling, back and wings clear and bright. I believe such a hen could readily hold its own as a mere question of beauty with the penciled backs of now. While the cock would simply be magnificent, and the close breeding could be dispensed with, I honestly would look for a wonderful boom for such a fowl.

Then the Dark Brahma bred as a Silver Duckwing would be very beautiful, not only in the males, but in the females also. I am not one of those who believe a thing is necessarily right simply because it is in the standard. The general ideas expressed in the standard average over forty years old. I believe in progress; I do not believe in the fancy tying itself down for ever and ever by any cast iron rules or descriptions. Let the rules be iron, but malleable iron which can be worked, cast iron rules will be broken. I believe in rules; I believe in standard descriptions, but I also believe that all rules, all descriptions are subject to the law of changes. I mean that gradual change, which is constantly going on in every breed, the movement is imperceptible except when observations are taken at considerable distances, every five years for instance.

Then there is another thing which should be recognized and provided for, and that is the law of fashion. To try and keep any breed in our cast iron mould for ever and ever is an impossibility. Tastes change, and while the broad, leading characteristics of each breed

change but slowly, yet those changes in minor details, the result of the laws of taste and fashion are not infrequent and should be provided for in a standard. It is death to a breed and its value as a bird for sale to attempt to jam it into a cast iron mould. Breeds, like bonnets, become old fashioned, and very slight changes can often reinstate a bonnet in the style or create a fresh demand for an old, rather stale breed of fowls. It is this absolute law of human nature, the desire for changes, for variety, which causes the demand so universal, so extensive, for new breeds of fowls. It is the not recognizing this positive law that causes old and valued breeds to fall behind, to cease to be demanded, to cease gracing the show room, to drop out of sight until forgotten by the general public, some one who has quietly clung to them, bring them out and the public again take to them as something new, and away the once old, now new breed, flies into popular favor again. One of the proofs of the truth of the lesson I am trying to inculcate is to be found in the quite recent demand for the beautiful Hamburg fowls. In my boyhood these fowls were largely bred by fanciers. Then for years one was a rarity, at present they are out in full force at the shows and are in great demand. I predict just such a revival of interest in the aristocratic White Faced Black Spanish and in the old English Games. The full feathered English Buff Cochin is now in the midst of a veritable boom. Black Cochins are rapidly coming to the front again after a prolonged rest. So it goes. And the American Poultry Association must so frame its standard and its rules that it can move, as the fancy moves and not be a clog on forward movements. This, the American Poultry Association can accomplish by general rules, by general descriptions and by not making details of cast iron.

The one great defect in the present organization and methods of the American Poultry Association is in endeavoring to go too much into detail; this leads to constant clashing, to constant irritation. The American Poultry Association should leave an outlet for slight changes in tastes and fashions, it should leave more to the breeders.

Speaking of ginger. There will in all probability be ample occasion to open a new bottle after the meeting of the American Poultry Association, for if the illiberal spirit so often manifested by those who claim to speak in the name of the American Poultry Association is to run and does run the October meeting, the old society can expect more than one new association.

Rochester's Coming Show.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

The Rochester Poultry and Pigeon Association now numbers 31 members, and a good deal of enthusiasm was shown at the late Western New York fair, where the association and members offered special premiums to its members only. The association premiums were won on standard fowls by F. Hilbert; Bantams by F. Guenther; Pigeons by Sutton & Voss. Their first grand exhibition is an assured success. A number of nice special premiums have already been subscribed. Any breeders desiring to offer specials may send them to the secretary, to whom application for space in premium list should also be made. Prices will be made known on application.

J. F. TALLIGNER, Sec'y.

Mossbacks.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

The Mossback is not a variety of fowl as one might be led to suppose from the appearance of an article under such a heading in a poultry journal. The Mossback is a species of human being that is found in almost every community. The leading characteristic of the Mossback is his tendency to compare the present with the past, always to the disadvantage of the present. According to his views the things of the present are not in it with those of the good old musty and hazy past. Progress is an evil to be decried. Improvement, whether in the line of utility or to gratify the caprice of fancy is a thing to be deplored.

I am led to make these remarks by an article published in THE AMERICAN FANCIER under the heading of "The Evolution of the Show Game" by an anonymous writer who signed himself "Mossback." In selecting a signature for his article, the writer certainly had a keen sense of the eternal fitness of things, for no one but a mossback would mourn because the show game no longer resembled the old English game. The old style game, with the addition of a large comb and wattles would make a very good Leghorn, but the characteristics of the present show game make it a distinct and separate race. There is nothing like it on the earth, or any of the other places mentioned in Scripture. What appears ungainly to the Mossback are the points of beauty to the Game fancier of to-day that endear the bird to him. The Cochin man wants feathers. The Polish breeder wants large crests. The Langshan fancier wants tail, and so on down the list, each variety having its own characteristic, and the greater the development the higher the owner prizes his birds. The Game fancier wants long legs and neck on his birds—the longer the better. He has little use for tail, a little drooping one pleases him best. To have the city dude or the country jay stop before his coop of Games and exclaim in wonder, "What are those things," tickles his vanity, for he feels that he has produced something out of the ordinary, and who does not know that the show Game of to-day attracts as much attention in the show room as any other variety of fowls, and they are being bred more extensively than ever before in America. In England they have long been the favorites, commanding higher prices than any other variety of fowls. An Englishman may be a little thick headed sometimes and not tumble to a joke as quickly as the "bloody Yankee" but he is always a sport and the Exhibition Game is the sportsman's fowl, for he is a high stepper, the "Hackney," as it were, of the poultry world. The "American Exhibition Game and Game Bantam Club," is one of the best specialty clubs in the country. The members, like their birds, are thoroughbreds, high steppers, and there is nothing the matter with their necks, for when they catch it where "the girl from France" wears her beads they never squeal.

The "evolution of the show game" has truly been wonderful, but the Mossback never evolves. As he was in his primitive state so he remains, but he nevertheless serves a useful purpose, for by "comparison" he vividly demonstrates the fact that "the world do move."

Editor Drevensedt is away, so everything goes.

A. E. BLUNCK.

Johnstown, N. Y., Oct. 10th, '93.

The Black Breasted Red Game Bantam.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER: •

He who is interested in the origin of the domestic fowl, especially if he has ever seen a specimen of the supposed original wild species, must of necessity be interested in the Black Breasted Red Game Bantam, because this little fellow is the nearest approach we have in the whole list of domestic fowls to his parent of so many generations ago. And he who has no interest in the past, but cares only for the present status of domestic poultry, must also of necessity be interested in the Black Breasted Red Game Bantam, because he is, in his own proper person, one of the most finished, elegant, and attractive of the works of the poultry artist.

Meeting a brother lawyer the other day, he said to me, "I suppose you fellows are still particular about every feather, and that a fowl with an off-colored hackle is regarded as worthless, even if it is a good layer?" To which I naturally replied, "To the fancier pure and simple such a fowl is of little worth, as his object is not utility but beauty. He may combine the two, but his chief object is beauty. His fowls are looked upon as works of art, and he differs from the practical poultryman about as much as a fine landscape painter differs from a house painter." To the fancier such a fowl as the Black Breasted Red Game Bantam appeals very strongly, for beauty is its chief end of existence. But don't let me be misunderstood. I do not thereby deny to it practical qualities. Indeed, I am prepared to assert, and, if need be, to prove, that it is also a useful fowl, a profitable fowl, and pays handsomely for its food and care. And yet it is not the profitable qualities we are seeking in this fowl, for if they were we should think as much of the short legged, big tailed ones as we do of the long limbed, high stationed, clean necked, long headed, greyhound built specimens. Oh no, we like Game Bantams first of all for their beauty.

All Game Bantams are handsome, all are valuable, all are prized. To some one variety is the handsomest, to others another variety, but to the greatest number the Black Breasted Red, and especially the male of this variety, is the handsomest among this galaxy of beauty. If one could get Silver Duckwings as perfect as the Black Breasted Red, they would be strong rivals for the first place. The hens of this variety are in color, I think, the handsomest in the whole Game family. But I have yet to see a Silver Duckwing that equalled the best specimens of the Black Breasted Red in shape and station.

And this brings us to the strongest point in all Games and Game Bantams—shape. Color is the decoration to shape, but shape is the first consideration. A perfectly colored Black Breasted Red Game Bantam if he lacked the typical shape would be nowhere with an admirer of Games. But when we get the shape, decorated with the exquisite coloring of the male and the by no means unpleasing coloring of the females, we have a thing of beauty which is a joy so long as it lasts or can be distinctly remembered.

Being the most popular variety among Game Bantams, the Black Breasted Red has received the most careful breeding, so that to-day it is, if any fowl can be so called, strictly thoroughbred. If one has

a good strain he can rely upon the production of a large percentage of chickens fit to show. The culls are few in numbers, though in every variety of fowls, under the most skillful breeding, there will be some culls. There will be birds defective in coloring, white in wings, light in under color, too dark in hackle and saddle, too short in head, neck, and leg, colored incorrectly in shank, and at rare intervals with feathers or down upon the shanks. This last is a very rare defect in this country, though by no means very uncommon in England in the best strains, as I learn from a very high English authority. But there is always a good percentage of fine birds, larger than in almost any other variety of fowls.

Black Breasted Red Game Bantams bring the highest price among the Game Bantam family. There are, of course,

unfancierlike person! Every visitor becomes an admirer, and the bird is a temptation to break the commandment, "Thou shalt not covet." It is a pleasure to see, a joy to own, and bliss to produce such a specimen.

H. S. BARCOCK.

Corn at Summer Heat.

An Open Letter to R. W. Davison from Riggs, of Texas.

MY DEAR BOY:

It occurs to me that considering the heat of the season you use undue haste in rushing to the rescue of a team of patriarchs. Keep cool, my boy. P. H., and Uncle Mike are in no immediate peril, and if at times they run too much to theory and ink, it is but a little harmless



B. B. Red Game Bantam Stag, "Duke of Lancaster."

Winner of First at New York, 1893, Property of A. A. Parker.

always to be had some cheap birds, but the best specimens are valued at high prices. We do not get fifty pounds, about two hundred and fifty dollars, for a single specimen, as is sometimes done in England, but we do get twenty-five and fifty dollars for an extra bird, and I know of one that sold for sixty-five dollars. There may have been sales at even higher prices, but I do not remember them. I have, of course, seen birds catalogued at much higher prices, seventy-five, one hundred, and one hundred and fifty dollars, but I have no knowledge of sales made at such prices. And yet, as the country becomes more densely populated, as wealth becomes more abundant, and as the class of wealthy fanciers increases in number, it will not be an unaccountable thing for a Black Breasted Red Game Bantam to bring even one hundred and fifty dollars.

Whether the birds sell for one hundred and fifty dollars or one hundred and fifty cents each, there is certainly no variety of Bantam that offers more pleasure in its breeding than the Black Breasted Red Game. To produce an almost perfect specimen, one that rises above all the others in its excellence, will give the intelligent breeder all the task he is seeking for; and when he succeeds he will have a specimen that will extort admiration even from the dullest, most

crotchety of theirs, and we ought therefore the more earnestly to take heed lest at any time we run too much to gall. You have never lived in Texas! "Then art thou damned, like an ill roasted egg, all on one side. Why, if thou never was't in Texas, thou never saw'st good manners; if thou never saw'st good manners, then thy manners must be wicked; and wickedness is sin, and sin is damnation. Thou art in a perilous state, fancier." Yes, R. W., you are right, "strange things often happen down in Texas." Down here in San Antonio you may see scores of people pass by an innocent looking gun and not one in the whole procession will ever take the trouble to stop and blow in the muzzle to see if it is loaded; and the festive cowboy with boots and spurs was never known to hop gaily astride a buzz-saw just to see if the thing was in motion. This, friend Davison, is more than can be said in favor of some who live in New Jersey.

Dave, me boy, you are far too frisky, you jump too readily at conclusions. Perhaps you have been dodging the Jersey skeeter so long that an acquired habit has become second nature. Who ever told you that my experience was so limited, just how far I worked those Wyandottes, or that I am down on Leghorns? I used the term Brown Leghorn, simply as a carajo pole to stir up the

animals and hear them growl; you can best tell how far I succeeded. Doubtless I have on my ranch to-day more Leghorns than any one man within a hundred miles of you. You think it strange that I did not bring up the ostrich or a certain breed of wild turkeys to illustrate my subject. Not strange at all, R. W. I did not feel the need of traveling to the antipodes to secure a *rara avis* for embellishment when my purpose could be better served by a little vagrant from my own barn yard. In the first place the Australian bush turkey takes unusual care to build a nest just suited to her purpose and she never lays an egg therein until the heat from decaying vegetable matter reaches the incubating point, nor does her motherly instinct cease here. In the the second place every ten-year-old boy in the public schools of San Antonio can tell you that it is an ancient myth and long ago exploded theory about the non sitting propensities of the ostrich, that both male and female sit on the eggs alternately and rear their young with gentle care. Are you answered, R. W.? Do you know now why I mentioned the Texas bird? You already know a thing or two and in the fullness of time you will know more. In a decade hence, if the sun does not shine into you and sour you, you will have learned that it is stale, flat and unprofitable to cite an ancient theory in order to controvert a modern condition. Now friend Davison let's turn the calcium on your corn fed theories, and let me premise by asking how in the thunder is it that every mother's son of you anti-corn cranks jump at the conclusion that when a breeder advocates the free use of corn in the poultry yard he means that this cereal is to be used as an exclusive diet? My daily feed is bran mash in the morning, wheat or millet at noon and corn or oats at night, but I feed about twice as much corn as I do any other kind of grain. It might be well to state in passing that I am in the business strictly for pleasure, *i. e.*, a certain amount of legal tender is absolutely essential to the full enjoyment of happiness, and I have chosen the old hen as the most suitable vehicle to convey said legal tender into the family treasury.

In speaking about papa's hens you failed to introduce one very important factor, viz: what is their breeding? Is it like the character of Caesar's wife? If papa's 40 hens are not equally as well bred as your 15 the conditions are not the same and therefore you are debarred from offering them as evidence in the cause you support. You ask: "Why is it that farmers in so many instances fail to get eggs in winter, etc." Now, friend Davison, can you consistently claim to be a true fancier and still ask that question? Let me answer it by asking another. How many farmers who have nothing but pure bred fowls on their places, have to buy eggs in winter? If a farmer comes to you for advice and wants to improve the character of his flock by purchasing one of your pure bred cockerels, I fancy I can hear your short reply to him: "Go home and feed less corn and more oats and cut clover and your dung hills will lay just as well as my thoroughbreds." In the name of common sense, R. W., why do you enter the most nearly perfect type of a pure bred fowl in the same class with the farmer's dung hill, and then in your innocence say your pure blooded fowl lays more eggs simply because she is given more intelligent management? Is it not a fact beyond all dispute

that when there is a serious shortage in the corn crop eggs always bring high prices? You wonder how it happens that a Texas hen can be given plenty of corn in midsummer and still not be over fat. Now, friend Davison, I am going to confide a profound secret to you, and you must cherish it as a priceless treasure and hand it down as an heirloom to posterity. You say that in extremely cold weather you feed corn. By "extremely cold weather" I infer you mean 40 below zero, and your argument is this: "Corn is carbonaceous, produces heat and makes biddy comfortable; the temperature is 40 below, so we must give biddy corn enough to make her comfortable, which can't be in a temperature less than 60 above, which is a change of 100 degs. F. Now, Davy, down here in Texas we have caught on to your little scheme and can work it to perfection, so when our hens get over fat we choose some afternoon when the mercury registers about 140 and go out and stuff them on all the whole corn they can swallow; this sends their temperature sizzling up to 240 degs. F., and it naturally fries all the fat out of them in short order. Your Texan always has an eye to the main chance—combines Yankee ingenuity with Dutch frugality—and all well appointed fowl houses have a "dripping pan" attached to each roost, so that at night when the corn begins to get its work in and the fat is being fried out of the dazed hen it drips into the pan, where it cools down during the night, and the next morning it is carefully bottled, labelled "Stored vitality, reserve force," is put in a cool, dry cellar, to be used only in case of emergency. Now, Davy, for love of grace, don't you go and give away every secret to Judge Drevenstedt, for if you do he will be sure to introduce it to his Mergenthalers, and I shall be undone entirely. Neither must you seek any more corn controversy with me, for on this very blessed Sunday night I am going to seek the seclusion of a gold cure joint and take the Keeley treatment for the scribblers' itch.

Lovingly yours,

C. R. RIGGS.

San Antonio, Texas, Oct. 1, 1893.

Poultry at Brookfield, N. Y., Fair.

We started for Brookfield on a morning when the sun was shining bright but we ran into a rainstorm by 10 o'clock, and at 12 when the trainman yelled out "North Brookfield" it was still raining. Although Brookfield is not quite as badly off as a place in the wild and woolly west that a couple of sportsmen struck, where a sign board was erected at a point on the trail they were following which read: "40 miles to water, 60 miles to railroad and 112 miles to h—l," still it is 6 miles from railroad, and 6 miles in an open wagon on a rainy day, has nothing very inviting about it. We tackled it, however, and "got there." Found a little village nestled among the hills and surrounded by the best grazing land we ever saw. "Honest Injun," now. We expected to see in the Poultry Department of this kind of a fair a magnificent collection of rags, tags and bob-tails. We were doomed to disappointment as far as the rags and tags were concerned, but did find one pair of Bobtails or Rumpless, and a rather small exhibit of the best lot of birds we ever saw, taken as a whole, at any fair. In the Asiatic class were some really good Light Brahmas, some fair Dark

Brahmas and Black Langshans. The American Class was represented by some good White and Barred Rocks, the best S. L. Wyandottes we saw this year at any of the fairs we attended, White Wyandottes, American Dominiques and one pair of quite good Pea Comb Barred Rocks. In the Spanish class were some good Minorcas, White and Brown Leghorns and a good pair of Black Leghorns. There was only one pair of Golden and one pair of W. C. Black Polish. The Dorking class was the poorest lot of birds there. Some bang-up Hamburgs, S. Spangled, S. Penciled, Black, and one pair of poor Golden Spangled. In Black Red Games the competition was of the keenest, both in old and young, and the class was large. The imported cock and mate owned by Mr. Clark just managed to defeat a "corking" good one owned by Mr. Davis, and if the latter's pair had had as good a hen as the other, the awards would have been different as the imported bird was moulting badly. There was one pair of Pyles and a big display of first class Houdans. The Bantam class was small, but among them was a grand little Buff Pekin cock. There were no geese, only a few ducks of poor quality, quite a good pair of Bronze turkeys, one coop of pigeons, and a few rabbits completed the display. The largest exhibitors were T. Davis, S. S. Lobdell, W. M. Clark, O. B. Clark, H. L. & F. M. Spooner and Jacob Waters. We met several genuine fanciers, and all know that that means a genial, clever sort of men. By request we visited the farm of Mr. H. L. Spooner & Son, and inspected their handsome new hen house which we were assured should shelter nothing but thoroughbreds another season. We enjoyed the hospitality of Mr. O. B. Clark while not at work, and the many kindnesses of himself and good wife will long be remembered. All these people are well to do, and have the right sort of ideas regarding the business, believing in starting with the best, and they are bound to succeed. Verily we felt it was good to be there." ZIM.

Poultry at Cobleskill, N. Y., Fair.

The display of Poultry, Pigeons and Pet stock, including cats, rabbits and Guinea pigs at the above fair was large, and of good quality. Those most worthy of note and of the highest quality were the Buff Cochins, White Leghorns, Pekin Ducks, Silver and Golden Sebrights and Black Rose Comb Bantams of C. H. Proper. The White Leghorns of Alfred Borst, the Minorcas, White Wyandottes and Pouter pigeons of O. F. Nelson and the White Polish Bantams of A. C. Kilmer. There were also some good Rose and Single Comb Brown Leghorns shown and some good Plymouth Rocks and American Dominiques, also some fine Pekin Ducks, aside from those mentioned above, and some really good Bronze Turkeys and Embden Geese. The Games and Game Bantams were an inferior lot, and it is almost a wonder, with so many that are apparently interested in Games in this locality, that they should persist in keeping the old style birds of at least 10 years ago. No station, long, drooping wings, Leghorn tails, and, in many cases, poor color.

Judging cats of any description is out of our line so we will not write of this exhibit, but will say we noticed some quite good Pigeons, Fantails, Tumblers and Homers, and taken all in all the exhibit was above the average at county fairs.

The Pilsener Papers.



A Visit to Hamonton, N. J.

MEESTER AMERICAN FANCIER:

Say, Meester Eddyders, dot vas a funny artickels by Meester Davidshon. He yoost gif dot Texashshteer, Meester Reeggs, Hel Columbia, ain't it? Vell, I leffed so werry mooch dot mine shtum-muck vas orfull hurt. Ven dem Texash fellers go fere a Jenerseymens, dey git it vere Loweesa vares der beads. I vas a Jenerseymens mineself.

Dot mens Davidshons wrides about like Peterick Henery Yackobs, und I dinks dey musht be Phillabeans, ain't it?

I vas down dot blace galled Hemmandown wid a frient von Filadelfia vonce. Ve vent down do der shores, as dem 400 schwells vood sez, dot ish, ve vent to Etlentic City by der ohshin. Vell, mine frient Karl vos a sheeken krank, und vanted to shtop at dot blazes vere dey raish dousands of dem dings galled brilers. On der vay back ve shtopped at Egg Harbor ceety, dinking der musht be plendy of eggs dere, bud dat ish a funny blaze. Dere vas blame leetle eggs, bud mooch vines. It vos a beeg sell, und ve dakes der drains for Hemmandown purty kerquick. Mine frient Karl vanted to shtay, brobaly dinking grabe froot es goot es hen froot. Hed ve vas nose dot Hemmandown vas so dry I dond tinks ve vood hef left Egg Harbor ceety so kerquickly. Bode me und Karl vas singing at der hotells in Hemmandown "Efter der ball vas over," for der vasn't a ball in der blaze. Mebbe ve shtopped at der rong blazes.

Karl vas wery dired und vanted to ride wid a weggons, und ve gets von from der shtables und drives oud to see der sheekens. Vell, I'll be blowed to Jonsonreens, if ve sees eny beeg sheekens except in von or doo blazes. Dere vas lods of vooden howsesh wid orfull mooch gless in der ruffs, bud meny vas close ub. Der owners got doo rich to kontinue der bizness. Vell, in udders vere dere vas sheekens der brobrioders voodn't led uns in. Dey vas brobaly afraidin dat ve gib der sekrats away. Vell, I dond blame dem, for dot frient of mine Karl ish like an old voomans, he kent keep ennydings by himself. Der triber uf our weggons den dook uns oud to a vild blaze in der kuntery, vere dot bractigall boultrymens, Michel Buyers, leeves. He vas beesy riding von uff hees mashine artickels for der dousand boultry babers he vas konnected wid, dot ish he vas riding on a tiberider, und der vay he shpins off dem artickels vas a kowshon.

Somedimes I dinks Meester Buyers vas a Geermans doo. Dad beeg bushy viskers und kerquiet shmile is mooch likes der Geermans hev. Vell, onkel Mike, as der poys gall him, dakes me und Karl arounds hees sheeken farms. Efter bassing a hole lot of dem dogs galled Kolliies, und inshpecting der schwines (onkel is werry fond uff sissage),

ve finds der bouldry. Der vas Lengshams, Peterick Goatchins, und Silber Vyundotters. Dey vas all shud ub, as Onkel Mike vas afraidin der vind vould blow droo der viskers. He tolds me und Karl dot der eerly beerd ketches der roop, und he nebber exposhes his beerds ven der vind blows. Den he dakes uns to der inkubader howses und shows uns how der veels goes arounds. I dink it's all blame foolishnesses for sheekens to hetch eggs, ven dem inkubaders do der verk in der same dimes. Karl vos shump enuff to esk Onkel Mike wedder der inkubaders hatch sheekens in a kubble uff days, bud dem Filadelfia beebls vas alwaz do shlow to ketch on. Karl shoold move do Hoboken. Dot's a fasst down, vell I tinks. Eben Henderick Hudson, der Dutch shkipper, vos surpisin at dot Hoboken. He sold his feerst Schiedam Schnapps dere.

Vell, Meester Buyer dalks purty vell about sheekens und Karl asked heem vat kinds of sheeken house vas der bestch. Vell, Onkel Mike yoost shmiled so, und sez: "Von dot vill keeb der vind oud."

Und ven Karl esk heem vat vos der bestch sheeken yard fense, unser frient, der Onkel, yoost shmiled, und sez: "Vire, dree or fore feets, dight bords dwo feets from der ground to keeps der vind from der cheekens."

Hm! dinks me to mineself, dot mens grate on vind, und der vind eddydore of der Nye Yorker Herald is nod in it mid Onkel Buyers. Vell, der dimes was alretty behinds der afdernoons, und Meester Buyers dakes us do see dot only oreegenal Yackobs mid der front names oft Peterick Henery.

Ve vos werry mooch disappointed mid him. Dought he vas a beeg mens, bud he vas only a west bocket edeetions, didn't vay mooch mores dan von hoon-dred bounds. Bud dem leetle mens ish grate dalkers, und ve finds dot oud ven dot shambean sheeken rider shtarts do dell uff dem oxspeerimens he vos once have maken. Ve didn't see mooch in der sheeken houses, der grate eddydore uff der Bouldy Keeber don't h'ev do keeb sheekens, so he vas villing do shpend hees dimes drying do makes Karl understan vy a fet hens vants to sit, und a schinney von lay's so blame mooch dot nuddings vill shtop her.

Dot leetle mens dalk so mooch, dot me und Karl dinks der besd ding to do vas to suberscribe to hees Bouldy Keeber und reads about dem kerqueer dings, "Ven der robbers nests agains." All dot dimes Meester Yackobs vas shpeekin, Onkel Buyers nebber opend hees sissage grinder, bud me und Karl dinks dot bode of dem heve kissed der Berlarney Shtone, und dem names Mike und Peterick proofs der shtatements.

Vell, der shades uff nite vas falling fest und ve vos swauncy miles from a brewerie, so ve shook hends mid der

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shambean bractigall bouldymens und rides do der shtation. Vell dere is mooch vite sand in det towns und I dings der sheekens musht heve a tuff dimes lukin fere vorms und green shtuff, Karl, he vas dinking doo, und sez: "Pilsener, der is von ding, der beebls uff Hemmandown heves blendy of sand do raise sheekens in dot kuntery, ain't it?" Vell, gud bie, der meednight ilc vas in der morning burnings und so oxchuse me.

YACKOB PILSENER.

Hoboken, N. J.

Valuable Experiments.

Annual Report of the Poultry Division at the Rhode Island Experiment Station.

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EXPERIMENTS IN CROSSING PURE BRED FOWLS.

For the first season's experiment in crossing, twelve varieties of pure bred fowls were procured. Although not exhibition birds, they were typical fowls of their kind and from prize winning strains. They were selected for their vigor and good condition rather than for their fancy points, and most of them were secured at a moderate price. With them, sixteen combinations were attempted and the yards were made up as follows:

Indian Game Cockerel	Light Brahma hens.
Indian Game Cockerel	Houdan hens.
Indian Game Cockerel	Golden Wyandotte hens.
White Wyandotte Cockerel	Buff Cochin hens.
Buff Cochin Cockerel	Light Brahma hens.
Houdan Cockerel	Indian Game hens.
Silver Gray Dorking Cockerel	Light Brahma pullets.
Houdan Cockerel	Plymouth Rock pullets.
Silver Duckwing Game Cockerel	Partridge Cochin hens.
Plymouth Rock Cockerel	Indian Game pullets.
Dark Brahma Cockerel	Dark Brahma pullets.
Late in the season Indian Game Cockerel	Indian Game hens.
	Light Brahma hens.
	Dark Brahma hens.
	Silver Gray Dorking hens.
	Buff Cochin hens.
	Silver Wyandotte hens.
	Indian Game & Partridge Cochin first cross pullet.
	Plymouth Rock pullets.

Most of the yards contained two varieties of hens or pullets but those were put together that produced eggs of a different size and color, therefore the eggs were easily distinguished. The stock was bought from different parties and birds two years old were chosen in preference to those that were younger. As they had been raised and cared for differently, and were of different ages, as well as differently housed, no attempt was made to compare their egg yields. They were rather restricted for house and yard room. They were fed a well scalded mess of corn meal, brap, and beef scraps in the morning, oats or cracked barley at noon, and corn at night. A large number of eggs were received from them but the per cent of fertility was very low, while in many that were fertile the germ seemed weak and did not mature. But little fresh meat, or ground raw bone, or green food, was fed.

The Houdan cock was three years old and was found to be worthless. He was fairly plump and heavy but the eggs from this yard did not hatch. But one or two chickens were raised from the Houdan cockerel, as he died early in the season. None of the Houdan hens were lost. They were bright and active, seemed fairly hardy, and laid a number of white eggs.

The Dorkings were bright and cheerful but lacked vigor, and were sensitive to cold and damp. They were badly reduced at moulting time, and several had "bumble foot," an affection to which they seem to be predisposed.

The Indian Game cockerels were tender and subject to colds while immature, but seemed quite strong and vigorous, later. A lot of cockerels bought of Sharp, of New York State, had the foulest kind of roup when received. Part were killed and the others were cured after a long course of treatment but they were con-

tinually getting out of condition and the mortality among their chickens was large. It would have been better to have killed them all when received. Other stock bought from two different parties was as fine as we have seen. The pure Indian Games, however, showed a constitutional tendency to canker, eruptions about the head, and colds. They were on the whole more subject to disease than many of the other pure breeds. This experience I find agrees with that of many others who have bred them for a considerable time.

The Buff Cochins were hardy and healthy at all times, and laid a surprisingly large number of eggs in the very coldest weather.

The Plymouth Rock pullets laid a large number of rather small eggs, but mottled badly, and several died the latter part of the summer. Our Golden Wyandotte and Silver Wyandotte hens and White Wyandotte cockerel were thrifty, and appeared to be next to the Brahmas and Cochins in hardiness. They were apparently more hardy than the Plymouth Rocks, though the latter were yearlings. Silver Wyandottes laid the largest eggs of all, as well as a good number.

The Dark Brahmas were less hardy than the light variety; the latter kept in the best condition under the same care. These impressions in regard to the breeds should not be given too much weight, as the birds probably did not have an equal chance before we procured them, and some are more unfavorably affected by confinement, and besides there is a great difference in the various strains or families of the same breed.

Eggs were set under hens and in incubators, but the results were the same in each case. Others we found were also getting but a small per cent. of chickens from the eggs set. A great variation was noticed in the strength and hardiness of the chickens of the various crosses.

From some yards no eggs were hatched; from others no chickens were raised to maturity. While a number of chickens of the Dorking and Indian Game cross were hatched, none were reared to maturity. Of all the crosses the chickens from the Indian Game and Light Brahma, and Indian Game and Buff Cochin, seemed to do the best. Those from the White Wyandotte and Indian Game came next; they were lumps of flesh at all times and quick growers. The Indian Game and Golden Wyandotte cross were next in thrift. The Plymouth Rock and Buff Cochin combination was less thrifty and seemed undesirable, while the Dark Brahma and Silver Wyandotte cross gave the least desirable results.

DESCRIPTION OF CROSSES.

Indian Game and Light Brahma.—Cockerel, plumage similar to Light Brahma but darker, with some yellow. Larger than Brahma and between the two in shape, comb and wattles the same as Brahma. Body wide, legs, long.

Pullet.—Plumage brown with penciled feathers, dark hackles. Resemble Brown Malay hen except in the slight leg feathering. Lay well, eggs as large as Brahmas. Each sex is as uniform in size and in color as a pure breed. They are hardy, quiet, good feeders, and are closely feathered. There was hardly any loss among the chickens. A very desirable cross.

Indian Game and Houdan.—Plumage black, or slightly mixed with white, small crests. Cockerels have flesh colored legs and pullets dark legs. Are active, grow quick, and fairly hardy. There is not much difference in size between cockerels and pullets. Are uniform in appearance.

Indian Game and Golden Wyandotte.—In plumage and appearance most like Golden Wyandotte. Markings, uniform. Fairly hardy, quick, active, and plump at any age. Disposition, rather excitable. Cockerels much larger than pullets. But slight loss among chickens.

Indian Game and Buff Cochin.—None but pullets reared. Similar in plumage and appearance to Light Brahma cross. Not so closely feathered, legs shorter and more feathers on them. Larger and brighter comb.

White Wyandotte and Light Brahma.—In ap-

pearance between the two. Both rose and single combs appear. Body more stocky than Brahma, legs shorter, plumage faded and muddier. Show more red in comb and face than Brahmas. Disposition, quiet; good feeders and hardy. Cockerels grow very large.

White Wyandotte and Indian Game.—Plumage similar to Silver Wyandotte, dark with gray neck; breast feathers in pullets slightly spangled with white; legs and neck short; rose comb. Grow quickly, and are always plump and hardy. Pullets are excellent layers. Cockerels not much larger than the pullets. A desirable cross.

Houdan and Partridge Cochin.—Plumage, a mixture of the two. Small crests; legs, both light and dark, and feathered; active, quick growers.

Silver Gray Dorking and Dark Brahma.—Cockerel, plumage, similar; larger pea comb; legs, short and feathered; long body; hardy. *Pullet.*—Large, Dorking shape and plumage; feathered legs; single comb. Very bright and thrifty. Good layers. Uniform in size and plumage, and handsome. An excellent cross for both utility and beauty.

Silver Duckwing Game and Dorking.—Plumage, the same and very handsome. Single comb and willow legs. Body, plump. Pullets great layers of small, white eggs. Good for table but best for eggs.

Plymouth Rock and Buff Cochin.—Plymouth Rock plumage occasionally with some buff feathers. Tall and gaunt; single combs. Were not thrifty.

Indian Game and Plymouth Rock.—Cockerel between Indian Game and Plymouth Rock in shape. Comb, like Indian Game; plumage, like Plymouth Rock; body, plump and solid. Pullets all black and more like Indian Game in shape. Shanks dark, feet yellow. Considerable loss among chickens. Others make the same complaint. In our case it might have been due to the poor condition of the cock, which was one of those mentioned as having been out of condition.

Silver Wyandottes are said to have received in their make-up some Dark Brahma blood. This may account for the unsatisfactory results gained by crossing these hens with the Dark Brahma cockerel. The cockerels from the Indian Game cock and Light Brahma hens most resembled the Light Brahmas, while the pullets were most like the Indian Games. In this cross the female parent has more influence on the size. Cockerels from

the age of some of the crosses their weights can not be justly compared in judging of their growth, as could have been done if all had been of one age and dressed when most marketable.

It will be noticed that the proportion of shrinkage was the least in some of the capons and light in the slips. The old capon, weighing 11 lbs., 8 oz., lost 7 per cent; the young capon, White Wyandotte and Indian Game cross, weighing 8 lbs., 7 oz., lost 8 per cent.; the Dorking and Dark Brahma young capon, weighing 7 lbs., 11 oz., lost 16 per cent.; the Plymouth Rock and Buff Cochin slip, weighing 8 lbs., 15 oz., lost 13 per cent., and the Silver Duckwing Game and Dorking slip, weighing 5 lbs., 9 oz., lost 16 per cent.

The heaviest cockerels were Indian Game and Golden Wyandotte, 8 lbs., 3 oz.; Indian Game and Light Brahma, 8 lbs., 2 oz.; Dorking and Dark Brahma, 8 lbs., 2 oz., and White Wyandotte and Light Brahma, 8 lbs., 1 oz., there being only a difference of a couple of ounces in their weights. The White Wyandotte and Light Brahma shrunk 13 per cent.; the Indian Game and Golden Wyandotte 14 per cent.; the Dorking and Dark Brahma 18 per cent, and the Indian Game and Light Brahma 19 per cent.

Of the pullets the Indian Game and Light Brahma cross, weighing 6 lbs., 11 oz., lost 15 per cent. All of the above mentioned birds were in fine condition when dressed, and, with the exception of the old capon, were so nearly alike in age that they may be justly compared.

Male.	Parentage.		Sex of Cross.	Live Dressed Actual Per Cent			
	Male.	Female.		Weight.	Weight.	Shrinkage.	Shrinkage.
Indian Game ..	Light Brahma	Cockerel	8 2	6 9	1 9	19	per cent.
Indian Game ..	Light Brahma	Cockerel	7 8	6 7	1 1	14	per cent.
Indian Game ..	Light Brahma	Pullet	6 9	5 12	0 13	11	per cent.
Indian Game ..	Houdan	Cockerel	6 12	6 0	0 12	11	per cent.
Indian Game ..	Houdan	Pullet	5 1	4 0	1 1	21	per cent.
Indian Game ..	G. Wyandotte	Cockerel	8 3	7 1	1 2	14	per cent.
Indian Game ..	G. Wyandotte	Cockerel	7 12	6 11	1 1	14	per cent.
Indian Game ..	G. Wyandotte	Pullet	4 3	3 8	0 11	16	per cent.
W. Wyandotte ..	Light Brahma	Cockerel	8 1	7 0	1 1	13	per cent.
W. Wyandotte ..	Light Brahma	Cockerel	7 18	6 1	1 7	19	per cent.
W. Wyandotte ..	Light Brahma	Pullet	6 11	5 11	1 0	15	per cent.
W. Wyandotte ..	Indian Game	Cockerel	6 8	5 6	1 2	17	per cent.
W. Wyandotte ..	Indian Game	Cockerel	6 0	5 1	0 15	16	per cent.
W. Wyandotte ..	Indian Game	Pullet	5 3	4 9	0 10	12	per cent.
W. Wyandotte ..	Indian Game	Young Capon ..	8 7	7 12	0 11	8	per cent.
Houdan	Partridge Cochin ..	Cockerel	6 6	5 0	1 6	22	per cent.
Houdan	Partridge Cochin ..	Pullet	5 3	4 4	0 15	13	per cent.
S. G. Dorking ..	Dark Brahma	Cockerel	8 2	6 11	1 7	18	per cent.
S. G. Dorking ..	Dark Brahma	Young Capon ..	7 11	6 7	1 4	16	per cent.
S. D. Game	S. G. Dorking	Cockerel	6 12	5 7	1 5	19	per cent.
S. D. Game	S. G. Dorking	Slip	5 9	4 11	0 14	16	per cent.
S. D. Game	S. G. Dorking	Pullet	4 13	3 11	1 2	23	per cent.
Plymouth Rock ..	Black Cochin	Cockerel	7 12	6 5	1 7	19	per cent.
Plymouth Rock ..	Black Cochin	Slip	8 15	7 12	1 3	13	per cent.
Dark Brahma ..	Partridge Cochin ..	Capon, 21 months old ..	11 8	10 12	0 12	7	per cent.

the Indian Game cockerel and Plymouth Rock hens had the Plymouth Rock plumage, while the pullets were black.

This cross-bred stock was exhibited at the Kingston Fair, at the State Fair, and at the exhibition of the Rhode Island Poultry Society, at the Pawtucket Skating Rink. Placards, giving the matings which produced the cross, were placed on the coops of each kind, and at the last named exhibition dressed specimens were also shown. The latter were hung up in a row on hooks, each carcass bearing a tag giving the cross, the sex, and the weight both alive and dressed. The poultry keeper could thus compare the live birds with those that were dressed, as well as compare the difference in the amount of shrinkage between the different crosses when prepared for market.

The poultry exhibition was held the last week in December. Most of the stock was sufficiently matured to have passed the tender stage, and market men would have classed it as fowl. In the following table is given both the live and dressed weights, actual shrinkage and per cent. of shrinkage, of the different specimens of dressed poultry that were exhibited. As there was a difference in

DESCRIPTION OF CARCASSES.

Indian Game and Light Brahma Cockerel.—Full breast and heavy thighs; very yellow shanks. Flesh, light colored; skin, fine and yellow; fat, evenly distributed. Legs and neck too long.

Pullet.—Very round bodied and very plump in breast and rump. Fat, evenly distributed; skin, fine and yellow; flesh, light colored. Finest carcass of all.

Indian Game and Houdan Cockerel.—Plump breast, good thighs and rump; white skin and bluish flesh. Considerable flesh on back. Fat, white and even; legs, flesh colored and with fifth toe.

Pullet.—Legs, dark; fat, yellow; skin, fine grained and tender; flesh, bluish like a turkey. *Indian Game and Golden Wyandotte Cockerel.*—Breast and thighs fairly plump; rump, full; legs and skin, yellow; fat, yellow; dark pin feathers. Rather long in leg.

Pullet.—Much smaller in size than cockerel. Breast and thighs plump and of good color; skin, very yellow; fat, yellow; shanks, dark and feet yellow.

Indian Game and Buff Cochin Pullet.—Breast and thighs plump; fat, very yellow and unevenly distributed; skin, rather coarse and very yellow; shanks very yellow.

White Wyandotte and Light Brahma Cockerel.—More angular than the others. Less flesh on breast and body; flesh, good color; skin, fine and good color; shanks, yellow; fat, uneven.

Pullet.—Not so wide in breast or full in flesh as some others. Flesh, fine grained, of good color; shanks, yellow; fat, uneven; skin, light yellow; very fine grained and handsome. A fine carcass, evidently second or third best.

White Wyandotte and Indian Game Cockerel.—Body smaller and narrower than Indian Game and Light Brahma cross but not so leggy. Rump, plump; flesh, light colored; skin, of a fine yellow but coarse in places; legs and fat very yellow.

Pullet.—Smaller. Breast very plump and round, but not so wide. Less rump; skin, fine, tender and yellow; fat, yellow. Probably second best pullet.

Silver Gray Dorking and Dark Brahma.—Flesh, full, white or pink, soft and tender; skin, fine and pearly white; fat, light colored; breast long.

Silver Duckwing Game and Dorking Cockerel.—Solid body; flesh, bluish; legs, flesh colored. *Pullet.* Breast, plump and tender; fat, light yellow and evenly distributed; flesh, bluish; skin, fine; legs, willow.

Plymouth Rock and Buff Cochins.—Rather sharp in breast; not so yellow; skin, coarse; pin feathers show; legs, fine yellow.

Houdan and Partridge Cochins.—Plump bodied and tender; flesh, bluish; legs, light and black.

The opinion of poultry judges, veteran breeders and marketmen was sought as to the relative value of the different crosses for table purposes, as shown by these specimens. They unanimously pronounced the Indian Game and Light Brahma cross pullet the finest carcass. The finest cockerel was also of this cross. The White Wyandotte and Indian Game pullet was pronounced second best by most and the White Wyandotte and Light Brahma pullet about as fine. An Indian Game and Golden Wyandotte cockerel was considered second best cockerel and the Dorking and Dark Brahma third.

The judging was in accordance with

to moult, it will be seen that marketable qualities as well as hardness may not be even secondary to the greatest egg producing qualities, in stock kept for egg production.

These experiments in cross breeding will be continued. Some of last season's matings will be repeated and the same varieties mated in a reversed order; a few cross breeds will also be mated to different pure breeds to unite three breeds. The results will be published from time to time.

A Perfect Poultry Plant.

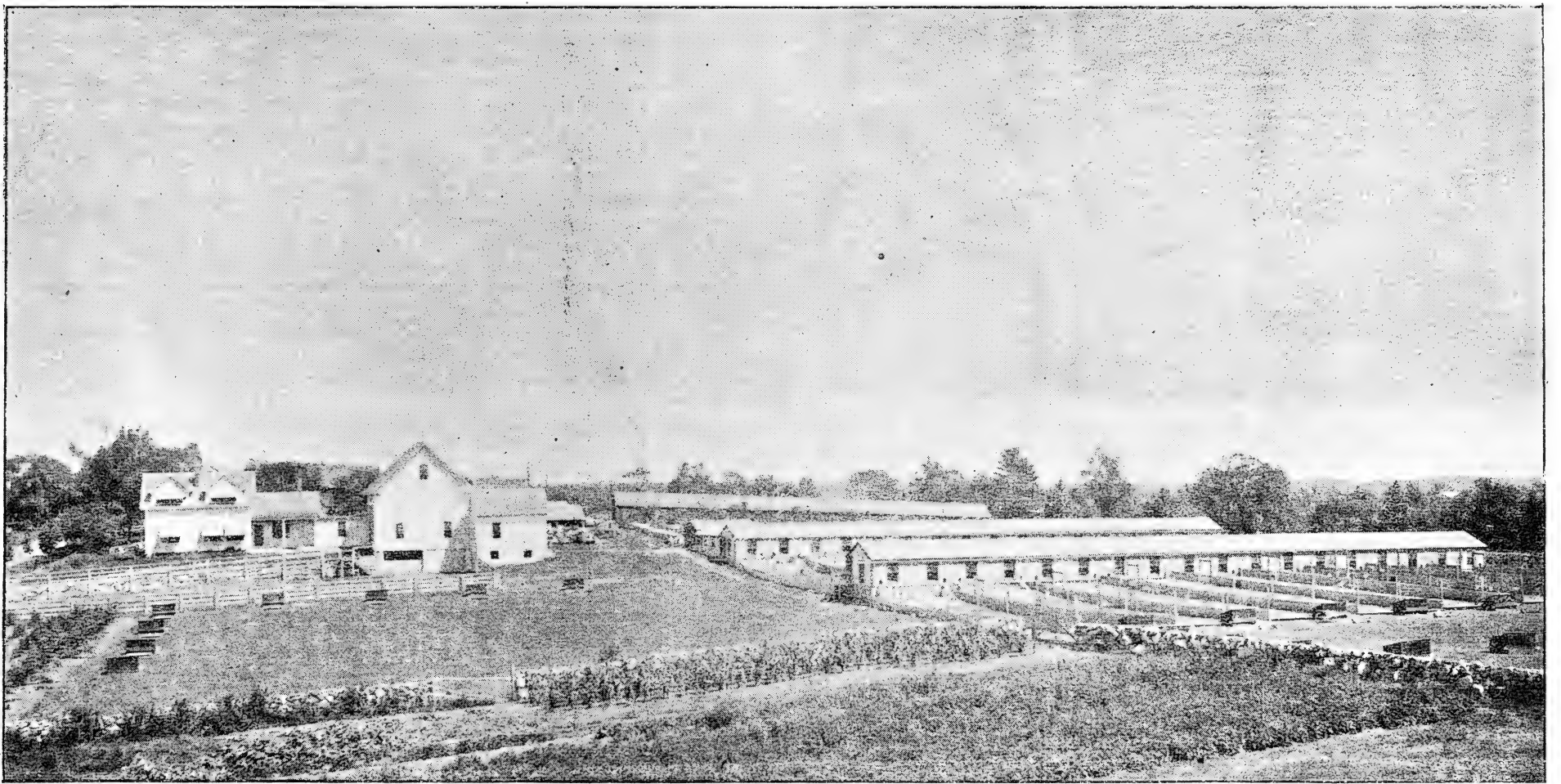
We take pleasure in presenting our readers this month with a cut, made from a photograph, of the poultry buildings of Mr. C. I. Nesmith, Reading, Mass., which we have excellent authority for describing as a perfect poultry plant. We frequently hear such experienced poultrymen as Mr. May, Mr. Bright, and others, speak of it as "the best built and best arranged poultry buildings they ever visited," and,

age, and lies between two streets, the one directly in front of the dwelling house being the old "Turnpike" from Boston to Portland.

The poultry buildings, three long houses and a brooder house, are in rear of the farm buildings, and extend back to the street along the back line—the first house built being the one farthest away in the cut, and that was placed close back to the north wall, on the highest ground. This house was built two years ago this summer, and Mr. N. was so well pleased with the success already attained, he last summer laid out and built two more (those in the foreground), and then erected a long brooder house and the engine house and grain house attached—these being between the first and second long house. As the brooder house roof is some lower than house No. 2, the roof of it does not show in the cut; but the engine house, from which it extends eastward, is plainly seen. House No. 1 is 156 feet; No. 2, 170 feet; and No. 3, 180 feet long; and the brooder house (in rear of house No. 2) is 160 feet long. The houses are divided into pens 12 feet square, with a walk 3 feet wide (practically as per plan of the writer's poultry houses illustrated in F. P. for July, pages 229 and 230).

appliances, stock, etc., are all in the most complete ("apple-pie") order. It is a delight to walk through such buildings, which are as clean and free from odors as a dwelling-house, and see everything in its proper place—nothing left undone, no fag ends to pick up and put away. There is no creaking of the machine, no loose bolts rattling there; everything is done with clock-work regularity—in other words it is "thoroughly" done.

Mr. Nesmith delights in thoroughly good stock, too; and we greatly enjoyed an hour's stroll about the fields, looking over the (about) 1,600 youngsters now rapidly maturing; not a few, indeed, now laying—as Mrs. N. confided to us that she brought in fifty pullets' eggs the day before our visit. It was not alone the general excellence of the stock in shape and markings that delighted us, but the high degree of health apparent in every one—not a sick or droopy bird did we see amongst them. "Eat? I'll bet they do!" said Mr. Nesmith. "Don't the grain bills stagger a fellow just now, when he isn't selling much, and they are all so hungry." This, of course, is the dull season for sales, and more than one breeder has to look ahead at sales of stock, or backward at the sales of hatching eggs, for encour-



the popular demand for yellow poultry. If these birds had been cooked alike, brought to the table and tested by the same parties for the finest flavor and the tenderest and most juicy flesh, the verdict might or might not have been in favor of the white or black legged, and white or blue fleshed specimens of the Dorking or Houdan crosses.

Judging from these experiments, the raiser of market poultry will not make a mistake if he crosses Indian Game cockerels or cocks on Light Brahma hens, or on any variety of Wyandotte hens; or Wyandotte males on Indian Game hens or Light Brahma hens. It was found that Indian Games and their crosses were harder to pluck and more difficult to caponize than any other of the crosses.

As half the stock reared on an egg farm will be cockerels, which should be marketed at the roaster age, and as the hens (according to the best authorities) should also, to get the most profitable results, be marketed after their first season's laying and before they commence

in fact, we can credit the description placed at the head of this article to one of those gentlemen, who, after a call upon Mr. Nesmith and a look over the buildings and stock, exclaimed in the hearing of the writer: "It is the best set of poultry buildings I ever saw; 'tis a perfect poultry plant."

Whether it is absolutely perfect we need not discuss here, although we do say it would be difficult, all things considered, to suggest improvements or point out defects to be remedied. Even if the buildings are not absolutely perfect for their purpose, he would be a carping critic who could find fault with them.

To begin at the beginning, the location is extremely fortunate, favoring in a remarkable degree just that "lay out" or arrangement, and Mr. Nesmith "built better than he knew" when, after looking at several small farms within twenty miles of Boston, he chanced upon this one about a mile from the village of Reading, and, impressed with the excellent condition of the house and farm buildings and the natural advantages for his purpose, bought it at once. The land slopes gently to the south, giving perfect drain-

These three houses combined are 506 feet long, and contain 45 pens, giving liberal accommodations for 675 head of laying stock, putting 15 in each pen. The brooder house has the customary walk at the back, and is divided into 28 pens 5x10 feet, giving accommodations for 3,000 young chicks, or 2,000 when they are 4 to 6 weeks old. In some sparsely wooded land across the street in front of the dwelling-house are scattered five or six small houses (8x12), for young stock, mostly cockerels; and about the field in the foreground are 30 roosting coops for the growing chicks. Three Challenge incubators (two 600 and one 300 egg size) do the bulk of the hatching, and these are located in the house cellar. Having an opportunity to buy a five horse power boiler and engine at a very moderate price, he added that to his apparatus, applies the power to cutting bones in a Mann bone cutter, cutting clover, etc., etc., and applies the steam from the boiler to cooking sheep's "plucks" and other meats, and cooking the mash made of the meat liquor, vegetables (or clover), and the usual mixed meals; in other words, he cooks by steam.

Being a "thorough" workman himself, Mr. Nesmith delights in having things thoroughly well done—and his buildings,

agement. As Mr. Nesmith's sales of eggs last spring aggregated some \$1,700 to \$1,800, he has a liberal margin of profit in sight after the July, August and September grain bills are paid.

A great poultry establishment like this isn't built up in a day, and yet Mr. Nesmith bought the farm and moved onto it but two and a half years ago. He started *right*, however, and has not had any work to do over again, nor any backward steps to take. He had strong faith in the profitability of the poultry business, and a clear idea of what he wanted to do. He selected his location with rare good judgment, employed the best of workmen to do his work, so that there isn't a nail driven wrong nor a screw out of place in all the buildings, and of stock secured the best that money could buy—and the result to-day is a poultry plant which fairly merits the high praise which Mr. Bright bestowed upon it. Although but recently launched upon a career as a breeder, his success at the shows last winter was remarkable—and the young stock he has on his place now bids fair to capture a good many "1sts" this coming season. But, better than all this, is the unanimous verdict of his large circle of friends, "Charley Nesmith *deserves* his success!" —*Farm Poultry.*

PIGEONS.

Explanatory.

[In the course of a correspondence with "Senex" regarding the compilation of a number of articles on our best known breeders, that writer frankly admitted that he was not in a position to speak from personal experience, in all cases, and asked if we would be content with what he could glean from "hearsay." As he put it, he would be careful to "naught extenuate or naught set down in malice," so we advised him to go ahead. As he seems to have been reasonably correct so far, we believe that he will be equal to the task. The editor wishes it distinctly understood, however, that THE AMERICAN FANCIER is in no way responsible for the views of its correspondents.—ED.]

Pen Pictures of Prominent Fanciers.

BY SENEX.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

No doubt you remember that you suggested to me not so long ago, that a number of pen pictures of our brightest lights in the fancy would be of interest. The idea struck me as being a good one, although at first I felt almost unable to cope with a subject so arduous, in that it would necessitate a personal acquaintance I did not possess.

Fortunately chance threw in my way a gentleman who had the pleasure, and I may say the honor, of knowing those whom I knew solely by reputation, and it is but due him that in some instances, the descriptions are as I remember them as culled from the store-house of his memory and are not based on personal knowledge of my own.

DR. THOS. W. TUGGLE.

This well known fancier is located at Columbus, Ga., and that he stands at the head of the fancy in the south goes without saying. Blessed with a fine practice in his chosen profession, with a charming home and an equally charming helpmate, his lot in this life is such as to be envied.

His tastes run to dogs, chickens and pigeons, and it is for this reason that he and Mr. Sam Cassiday of Louisville are so like Damon and Pythias.

Dr. Tuggle has bred all varieties of pigeons, and I believe was some few years ago quite a Fantail man, but of late he has taken up the Jacobin and he has some rare good ones. It shall be my pleasant duty to speak more of the men than of their birds.

I believe it was Gilbert who once spoke of Dr. Tuggle as a "Chesterfield." He was not far wide of the mark. Dr. Tuggle is a tall blonde, with a clear blue eye, a well trimmed beard, and a general thoroughbred look about him. One can see at a glance that every instinct, every action is that of a thorough gentleman. He has a polish all his own, and a frank face that draws one to him. He is a fine all around judge, and is one of that class (too rare) whose awards are never biased. To question his perfect integrity would be an unheard of matter to those who know him. Whoever he elects to serve as a judge, those who exhibit may be assured of upright treatment, and in fact from all I can learn, I would, were I an exhibitor at any show, feel a sense of security when I saw his well-known name on the list. Aye, Dr. Tuggle is a man

among men, and among the warm-hearted southerners of his section, he stands the embodiment of all that is manly and upright. Leaving him, it is only natural to turn to one of his near and dear friends.

SAM CASSIDAY.

No one could ever think of calling him "Mr. Samuel," for it is always plain Sam. And further, he is just as plain as his name. He is cashier of a great bank in Louisville, Ky., holding, perhaps, one of the most trusted positions in the state. In person he is rather stout, but he has a strong, manly face, full of character and decision. He has a lovely home in one of the suburbs, and there he has every kind of pet known. It was a friend of his who once said, "If Sam met a man with a bear, and thought that boy of his would like it for a pet, he'd buy it and take it home." It is at that home of his that one realizes what is meant by "Kentucky hospitality." When at his home what is his is yours, and if you don't use it he feels hurt. On a Sabbath afternoon there can usually be seen a crowd of fanciers at his beautiful place, and there is an "at home" expression on the face of each that tells how much Sam is loved by all of them. What shall I say is his fancy? No one knows. This season it may be his favorite Tumblers, and next he may be into something else. He always has some good birds of some kind, but he never seeks to make a business of selling them. Not he, but he gives away a dozen where he sells one. Sam is at home at a show, and is a steadfast believer in them. Little does he care whether he wins or not, just so there is a big entry and the boys go home satisfied.

But now for his good, yes, I may say his best, quality. He is the soul of honor. The man does not exist who can point to one spot on his escutcheon. A fair, square, honorable gentleman, who believes in the golden rule, and practices it every day of his life. A man esteemed by every body whose esteem is worth a farthing, an honor to the fancy. Such a man is Samuel Cassidy, and may his shadow ne'er grow the less.

I now go on up the river a ways to a place by name Evansville, and there I take up

FRANK M. GILBERT,

variously called Colonel, Major, et. al., and where he gets the titles I'm sure I don't know. I never met him, but I hope to some day for I want to study him. Surely he is one of the most prolific of writers. Since I came to this country I have met him in print everywhere, and not only in the papers of the fancy, but in half the works of poetry I pick up. If he is as successful a business man as they say, I don't see where he gets the time.

Gilbert is a Fan man, pure and simple. To his eye, no other breed has a right on this mundane sphere, and to hear him tell it he is the only man on earth who knows a good one. To do him justice I know by what I hear from the old country that he has picked up some rare good ones, and had the nerve to pay a snug sum for them.

I have seen his birds at several shows, and I gave my opinion of them after the New York show. He has the best lot of birds in the States, and mark my words, he will never be beaten again if he is the fellow I take him to be.

But as for his birds, he has enough to say about them himself, and now for the man. He is six feet, straight as an arrow and his most admiring friends could

never call him good-looking. A kind of a blonde, with an eye like steel, a good natured face. They say he would go through fire for a friend, but when a man plays him double he never forgives it. I think him very conceited, but I'll say for him, that there is naught two-faced about him. His friends say that his home is the brightest spot on earth to him, and that he's all wrapped up in his little wife and boy. Surely, as I said once before, he can't be wholly bad, though I have heard he was one of the hardest nuts in the west before he married and settled down.

Now let us go east and drop in on Mr.

JOSEPH GAVIN.

"Joe," as they call him, is an Englishman, a brunette, of medium size and with a spare face. He is a fine judge of a bird and is a Turbit man. He is quite a writer, and he would be a good one did he not dip his pen too deep in gall. He is never so happy as when prodding some sinner who dares to disagree with him. This is a fault that seems to be inherent in many of the English writers, and is one they would do well to drop.

Joe has served on many of the leading papers in the States and I hear that he is thinking of branching out on his own hook with a new candidate for public favor. I do not think he would make a success, for he would soon have his readers all by the ears. He is a fancier whose store of information is exhaustless and this store he has absorbed by practical experience. For many years he has dabbled in various strains and this, added to his experience in the old country, has given him a practical knowledge, not surpassed, perhaps, by any fancier at present in this land.

But he will never be a popular fancier till he breaks himself of fault finding. This is a peculiarity that grows, as old age comes on apace, and Joe should, if for nothing more than a temporal experiment, try a profuse dose of the milk of human kindness for a time and not be so ready to suspect others of sinister motives. I neglected to say that Mr. Gavin lives in the snug place of Malden, Mass., but this is, no doubt, hardly a matter of news, as his residence is well known to all the fancy.

Come now to Nashville, where there lives a noted fancier,

P. F. HAGER.

Mr. Hager is a hard working man—I think he is a druggist—and all he is to-day he has made himself. Not in the best of health, he is, nevertheless, an incessant worker, and the time he gives to his dogs and pigeons can ill be spared. For years he has been the leading spirit of the fanciers in his section. Not so long ago he was the greatest breeder of Langshans in the south, and his Great Danes and pigs have quite a reputation.

Mr. Hager is tall and spare, and is a brunette, with an eye that beams naught but goodness and benevolence, and a low soft voice that is good to hear. But he has a grand lot of decision, by the by, and when he thinks a thing is right you might as well try to move a mountain as move Hager. He will listen politely, but at the end he is just the same. He is a Fantail breeder, and a good one, and there is not a better judge of a bird in the States, as he is not a stickler for either of the schools, but an ardent supporter of the combination Fantail. For a time he tried breeding yellows, but I hear he has given them up as a bad lot, and has settled down on plain whites.

It is hard to say a word too much for Mr. Hager, and what good I say of him is compiled from what others tell me, for I never met him, but I have yet to find the first man to speak ill of him. So I judge him to be all they say. I might add that I hear he is like many of the others—wrapped up utterly in his family and his pets, and cares little for aught else.

JOHN GLASGOW.

This fancier, who has lately created quite a stir in the States, was born in Scotland, raised in England and landed in the States something over a year ago. At first he was located in Newton, a little place in Indiana, near where Gilbert, the Fan man, lives. He first began to be known through his pen, and later, through being identified with the Have-meyer Bros., he has become quite a well-known character. He is a rugged one, both in looks and disposition, being one of the most aggressive men in the fancy. He is a heavy built, broad shouldered man, with a piercing eye, heavy beard and the face of a true Briton. That he is a well posted man is evident to all who meet him, but there is a self-assertiveness that does not attract strangers, and this crops out to even a greater degree in his writings. It is said that he is a good friend and an uncompromising enemy, when once he thinks a man has not treated him right, and, being of a suspicious nature, doubtless through what he has seen over the water, he is apt to misconstrue what the majority would overlook.

As a writer, I can't say that I admire his style, for, though his fund of information is doubtless great, he does not confine himself to that which would convey information to others, but seeks rather to criticise all others in the fancy, and in the press. Having thus spoken of his faults, I would indeed be biased did I not give his merits. He is the soul of honor, a man who would rather cut off his strong right hand than do any man a low trick.

He is truthful to an extreme, and for this he suffers, for he oft says plain truths that were better left unsaid. Not a man who makes friends easily, once made, he keeps them, and how strongly, can best be judged by a clause from a letter I received from a party on whom I relied for valuable information. Said he, "if you want to set old Gilbert crazy, just say a word against Glasgow." As the doughty Hoosier has been with Glasgow a great deal, he has, doubtless, found out all his good points—and that he has many I'm fair to say.

(To be Continued.)

Ice Pigeons.

We seldom hear or see anything of this beautiful bird, and cannot understand why it should be so sadly neglected. Is it because it is little known among the fanciers?

Ice pigeons are very hardy, and require but little attention. They are good breeders, and breed true to markings. We find three different varieties of them, viz: the Spangled or Ural, the Plain and the Silver, the last named having brown bars and being very rare. They have short legs and are shaped somewhat like ducks; they come clean legged and booted. Their disposition is gentle and kind, and they have shown as much, if not more, intelligence as any other variety of fancy pigeons. I owned one that got away from me and returned to me after four months, which speaks well for its intelligence. If they were crossed with the Homing pigeon, I think we would soon have a beautiful variety of this class. Will not all, who are interested in the Ice Pigeons, let us hear from them?

Washington, D. C.

C. DORSEY,

Practical Pointers.

BY C. W. BUTTLES.

[Written for THE AMERICAN FANCIER.]

This is the time of year when it behooves every breeder of fancy pigeons to take the best of care and carefully note the condition of every bird each day in his loft. All draughts should be excluded and the loft thoroughly cleaned out at once before it gets colder.

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We do not think it necessary to clean the loft out more than twice or at most three times during the winter. Some old breeders never clean out the loft during winter, and will tell you that the warmth from the droppings keeps the birds warm. However this is given for what it is worth.

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During winter a feed made from equal parts of corn, wheat, millet and Canada peas is one of the best winter feeds that can be given. A little hemp and rice should also be fed two or three times a week, and especially during the moult.

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One of the best "patent medicines" that can be given during the moult is one of Dr. Long's pigeon lozenges. Give one in the morning and one at night for a week or so. They are excellent, and can be obtained from Dr. Charles E. Long, Lancaster, Pa. Any old breeders who have used them will confirm my statement.

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The cocks and hens should be separated during the winter months. Separate them the last of October and do not start them breeding again until the latter part of March. If you have never tried this before do so this winter, and note the results in the old birds, and the young they raise next season.

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Don't, under any circumstances, try to winter too many birds in a small loft. You will lose more than if you had taken a hatchet and reduced the number in the start.

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If you cannot remove the cocks from the hens on account of not having two lofts, remove all the nest pans and nesting material of any sort. This will have a tendency to stop their breeding.

The Bald Tumbler.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

With all the interest taken in fancy pigeons, there is no question but that many of the old and most interesting of the species are being neglected for varieties more fashionable and of later introduction. Take for instance the Bald Head Tumblers, once favorite birds, how many do you find making a specialty of them, and yet they are some of the most interesting of the Tumbler family. They are beautiful to look at; require as much judgment in breeding as any variety, and furnish any amount of amusement when properly bred and allowed one or two daily flights.

The matter of marking the feature, which gives them the name of Bald Tumbler, as every one knows is something in which there is a difference of opinion as to point of correctness. Some fancying the high cut, where the line of demarcation extends just below the eye, and others again the low cut, where the line extends to below the jowl. Undoubtedly the high cut variety is the correct thing, although you are apt to get birds with

foul thighs and color extending farther down on the breast than the law allows; also apt to find colored feathers in the flights, which is a great objection. The high cut are more difficult to breed perfectly, and will require more weeding while perfecting a strain than the others, because to breed them perfectly requires a proper balancing of black and white blood when breeding blacks, and the same in blue, red, yellow, dun and silver when breeding these colors. Mating two birds together that have too much of the material in them that produces white feathers, will be apt to produce birds that show too much white in the head and too many of the secondary wing feathers white. So mating birds in which the dark blood preponderates, we are likely to find foul marks in the head and many of the primary and tail feathers colored, points which render the bird valueless in a fancier's eyes, and points that are really more objectionable than too much white, for while a bird may have too much of the white in the parts we have mentioned, if the white is clean it is not so offensive to the eye as where there are dark spots among the white. Thus it will be seen that to breed a bird to the required markings one must understand and know his flock thoroughly, a matter that requires time, patience and careful selection. In fact he needs a pedigree of each bird, that he may know how to properly mate them to produce desired results, as while hap-hazard mating may give occasionally some excellent specimens, he cannot depend on good results from these young birds when bred the following year; but when he knows his breeders, he can judge just about how to mate each season to produce birds of high class order or merit. Right here it will be proper to state for the information of those not well versed in the characteristics of a good Bald Tumbler, that a good bird should have a white head, ten white flight feathers, and a white tail, no matter what the color of the body whether black, blue, red, etc. The white of the head should meet the colored feathers of the neck in a line just below the eye, extending evenly around the back of the head, and meeting just below the bill, and so cleanly marked as to seem to have been painted to a line. This white should be clean and pure in color, and free entirely from any spot or blemish in the way of colored feathers, the eyes should be what are known as pearl and both alike, as to have one dark or "bull" as it is called, indicates a deficiency in breeding that it is hard to repair. (This remark will apply to all pearl eyed birds, no pigeon with a bull eye in our opinion should be tolerated as a breeder.) The bill or beak should be white or flesh color. The flights as well as the tail feathers should all be clear white and free from blemish. The colored feathers of the breast and body should extend down and across the breast to a line running from the lower part of the wing butts, and should be as even and regular as the line of demarcation which separates the head from the neck. This feature is a difficult one to secure, but should be as we describe to be perfect. These qualities, combined with a rich black, a clear blue, a dark red, or a deep yellow body, combine to make one of the prettiest of the pigeon family. Add to this good tumbling qualities, and you have a combination that few of our feathered pets can equal. The tumbling feature belongs as much to this variety

as to any of the Tumbler family, but it is apt to be neglected and lost sight of when breeding for feather alone. Again, the Bald Tumbler is a good high flyer when properly trained, and we have seen them mere specks in the ether above when members of a well educated family. We say educated, because it is necessary to educate them to induce them to become "sky scrapers."

With this mention of the abundant good qualities of a thoroughly well bred Bald Tumbler, we think we have substantiated the claim we have made as to its being one of the most interesting of the Tumbler family. Certainly we know of no other variety of pigeon that has so many points to perfect it requiring attention as this particular one, and, when perfectly bred, presenting a more attractive appearance. A flock composed of all the different colors moving about in their loft suggests the idea of a bed of animated tulips, and when tumbling and pirouetting in the air of a cloud of electrified feathers.

In conclusion, we would say to anyone wishing to know of a desirable variety to encourage, try the Bald Head Tumbler.

JOHN HOPEWELL.

Feeding Green Food to Pigeons.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

I often read articles stating that pigeons should have green food, parties saying how much they relished it, what a treat it was, etc.

I tried to have my birds eat it, but always failed. I put cabbage and lettuce leaves in the loft, but they never noticed them, also suspended heads of cabbage and lettuce tied to a string from rafters of roof to within a few inches of the floor of loft; they would not pick at it, and did not seem to be inclined to eat green food that was given to them in that way.

I was out to my country place this summer and noticed that some young Magpies I had sent out were very fond of picking on a patch of ground in which corn had been sown broadcast, and which was just peeping through the ground, I examined and found they were picking the green sprouts.

When I returned to the city I had a box made and put in my loft, 12 feet square, 4 inches high, put earth in it, sowed corn, kept it moist, in a few days the corn had sprouted and was peeping through the soil. I scattered a little canary and hemp seed over it, and found my birds were eagerly eating the green sprouts. I have two boxes now, while they are picking at one the other is being sown, in this way you can furnish your birds with green food with very little trouble, and by keeping the ground moist it is always fresh and never withers or dries, as cabbage and lettuce leaves do when put in a loft.

G. A. F.

Baltimore.

GEORGE W. WEED IS PLEASED.

It pleases me to see the compliments paid the initiatory (?) number of THE AMERICAN FANCIER. Initiatory number, indeed! I don't think the term used correctly in this case. What is a paper, but simply the outcome of what the editor may make it, or rather what he is capable of making it, and in this case with two such men as Drevenstedt and Blunck with their experience in editing and publishing, why if the initiatory number had not been a "dandy," I for one would have been disappointed.

GEORGE W. WEED.

Lenox, Mass.

Pigeon Flying.**Notice to Subscribers.**

Our subscribers are informed that we have arranged that all inquiries relating to the breeding, training and management of homing pigeons, and upon all questions bearing upon the history of pigeon flying, both at home and abroad, will be answered by "Fritz" through his columns in THE AMERICAN FANCIER weekly, and at the earliest possible opportunity, and should be addressed to

MR. T. FRED. GOLDMAN,

832 Herkimer Street,

Brooklyn, N. Y.

[All matter that he deems of general and practical interest, or of value to the young and inexperienced fancier, will be embodied in his weekly notes, while other matter will be sent direct by mail. —ED. A. F.]

Points in the Flying Fancy.**A Weekly Review of Events in the Homing World.**

BY FRITZ.

A correspondent writes me as follows: "I am just starting a new loft for Homers and would like to know whether it is absolutely necessary to build upon the roof of my house or stable, or whether one built upon the ground will not serve as well. Whether the birds will not home as well to one coop as another, and if there is any great advantage in having the loft high up from the ground." This is a very difficult question to determine and my correspondent must decide for himself from what I advance pro and con. Flying lofts on the roof have unquestionably many advantages over those built upon the ground, but they have also very many disadvantages both for birds and owner.

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One naturally associates the idea of a perfect flying loft for pigeons at a high elevation, not alone as a precaution against cats, rats and pigeon thieves, but as a more natural spot for the homer, where he enjoys a wide and uninterrupted view of the country around, a freedom from common disturbing influences and a home which invites a speedy and surer entrance into when arriving from a journey, a highly important factor in pigeon racing.

To enumerate all the advantages gained by a coop at a high elevation would fill more sheets than I can spare at this writing, but suffice to say for the benefit of my correspondent and others who may be contemplating the erection of a new coop, that while I certainly approve of such high location for the home of the working Homer, yet such location is not an indispensable one and when the personal comforts of the flying fancier is considered, and the many disadvantages attached to it, many are justified in building upon the ground, and such location has been proved by varied and long custom as not interfering with good results, in fact quite to the contrary.

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A few of the disadvantages of coops on the roof of private residences are the labor entailed upon the fancier in going to and from it daily in all weathers, the irritation upon the women folks in dragging all visitors through the house to the roof, the carting up and down of all items of feed, water and cleanings; and unless the house is a large and high one the coop presents an unsightly and certainly not pleasing ornament to the house as viewed from the street.

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But one of the chief disadvantages is the exposure of the coop and extreme cold at a period in late February and early March, when the first and desirable round of youngsters is in course of production. The young also raised in coops at so high an elevation rarely if ever enjoy the thousand and one advantages connected with walks upon the ground, for birds so raised rarely if ever come down to the ground. This is chiefly the

case in cities, and to the observant fancier is a highly important item in the future workings and education of the bird; at least such is my observation.

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A very common and favorite location for the flying loft or coop as it should be termed is on the ground at the foot of the fancier's yard, or in the loft in the upper story of the stable, and in either location if not too closely hemmed in by high adjoining houses or buildings, will be found to fill the bill completely, and think in the long run will prove more enjoyable and satisfactory than on the roof of the house or any high building, unless easy of access, and the fancier's wife and women folk are as red hot and enthusiastic in the hobby as the fancier himself—which is rarely the case. Good birds, if well trained and thoroughly handled by the fancier will home equally as well and speedy to a coop on the ground as on the roof or a high elevation, as is constantly proven by the scores of first class coops so situated throughout the prominent flying sections, and the loss of time in trapping or entering the coops is so trifling and unimportant as to more than counterbalance the many claimed advantages connected with a loft at a high situation.

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In my judgment the chief attraction in a loft on the roof or high elevation is simply the facility for seeing your birds exercise and arrive on race days, and to be personally *more in it* as it were, high up among your birds, and "far from the madding crowd." But all this does not make up for the many discomforts connected with it, and which in my long experience I have carefully noted, so I heartily recommend my correspondent to build on the ground unless his surroundings and situation would point to the contrary and after carefully considering the advantages and disadvantages of each location. Mr. Arthur Nelson Bayley, a prominent fancier from the Pacific coast, has been on a prolonged visit among the Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York vicinity, flying men enjoying his trip immensely, and I regret exceedingly that I did not have the pleasure to meet the gentleman during his brief sojourn in my vicinity.

I was absent at the Vigilant-Valkyrie yacht race on the particular day he visited my house and coop and my accomplished wife, I learn, did the honors in showing him my modest establishment.

Mr. Samuel W. Taylor of Baltimore, Md., notified me by mail of the intended visit of this prominent fancier for a particular date and I had set apart the day for his entertainment, but through a misunderstanding as to my business address the gentleman did not show up.

I am exceedingly sorry for I should have been delighted to know Mr. Bayley personally and learn from him the progress and condition of the sport in his progressive and enterprising section. Perhaps he will so favor us through THE AMERICAN FANCIER.

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A correspondent writes me asking for a few pairs of my best birds for breeding purposes, but stipulating that "no birds must be related to each other and must be in three colors, blue grizzle, blue bars and red grizzle."

What a superb subject is here afforded for any writer on the working Homer, by this unique order and inquiry.

And this is by no means a rare occurrence in my experience, for I am constantly in receipt of inquiries and orders for birds of particular colors and breeding, many unquestionably coming from many novices in the sport but occasionally from fanciers of at least long experience.

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When will the young fancier learn that breeding for color is a matter the active and successful flying man rarely if ever considers, and furthermore won't permit of any such handicap in his hobby? For hard experience has long ago proved it. Also that to perpetuate splendidly developed qualities in our workers more or less inbreeding must of a necessity be in order.

The flying man who breeds for color will frequently be paralyzed at some of his strange and unaccountable produc-

tions in Homing pigeons, and he who ignores the art of more or less inbreeding will sooner or later find himself in the rear of flying work and his successes but a mere spasmodic occurrence and result of a tail wind.

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In recent notes I touched briefly upon the fact that experiments on a very comprehensive scale were made as to the utility of Homing pigeons in war during the recent autumn manoeuvres of the German army at Metz and other points in Germany. From recent issues received of *Zeitschrift für Briefstabenkunde*, the chief German journal devoted to pigeon flying interests, I learn of little interesting items connected with the German Emperor's visits, some of which, perhaps, may prove readable and entertaining to our flying men, and which is but a further illustration of the capability of young birds to compete successfully against older birds in flights from short or reasonable distances.

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The German Kaiser, after thoroughly inspecting the work of certain brigades of his army at Metz, left there by the 7 A. M. train on Saturday, September 9, for the city of Strassburg to view further manoeuvres. A prominent official of this city had secured the cooperation of certain German flying fanciers for the purpose of having some pigeons started from Metz to bring to Strassburg the information of the Emperor's particular departure from Metz and expected hour of his arrival in Strassburg, certainly, under the particular circumstances, a novel and consistent means of communicating such important intelligence.

Five birds were sent from Strassburg fortifications to Metz, two of 1893 hatch and three of previous seasons. The distance between the two cities is about 132 kilometres air line and 159 by railroad.

The birds had been trained a little previously before sending for the journey. At 7 A. M. the train bearing the German Emperor pulled out of the Metz depot, and at the same instant the five birds were liberated.

The weather was favorable and the result equally so.

The two young birds reached Strassburg at 8:58 A. M., making a velocity of about 1,123 metres per minute, and beating the train bearing the German Kaiser about one hour. Two of the old birds arrived later. I may add that the train was a through one, stopping at no way stations.

The first message announcing the Emperor's departure was handed in at 9 A. M., and the many German nobles appreciated this novel and interesting means of communication highly, thanking the fancy for their service, and the work of our birds and sport was unquestionably appreciated and boomed by the event.

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This same German journal gives a more complete and entertaining account of the home and home contest between the flying fanciers of Vienna and Berlin which occurred a short time ago, and which poor results is only illustrative of the absurdity of such competitions and that poor flying weather and disaster is as occasional abroad as here.

The race was arranged for Sunday, July 30, engaging 117 birds from Vienna lofts and 92 from the Berlin fanciers. The birds were privately countermarked on Saturday noon, July 29, and telegrams were exchanged over the course from various points as to weather and wind conditions. From both points unfavorable conditions existed, and on Sunday morning it was pouring in torrents.

Monday, July 31, both lots were started at 4:45 A. M. in cloudy weather, and it shortly commenced to rain, becoming gradually worse over the entire course, and through Silesia and Bohemia it came down in great shape. Of course, there was no prospect of any one day returns from such a distance in the neighborhood of 400 miles.

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It was the worst weather of the year, and under such conditions no birds could work and arrive. Even in the trainings the birds had a continuance of north-west winds to contend against. No birds

homed day of toss, as a matter to be expected. On the second day, at 11:40, first arrival came in to the Vienna fanciers to the loft of Herr Selser; second at 2:08 P. M., third at 3:42, fourth at 4:21, fifth at 4:28, sixth at 7:59, which was all the second day returns. On the third day Vienna had three more arrivals, but no bird home so far to Berlin.

The Vienna flying men were naturally highly elated at their victory, although the time made was poor, but under such conditions better work could not reasonably be looked for, and Vienna had a decided advantage in flying conditions.

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On the fourth day the weather improved somewhat and arrivals came in more frequently, and at 7:40 A. M. the first bird arrived in Berlin to Inspector Carl Schmidt, a prominent member of the Phoenix Flying Club. Schmidt gained most of the Berlin honors, and by the fourth day Vienna showed up 17 birds home and Berlin but four. Thus ended a very noteworthy contest, which was the talk for weeks among prominent European flying fanciers, and gained as much, if not more, interest and notoriety than the military horseback contest between the same points some time previous.

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From the *Homing Exchange* for October I have read a long and rambling communication, entitled "A Serious Charge," and against the officers and all connected with the Empire City Flying Club, signed by a Mr. George Brown, Jr., of Brooklyn, N. Y., who, claiming to be a lover of honest pigeon flying and fair-play, makes the startling announcement that a gross fraud was perpetrated in this prominent flying club on May 7 last, and he rushes now into print simply because *he has done all in his power* to have the club take hold of his charges without success and because *they turn their backs upon fraud and roguery* as if it were naught.

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Highly important, if true, I should say, but I am quite sure this remarkable youth (for I can just recall him in my mind's eye) has discovered a veritable mare's nest. He will know more later on. It is amusing, to say the least, to note with what sublime impudence he expresses a warm desire to *save space* in the *Homing Exchange* for *more valuable matter*, after taking up two full pages of that not generally overcrowded journal to air himself and his assumed grievances and mental anguish, and in the few pertinent questions and insinuations which he touches upon as likely to be made in reply to his charges he certainly is quick to discern his weak points.

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I shall not here attempt any review or explanation of this juvenile's charges against the officers and members of the Empire City Flying Club, but leave him to the tender mercies of the club's president to answer through the columns of the next issue of the *Homing Exchange*, November 1st, and in deference to the stipulations embodied in the short preface to the charges by that journal's editor, even though I question that gentleman's claim to such an extensive subscription roll.

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I will, however, say for the benefit and interest of the few American flying men who still read the *Homing Exchange* from among the many hundreds who weekly read THE AMERICAN FANCIER that the most remarkable and killing point in connection with the charges made by this youngster, and in direct conflict with one of his claimed arguments *that he has done all in his power* to have the club take hold of his charges, is that he has never spoken one word upon such subject to President Goldman, never called upon or spoken to the president at all about the matter, nor even written one single word to Mr. Goldman about his charges and wonderful discovery.

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To this youngster I would extend the advice once issued by "Lancelot" to "Chevalier" in their memorable tilt, to "Read more and write less," or, at least before rushing so madly into print *five months after the claimed* perpetration

of such fraud, to thoroughly post himself upon the subject he is handling, and to remember that in the Empire City Flying Club there are many older heads than his, heads with far more experience and ripe judgment, and belonging to men and fanciers who were well known as stern upholders for justice and honest pigeon flying when this same youngster was in knee pants.

Neither has time changed one particle the estimation in which these very men are still held by the American flying fancy, and whom this same youngster now arraigns before the bar of justice with such a grand flourish. The Messrs. Von Moers, Bennert, and Goldman have a record in the American flying fancy that this precocious youth might well strive to take pattern after instead of smirching with his puny darts of boyish conceit and imaginations, and if he had taken the trouble to call upon any of the three gentlemen before penning his letter to the *Homing Exchange* it would never have been penned, for he would have readily learned the difference between hearsay and facts, also gleaned further light on the dark subject that his ambitious young soul prompted him to tackle.

We will await the November exchange and see what president Goldman has to say to him.

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I have recently been asked by several correspondents as to the honesty and value of certain advertisements and postal cards received from foreign fanciers offering birds for sale at ridiculously low figures, and for their special benefit I now repeat what I have written formerly upon this subject, that really good birds find a ready sale in Belgium, France, Germany and England at high prices, and that really desirable and choice blood from the best Belgian flying lofts cannot be purchased from any such picayune figures as displayed in these tempting ads to entrap the unwary.

Appropos of this subject I quote a recent note of "Craig Royston" in the *British Fancier* in confirmation of what I have advanced in the past.

"With further reference to Homer advertisements I see the following announcement in a fancy journal this week: 'For sale about thirty young racers flown Ciney, Marebehan, Arion, 165 miles. Many prize winners raced.' Marked five shillings per pair."

This ad comes from a gentleman in Belgium. He is actually able, most astonishing thing, to buy winners of races at under the price and sell them at five shillings a pair in England, making at the same a profit out of the sale.

"Really Mr. Belgian this is too good to be true."

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A very readable series of articles are being published in the *Feathered World* by W. Fellows upon the "Causes, Symptoms and Treatment of Roup, Canker and Kindred Ailments."

In dealing with the first division, *causes*, I think his remarks cannot but be of particular interest to THE AMERICAN FANCIER, and read with considerable benefit. These causes he classifies as follows: Atmosphere or cold, producing unsanitary causes and those arising from injudicious feeding.

Now it is particularly upon this latter cause—injudicious feeding—that I would lay before the young fancier, for to it I attribute many of the complaints that reach me, and being, as the writer states, the especial agent in the propagation of canker. To the Homing fancier an ounce of prevention is far more to be desired than a pound of cure, and for this reason I quote from the article in question verbatim.

"Injudicious feeding. Under this heading may be included foods of bad quality and unsuitable foods. Under the first of these will be included new and badly dried corn, whether by kiln or otherwise, dirty or worm eaten corn, or corn that has become mildewed, mouldy or musty from being stored in a damp place. The use of such corn, apart from the dangers of foul crop and diarrhoea, will tend to poison the blood and predispose of canker. Food fouled by droppings and water similarly tainted would also come under this heading.

Of unsuitable foods a diet deficient in

flesh forming and saline matters, with an excess of heat and fat forming substances, is the one most likely to accelerate the growth of the germs by impoverishing and unduly heating the blood.

Lastly, uncleanliness in any form and anything likely to lower the tone of the body or poison the blood is a predisposing cause to the development of these diseases."

I have so frequently urged upon the young fancier a very careful and strict attention to this leading question of feed, because I have long ago found out its high importance, and yet I know of no question that is more frequently ignored, nor one that is so likely to mislead the inexperienced and young beginner, and especially the economist.

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The latest issue of the *Homing News* (England) just received, says: "The sudden change in the weather from warm and dry to frost and afterwards to rain, has left its mark on many birds which were in the moult. We have been informed of the sudden death of several good stock birds and apparently without cause. A chill followed by acute inflammation doubtless was at the bottom of the mischief. The danger appears to be greater in the case of prisoners than in birds flying out. A fact which fanciers will doubtless bear in mind."

This should recall the caution in my former notes upon this very question, and I know from personal knowledge that the remarks of our esteemed English contemporary drive home with equal force to more than one American loft.

League of American Homing Clubs.

To all Delegates to the League of American Homing Clubs:

You are hereby requested to attend a meeting of league delegates to be held on Thursday evening, Oct. 19th at Early Hall, 1321 Arch street, Philadelphia, Pa., at 7 o'clock, to a appoint place for holding the annual meeting of the league on Dec. 21st next, also to consider time and place for an annual exhibition of league record birds, and other matters of importance which I desire to lay before you. If unable to be present please send me your views by mail upon the following and also the information I solicit:

1. Where annual meeting shall be held.
2. Whether you are in favor of exhibition of league record birds and where to be held and when.
3. The full membership of your club and those paid up in the league for 1893, together with their full name and address, and also specify those of your club delegates, club secretary and president.
4. The exact financial situation between your club and the league up to date so far as known.
5. What flights during the old and young bird flying season of 1893, your club has made, consistent with league requirements and for league honors.

Your prompt attention to the foregoing is earnestly solicited.

T. FRED GOLDMAN,
President,
832 Herkimer St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

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From the loft of Fred. C. Weiss, to Reitz & Verwange, 13 pairs Crested Fantails.

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HAS LONGED FOR IT.

I am well pleased with your weekly journal. It is something I have longed for. You have some of the best men back of it.

ROBERT H. BELL.
Albany, N. Y., October 3, 1893.

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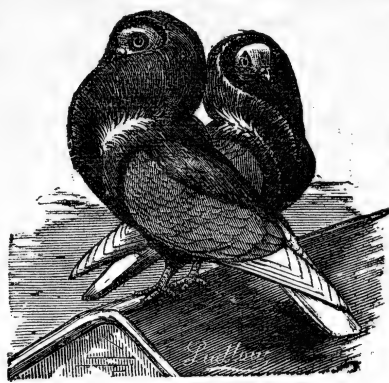
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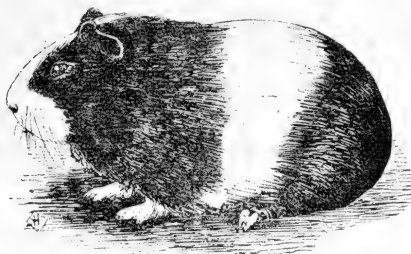
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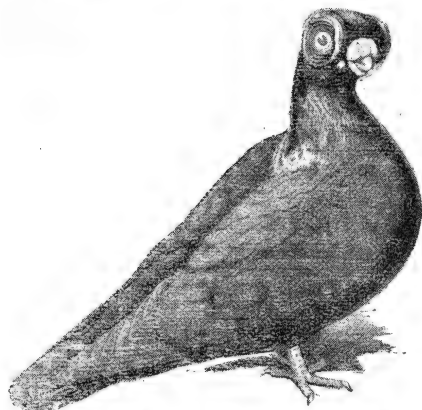
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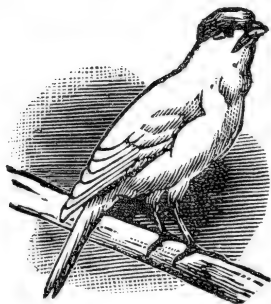
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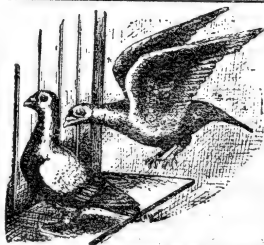
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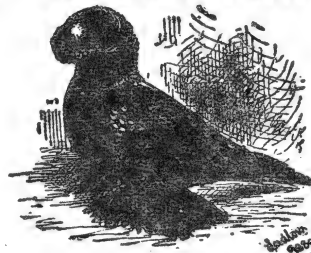


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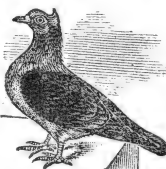
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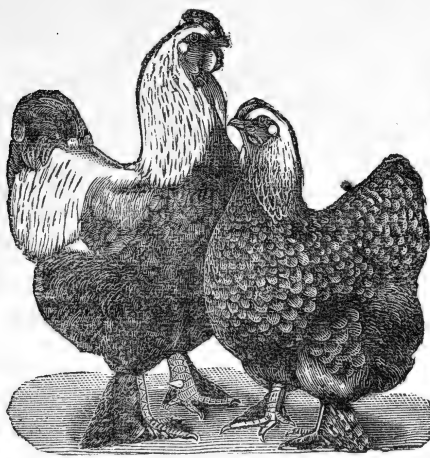
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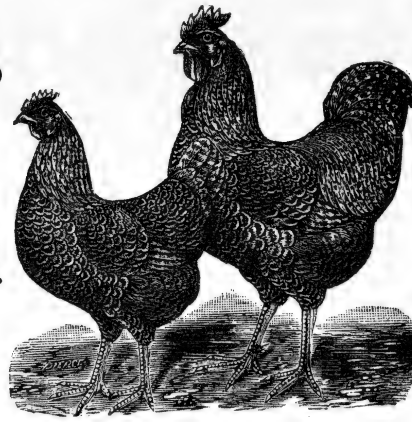
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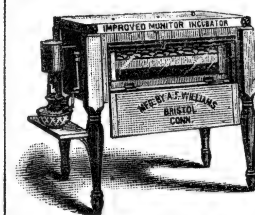
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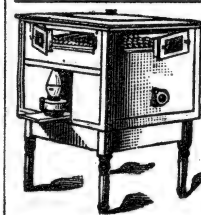
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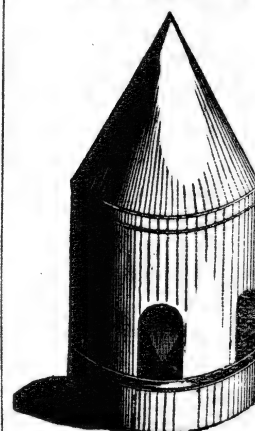


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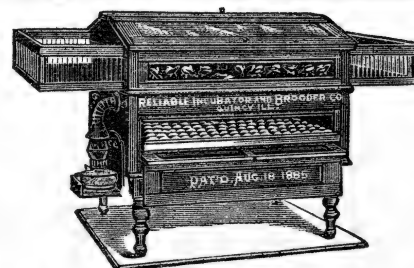
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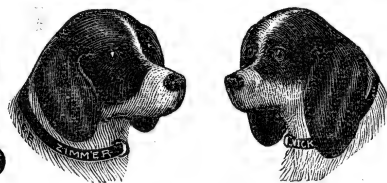
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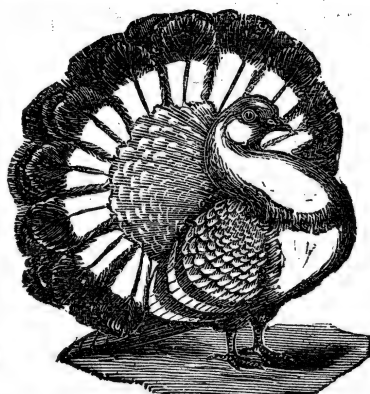
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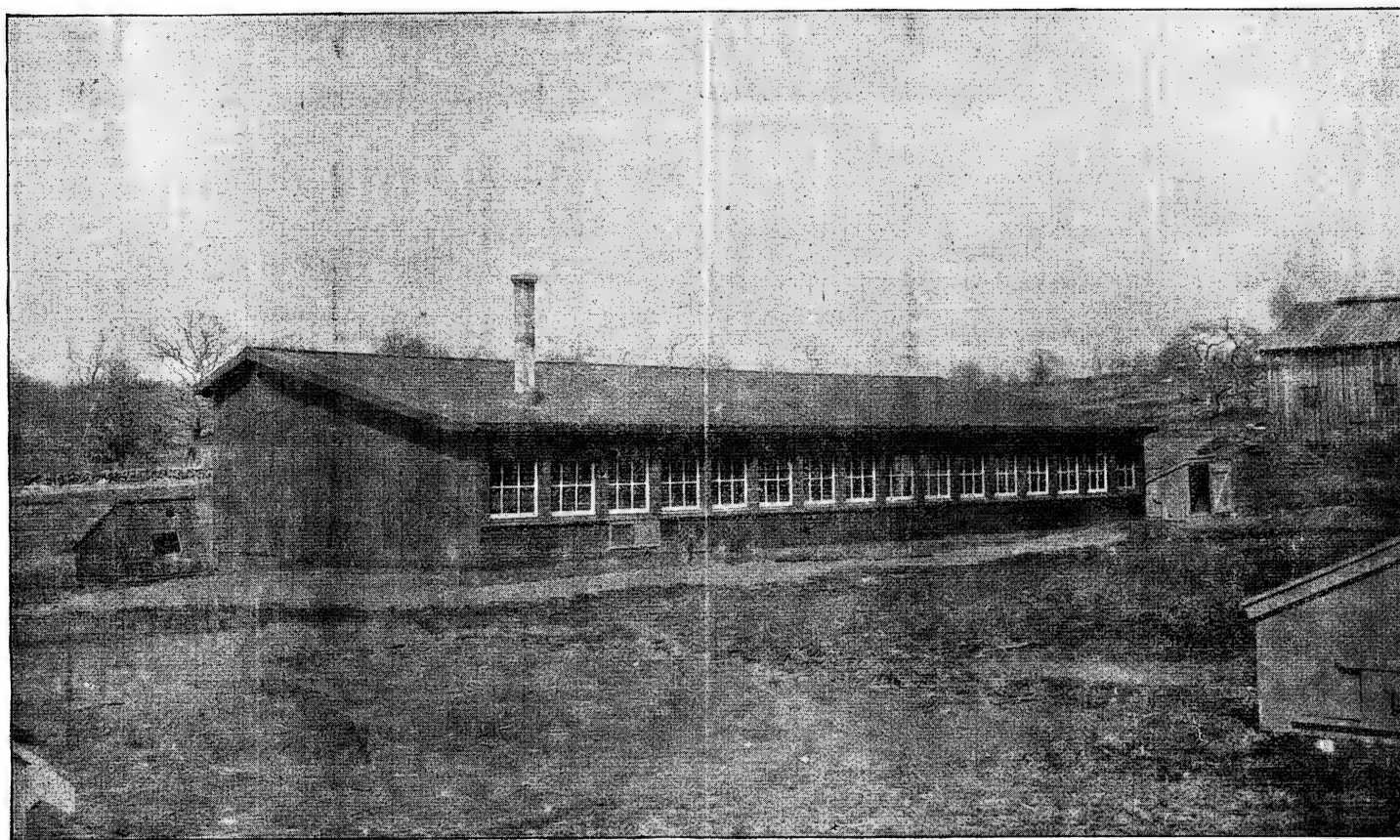
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- Dec. 11-16.—Southern Kansas Poultry Association, Wichita, Kansas. F. D. Munn, secretary.
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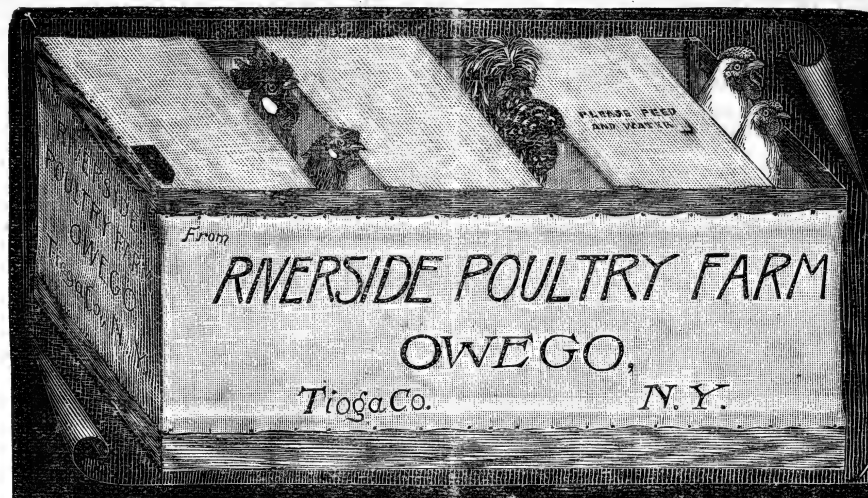
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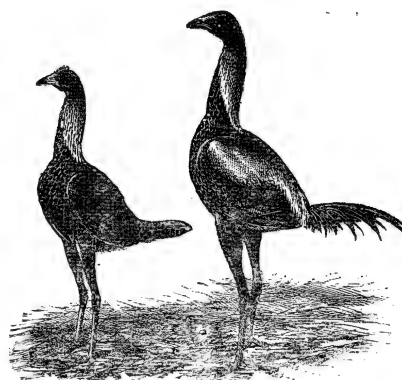
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78 "	117.00	234.00	351.00	468.00	936.00	1404.00	1872.00	2808.00	936.00	936.00
79 "	118.50	237.00	355.50	474.00	948.00	1422.00	1896.00	2844.00	948.00	948.00
80 "	120.00	240.00	360.00	480.00	960.00	1440.00	1920.00	2880.00	960.00	960.00
81 "	121.50	243.00	364.50	486.00	972.00	1458.00	1944.00	2916.00	972.00	972.00
82 "	123.00	246.00	369.00	492.00	984.00	1476.00	1968.00	2952.00	984.00	984.00
83 "	124.50	249.00	373.50	498.00	996.00	1494.00	1992.00	2988.00	996.00	996.00
84 "	126.00	252.00	378.00	504.00	1008.00	1512.00	2016.00	3024.00	1008.00	1008.00
85 "	127.50	255.00	382.50	510.00	1020.00	1530.00	2040.00	3060.00	1020.00	1020.00
86 "	129.00	258.00	387.00	516.00	1032.00	1548.00	2064.00	3096.00	1032.00	1032.00
87 "	130.50	261.00	391.50	522.00	1044.00	1566.00	2088.00	3132.00	1044.00	1044.00
88 "	132.00	264.00	396.00	528.00	1056.00	1584.00	2112.00	3168.00	1056.00	1056.00
89 "	133.50	267.00	400.50	534.00	1068.00	1602.00	2136.00	3204.00	1068.00	1068.00
90 "	135.00	270.00	405.00	540.00	1080.00	1620.00	2160.00	3240.00	1080.00	1080.00
91 "	136.50	273.00	409.50	546.00	1092.00	1638.00	2184.00	3276.00	1092.00	1092.00
92 "	138.00	276.00	414.00	552.00	1104.00	1656.00	2208.00	3312.00	1104.00	1104.00
93 "	139.50	279.00	418.50	558.00	1116.00	1674.00	2232.00	3348.00	1116.00	1116.00
94 "	141.00	282.00	423.00	564.00	1128.00	1692.00	2256.00	3384.00	1128.00	1128.00
95 "	142.50	285.00	427.50	570.00	1140.00	1710.00	2280.00	3420.00	1140.00	1140.00
96 "	144.00	288.00	432.00	576.00	1152.00	1728.00	2304.00	3456.00	1152.00	1152.00
97 "	145.50	291.00	436.50	582.00	1164.00	1746.00	2328.00	3492.00	1164.00	1164.00
98 "	147.00	294.00	441.00	588.00	1176.00	1764.00	2352.00	3528.00	1176.00	1176.00
99 "	148.50	297.00	445.50	594.00	1188.00	1782.00	2376.00	3564.00	1188.00	1188.00
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The Black Indian Games shown were anything but typical of the breed, being totally deficient in shape of body and head.

Polish were well represented, the Buff Laced variety leading in quality, strange to say, but we should see more of this beautiful fowl. When well-bred it is very handsome. There was a good display of Houdans, but the rest of the French class was weak.

Bantams were a tremendous crowd, and filled all coops, besides being quartered in exhibitors' coops on the floors of the aisles. The Sebrights, Polish and Pekin varieties made up grand classes, but the feature was the Game Bantam exhibit. It was one of the best I ever saw and competition was in some classes, notably Red Pyles and Brown Reds very keen. In Black Reds, Adrian W. Smith had a walk-over, but in Red Pyles he met strong competition. As the birds of Mr. Smith and Mr. Hayward have frequently been described in these columns, it is needless here to again go over the same ground. Both these young fanciers breed and show only the best, and their great success in the show room is due to their pluck in buying the very choicest stock at the start.

Poultry in Large Towns.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

That it is absolutely necessary that poultry raising to be successful requires a large range, is an illusion, that one woman's experience at least has proved to be false. This lady, for she was a lady in every sense of the word, being well, in fact liberally educated, had travelled much, and moved in the best society of her native town, had means sufficient to give her the luxuries as well as the necessities of life, and was in no way obliged to take up poultry raising for a support. It so happened that she became troubled with a tendency to obesity, in combination with a skin disease that disfigured her naturally handsome face, and among other remedies recommended by her physician was plenty of out door exercise. By chance she visited friends who were interested in a small flock of pure bred fowls, and when she found how much pleasure as well as profit they derived from the care of their pets, she asked herself the question, why cannot I make the raising of poultry and eggs a means towards the recovery of my health? It struck her so forcibly that in this she would derive not only health, but pleasure, that on her return home she set at once to work to carry out her project. From her friends she had gathered many good ideas, as to buildings and the care of fowls, but her education told her that books on the subject never came amiss, so she purchased some of the best at the time published, also subscribed for one or two of the leading poultry magazines, and thus fortified began her work. The house lot was about 50x200 feet, surrounded partially by buildings and a fence about five feet high, the house occupied with its front yard about fifty feet of the enclosure, leaving about 150 feet in depth for her operations. At the back of the lot she had her first building erected, a "lean to" or shed shaped building about eight feet wide and sixteen long, with one large window near the centre. It was made of matched boards, covered on the outside with three-ply tarred paper, rendering it water tight and warm. The earth inside was taken out to about a depth of six inches,

and this excavation then filled with coal cinders, preventing the possibility of any rat burrowing under, over this was laid a floor of matched boards. Observation convincing her that this was better than cement or an earth floor, as it could be easily kept clean and would be warmer and always drier than any other kind of floor. Along the side opposite the window for about ten feet, she had a bench about two feet wide, placed at about same height from floor, over this, about a foot above the bench, were placed two rows of roosts. This bench secured all the droppings during the night, was regularly and easily cleaned every morning, and the droppings carefully saved in barrels and every few days covered with a thin layer of dried earth or road dust. At one end of the building about four feet from the end wall she had a thin partition erected, making a small room 4x8 feet. This she prepared for a laying room by building two rows of nests about twelve inches square, elevated about three inches from the floor, sixteen in all, eight in lower tier and eight in the upper. Across the front a strip of board about three and one-half inches wide to keep the nesting material in place was nailed, and the nests were complete. The outside door of the building opened into this room and in this door was a single light of glass, 10x12, which gave just sufficient light to the laying room to enable the hens to find the nests and not enough to induce them to frequent the place for any other purpose than laying. In the partition was made another door for admission into the roosting room, so that it was possible to pass into the laying room from the outside without disturbing the fowls in the roosting apartment, and then if necessary to go into the roosting room, this door provided the means for admission. In the partition also were cut two small openings for the hens to pass in and out of the laying room. Her preparations for their accommodation being completed, she began her purchases of fowls, and fancying she would like a variety, she purchased a few Plymouth Rocks, a few Brahmas, a few Cochins, a few Wyandottes and two or three Javas, but thought best to have her two cocks of the Plymouth Rock variety. She had heard and read much of the Plymouth Rock as a general purpose fowl, and she reasoned that most of the chickens she intended to raise would be Rocks, and if she really found them the most advantageous to keep, she could dispose of her mongrels and keep only the Rocks. In making all the preparations she was obliged in overseeing the work to be much out of doors and she found that the exercise combined with the interest awakened already began to show its good effects, and this naturally encouraged her to keep on with the experiment. After the house was all finished and ready for occupancy, it was given two good coats of whitewash inside, so that when her fowls were received everything was in readiness for them.

As the spring was well advanced by this time and the fowls had already begun laying, it was not many days after their arrival before they began again, and at the rate of twelve to fifteen each day. Her egg basket soon began to fill up, and she had to look for a market for her surplus. This she readily found among her acquaintances, who were only too glad to purchase eggs they knew were fresh laid, and as her flock increased in

size and eggs multiplied accordingly, she sought and found new customers in other families. And so it continued to the end; she never lacked for customers for her eggs. This first season as soon as her hens showed a desire to set she took them to the dwelling house and provided proper nests for them in a rear basement, where she kept them and attended to their wants until the chicks were hatched, when she removed the broods to the yard and placed them under coops prepared before hand for each brood. Having good success, she so managed it that at the end of the season she had about 100 thrifty chickens, and as she had been particular in the selection of her eggs, full three-quarters of these were Plymouth Rocks. From these she selected forty good pullets, disposing of the others to her butcher. This with the fifteen or twenty Plymouth Rocks of her original flock, and a few others she purchased from a breeder, gave her about seventy-five Plymouth Rocks, and with Brahmas, Javas, Cochins and Wyandottes she retained of her first lot, made her 100 fowls in all. Her increased flock necessitated the building of two more houses or sheds similar to the first built. One of these was erected in the corner of the lot opposite the first built, and the other about twenty-five feet from this last on the western side of the lot. Between the three houses she erected covered runs provided with a glass front for winter use, so arranged as to be movable in warm weather, leaving in its place the wire screens used to protect the glass when in use during cold weather, thus giving plenty of air when necessary to confine the fowls during the summer. Thus as winter came on she found herself in what she was pleased to term good working order. As everything was kept scrupulously clean and care taken to avoid unnecessary exposure to cold and drafts, she had no sign of sickness and her fowls thrived and prospered in a remarkable manner. Keeping so many fowls together in so contracted a space one would naturally expect the ground to become tainted and disease engendered, but this she avoided by having the yard thoroughly spaded every month, and during the period when fowls were confined to the runs, these were also dug over occasionally and smoothed by the rake. Digging up the ground brought to the surface many worms, insects and larvae, which the fowls appreciated and enjoyed, and the loose soil furnished them employment in scratching, thus proving an additional element toward keeping them in health. For winter use leaves were collected in the fall and occasionally strewn in the runs among which wheat and oats were scattered, and the fowls in hunting for this found the exercise needed to keep the blood in circulation and the dangers of close confinement warded off. Mild sunny days in winter the fowls were also given the liberty of the yard, and the houses at the same time thoroughly aired for a few hours. Her manner of feeding was in the summer to give a little soft feed in the morning mixed quite dry, a few handfuls of the smaller grains at noon, and all the corn and wheat they would eat at about 4 o'clock in the afternoon. In winter a feed of soft food, potatoes, turnips, onions or carrots boiled and mixed with meal of various grains, with an addition of a small quantity of ground beef scraps and fed warm about 9 o'clock in the morning and then a feed

of wheat and corn in the afternoon. She did not confine herself to a fixed bill of fare, but varied it as her judgment dictated, feeding at times in place of the raw grain all the different kinds of grain parched. At first her fowls did not seem to understand that it was edible, but once they had learned to like it they would forsake all raw grains for it, and she found that feeding grain in this form had a marked influence on egg production especially in winter. In addition to this feeding she always kept a supply of broken charcoal and oyster shells where they could help themselves to it as they desired, and always a supply of clean fresh water, changing it several times each day in the summer and slightly warming it in winter. Such thorough and systematic care required time and labor. But she was seeking health as well as profit and as the attention she gave her pets was a pleasure, it never became laborious, and in connection with the benefit derived from constantly improving health conditions; the thrifty condition that constant care kept her fowls in, were productive of the most satisfactory results financially, as she never saw the time during her whole experience that some of her hens were not laying, and the recognized superior quality of her eggs, held her old customers and brought her the best of prices. Added to this she eventually disposed of all varieties of fowls except Plymouth Rocks, and this becoming known brought her every spring calls for her eggs for setting purposes at \$1.00 to \$1.50 per setting, a factor that added largely to her profits. So in the matter of cockerels. By her careful attention to breeding after the first year, she always had in the fall a number of fine young birds that brought her an advanced price for breeding purposes. At the end of five years she had entirely regained her health, and circumstances occurring that required her to go abroad, she was reluctantly obliged to give up her fowls. And in the breaking up of her enterprise the usual successful results were realized, all owing to thought, careful breeding and excellent care. Her determination to dispose of them was reached late in the fall. At the time she had about 200 old and young fowls on hand and these she was enabled to dispose of in one lot at the rate of \$1.50 each, which she considered a very successful sale taking the fowls as a lot. She could have disposed of many of them individually at a much higher price, but she had not then the time to wait for single customers to come, and was well satisfied to sell them to one party at the price she obtained. We obtained these facts from her just previous to her departure for Europe, and we have given them to your readers as an example of what a plucky woman can do in the poultry line, and if she could accomplish what she did in her contracted space, how much more many could do under more favorable conditions. Unfortunately she never kept a book account with her poultry, but she assured us that they were never an expense to her. The receipts from sales of eggs, poultry and manure covering all her outlay and leaving her a profit beside. Added to this her complete restoration to health was a boon that alone was worth all the care and work she had been subjected to. The facts we have given can convey ideas of how to proceed should any one desire to follow her example, and readers can vary the arrangement of buildings, choice of stock, &c., to suit their conditions. The results of her experiment shows that poultry can be raised quite extensively in small enclosures, and that the secret of success is unfaltering care and attention coupled with good judgment and a love for the work. The moment the work becomes irksome is the time to stop, for loss of interest means the end of success.

EXPERIMENT.

Fattening Fowls.

I am often giving an account of the Sussex poultry, and yet people are continually asking what Sussex fowls are. Many when they come to London naturally visit the poultry markets, and when they ask the price of the Sussex poultry are much surprised at it being so high, and in many cases at once send to Surrey or Sussex for eggs or poultry, thinking if they send to the London markets they will realize the same prices as the Surrey and Sussex people. Of course they are disappointed, usually getting 1s 6d or 2s per bird less. It is not so much the breed of fowl as the way the birds are fattened. Give a skillful man, well trained in the art of carving, a piece of wood, and when he has finished with it it is very valuable; but give it to another man to work upon and it is almost worthless. There is so much difference in the finish of the two. So it is with the Surrey fowls. They make very little unless they are well fattened and got up properly by those who thoroughly understand the business. I usually go through the fattening counties twice a year. Although the birds are usually called Surrey fowls, most of them are fattened in Sussex and many bred in Kent. A large number are fattened in the lower part of Kent, but as long as they are plumped in the proper way they all go by the name of Surrey fowls, and are bought and sold as such in the markets. I once heard a major in one of the northern counties remark that he never cared about fowls when he was at home because there was not a nice flavor with them, but when staying in London he never objected to give from 5s 6d to 7s 6d each for Surrey fed fowls, and there are thousands of others of the same mind. The Surrey fowls are fed to make their skin and flesh white—viz., on skim milk, oatmeal, barley meal, and suet, or what some people would call rough fat from the butcher's (the trimmings from mutton chops, &c.). These are either boiled or chopped up and mixed with the meals. In all cases which have come under my notice the birds are crammed by machinery, though I believe a few are still fattened by hand. I am told they make much finer fowls when they are crammed by hand, but I cannot say that from experience, though I have fattened them by hand and also by machinery. The best way of testing this is to have about a dozen birds, all of equal quality, and cram half by hand and the other half with a machine. As far as my experience goes, if the fowls are small one way is just as well as the other, but when it comes to fattening large chickens for Christmas, they are usually penned up about twenty-six or twenty-seven days before they are required, and it is better to cram them by hand. The young birds in the spring and at this time of the year are usually only in the coops from twelve to fifteen days, and are better fattened by machinery. This is my opinion.

Professional fatteners are always very jealous of anyone getting hold of their method of fattening. I have no difficulty myself in going through the fattening establishments, but no strangers are allowed to go through unless they are introduced by a certain firm. I know one gentleman who offered £12 if they would let him see how they fattened, but they said "No, not for £20." The secret has been confined to the Kent, Sussex, and Surrey people for many

years, but it is leaking out now. The best way for a person who can see his way clear to start a fattening establishment is to get a good man from one of these counties, well up to his business. The fowls are all put in little coops, four or six birds in each, scarcely room for them to turn round in. The coops are usually about 3 feet or 3 feet 6 inches from the ground, put in rows facing each other. The birds always eat better when the coops are placed in this way, as they can see each other. When the fowls are first put up to fatten the food should be soft, so that it does not cling together. They are usually allowed to eat from three to seven days, according to how they get on, then they are finished off by cramming. Many hundreds of fowls are sent from Ireland to the fattening counties, so that they are not all Sussex and Surrey fowls, but when once they have gone through the fatteners' hands they pass as such. They are not only fattened well but they are finished off so nicely. That is, the birds are put in a trough when they are warm, after being picked, and heavy weights are placed upon the breast and abdomen of the fowls. Then they are pressed very heavily, which flattens these parts and gives the bird the appearance of being much fatter than it really is. They begin to fatten just the other side of Tonbridge, in Kent, round Paddock Wood. These are the first fatteners I know of; then comes Marden, Staplehurst and Ashford, right down to Hythe and round Dover, near Folkestone. I took a trip right round the sea coast, calling at all the principal towns, after which I went on to Heathfield in Sussex, which is the centre of the fattening country, then on to Polegate, Brighton, and round that district through Worthing, on to Southsea and Portsmouth, crossing over to the Isle of Wight. In the latter district the fatteners told me they always liked to get hold of something which had Brahma or Plymouth Rock blood in it, as the chickens fatten so much better. Brahmas or Plymouth Rocks in their pure state have yellow legs and skin, but when they are crossed in almost every case the progeny come with white legs and skin. I believe if an Indian Game or Brahma cock is used with ordinary cross-bred Sussex hens and a Dorking cock is mated with the offspring from them the stock produced from the latter make the longest prices of any fowls in the market, except well fattened pure bred Dorkings, and in some cases even more than them.

I have been watching very carefully the experiments which have been carried on throughout the fattening counties, and have often supplied birds for the purpose (sometimes free), so that I might see what the crossing and re-crossing for the London markets produce. To begin with, the Sussex fowls are mongrels, only they are carefully selected. The hens with long deep breasts are all saved, and though the male bird may be a mongrel, the owner looks out to have one with a deep breast and short legs, although the hens may be mongrels. If a Brahma or Indian Game cock is put with them, about three parts of the chickens come with white legs and a full deep breast. Then, if a Dorking is used with the latter cross, the offspring come exactly the same shape as a Dorking, but with a deeper cut of meat on the breast. The prices of Surrey fowls have kept up fairly well in the London markets, but the fatteners are making more of them

now by sending them to seaside places. A large number of the fatteners have their customers at different seaside places when the London season is over. Many people have an idea that the fattening season is only good for about a month or six weeks, but the old fatteners know better. Many of them are making 4s each now for chickens, and tip-top ones 4s 6d each from the poulterers, first hand. In London they are not making so much. The fatteners are now setting hens on all the eggs they can get, and will be doing this up to the first and second week in November.—WM. COOK IN *Poultry*, ENGLAND.

Feeding Corn to Game Fowls.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

Speaking of feeding corn to poultry suggests the idea of giving my experience with that cereal as a food for game fowls. While I do and always have made Indian corn the principal diet for my fowls and am a firm believer in its merits as a staple food, I think I have discovered that some varieties of the game family require less of it than others. Years ago when I kept nothing but ordinary pit games I learned more than once the disastrous effects of confining my flock to corn and especially when indulging them in its too liberal use. I had each year cases of vertigo and apoplexy, beside rendering valueless in other ways both old and young stock. I became, finally, quite prejudiced against maize in any form. I tried wheat, oats, barley and other foods instead, but was never satisfied with results. I then began to understand that corn properly and judiciously applied was what my fowls needed; that corn was the most essential of all grains but that its quantity must be limited. From that time I began to succeed with my flock. By very little experimenting I found just about how much corn could be fed to advantage and gave no more than it needed to get best results.

Some years later when I began to breed Malays, I discovered that these latter did best on nearly all corn, except in fall, at the time when fast growing young stock was liable to contract leg weakness, and then the free use of wheat and oats with the corn, proved beneficial. At other seasons of the year the Malays lived almost entirely on corn, and, pardon me for saying that I know of no one who can outdo me in breeding and handling this variety. Since I have been breeding Cornish Indians I have found that they, too, thrived well and produced excellent results in every way on an almost exclusive corn diet. In fact the best Cornish Indians I ever raised or ever saw were fed nothing but corn (whole and ground) from chicks to maturity and afterward. I have fed Aseels and Shamo Japs nothing but corn for weeks at a time, yet I never observed any bad effects from its exclusive use. I never have had a case of vertigo in either of these varieties. Both of these are moderate layers, no matter what their food, but I am confident that they have produced the greater number of eggs on corn. With exhibition games I have had best luck by limiting the corn supply, feeding it at night only, except in extreme cold weather when they are allowed some at noon. I always feed three times a day, summer and winter, young stock and o'd, but never allow more than is eaten at the time. Why the oriental varieties of game fowls appear to flourish better on Indian corn than some of the American and European, I am

entirely unable to conjecture, but such has been my experience. Even with the ordinary, high tailed race of game fowls I would no more think of getting along without at least a partial corn diet than would I expect to raise them without grit (to grind with), yet I have read that it could be successfully accomplished. My experience in feeding corn to game fowls has been entirely with those having unlimited range. I know nothing about feeding fowls when confined to small runs. Under the latter condition perhaps I would have encountered results of a reverse nature.

F. H. GRAVES.

Viroqua, Wis.

Dry vs. Wet Feed.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

In my experience I found dry grain and water far better than sloppy food and no water for chickens. Sloppy food was fed years ago to cows, and even to this day some dairymen persist in its use when it is well known that dry food is more digestible and economical and produces better results than the bran and meal slops. The chief objection to sloppy food for chickens is that it sours and spoils readily, especially in warm weather. I believe in giving young chickens the best bone and muscle producing food in as pure a state as possible. It is well known that any number of feeding tables can be constructed which, to a man who has nothing else to do but to feed poultry, may answer well enough, but when one has a lot of chickens to feed and care for a large dairy of cows economy of labor is a great factor. This was my case some four years ago. I was anxious to raise a large number of chickens with the least amount of labor. This I did by using brooders instead of hens and substituting dry feed for wet feed. Small chickens just hatched always like warm milk, and it is the first thing they will take if they can get it. There is no more perfect food than milk for any animal, and chickens are no exception. Some object to milk the same as they do to water, claiming that it loosens the bowels of the chickens too much. This is only the case when chickens are allowed to gorge themselves with milk or water. I took fresh milk from the cow and added its weight of boiling water. This dilutes the milk and at the same time insures its keeping better in hot weather. This milk was poured into a tomato can and the latter inverted in a tin saucer just large enough to admit the chickens drinking readily, but not large enough to admit their feet and bodies. I placed this milk before them in the morning, and at noon and about five o'clock in the afternoon lifted the can and replenished the saucer. This prevented the chickens gorging themselves with milk and induced them to pick up the dry feed which was before them continually.

GOTHAM.

New York, October 13, 1893.

ITS SUCCESS BEYOND QUESTION.

THE AMERICAN FANCIER, the first number of which came promptly when promised, the first of September, is well printed, and of course well edited, and a live, go-ahead paper, such as we had reason to expect it would be. Its success is beyond question.—*Poultry Monthly*.

THE BEST ADVERTISING MEDIUM.

My classified advertisement was inserted two times, and before the second one appeared, I sold 13 pair of my Crested Fantails. I consider it the best advertising journal I ever saw.

FRED. C. WEISS.

Evansville, Ind., October 2, 1893.

Poultry Buildings

At the Rhode Island Experiment Station.

BY SAMUEL CUSHMAN.

In addition to the buildings described in the Fourth Annual Report, pages 90 to 93, there have been erected during the past year a house for brooding young chickens and a turkey shed. The latter is similar to a carriage shed, with slatted front and is 20 feet long by 12 wide. Early in the spring a few turkeys were procured from one of the largest Rhode Island turkey raisers, also a wild gobbler from Maryland, in hopes that there might be raised, and introduced about the State, hardy, half wild turkeys for breeding. A number of visits were made to extensive turkey raisers, successful and unsuccessful, to learn their methods of management.

The brooder house referred to is 40 feet long by 15 wide and runs east and west. It has a double pitch roof, is 6 feet high at the back, 7 feet at the ridge (which is 3 feet from the back) and 4 feet high in front. It is covered, both roof and sides, with "Neponsett" paper and is painted. Inside, along the back of the house is a 3-foot passageway with a door opening out at each end. The brooders run the length of the building alongside this passageway and are heated by hot water pipes from a No. 2 "Thayer Hot Water Heater." This is located at the west end, in a 4 by 5 pit that is 3 feet deep, and is connected with a cement chimney. This size of heater has a capacity much greater than is required to heat this house, and, it is thought, will be sufficient should it be extended 50 feet, or if a double brooder house, 25 feet long running north and south, should be connected with it.

The flow pipes consist of two one-inch pipes connected by headers and run the whole length of the building within the brooders. The return pipes are the same in size and number and both run side by side, the return being in front. There is a slight pitch to the pipes, the end farthest from the heater being higher, about 5 inches rise in the 35 feet.

At this end, farthest from the heater, they extend upright and project above the brooders about 18 inches where the flow is connected to the return by a header. From this highest point in the circulation, a vent pipe for the escape of steam, rises and turns down into the water tank just above. A feed pipe, in which there is a check valve to prevent water backing up, runs from the bottom of the water tank and connects with the return pipe at its lowest point at this end of the building.

The brooders are boxed up, having hinged covers above and a slide in front, so they may be closed tightly, thus enabling one to confine most of the heat if necessary. They are also lighted by a pane of glass, 3 by 10, inserted in the front of each. The brooders are about 2 1-2 feet from front to back; the passageway being 3 feet wide, leaves the pens about 9 1-2 feet long. There are eleven of these indoor pens, six of them 2 1-2 feet wide and five 5 feet wide. The brooders are of the same width as the pens and a foot high. They are not enclosed within the pens but their slides open into them. One-inch mesh wire netting is used for the partitions. Doors open out over the brooders at the back of each pen and give access from the passageway. The brooders, not being in the pens, are more easily looked after; the covers may be raised

for ventilation or thrown back entirely, to give more heat to the building. The pipes in the brooder nearest the heater are 4 or 5 inches from the ground and 10 inches high at the other end, but the chambers may be filled up and the distance lessened, if desired. The pens were made of a width to contain one or two windows. The windows are 28 by 23 inches and are located high enough to give room for a slide door beneath, 8 inches high. These doors are half as long as the space beneath the windows. This building and system of piping has up to the present time proved satisfactory. The building is not floored but was made rat proof in the following way: The earth was excavated to the depth of 12 inches below the bottom of the sills.

Hemlock boards one foot wide were nailed to the posts upon which the sills rest and close up to the sill around the building, and the entire ground surface inside the building was then covered with wire netting, half inch mesh, laced together with wire at all joints and extending up to the sills where it was securely fastened. The house was then filled, level with the sills, with fine gravel.

An illustration of this building is given opposite.

The work with incubators has been subordinate to other experiments. As good success has been had in hatching with incubators as with hens. When large numbers of chickens are to be reared there is no question as to the great advantage derived from using incubators

and brooders. The new "Challenge" incubator gives as good satisfaction as any machine we have tried (Monarch, old style, and Prairie State) and is run with the least labor.

Experiments in caponizing were continued the past season, and birds were operated upon here and in various parts of the State to teach the operation. Capons were shown at the several Agricultural Fairs and at the winter Poultry Exhibition. Bulletin No. 20, Dec., 1892, gives the results of the experiments of two seasons and our study of the subject, the method of operating and the various tools used are also illustrated and described. Arrangements have been made to give, at the Station, free instruction in caponizing to any one living in the State.

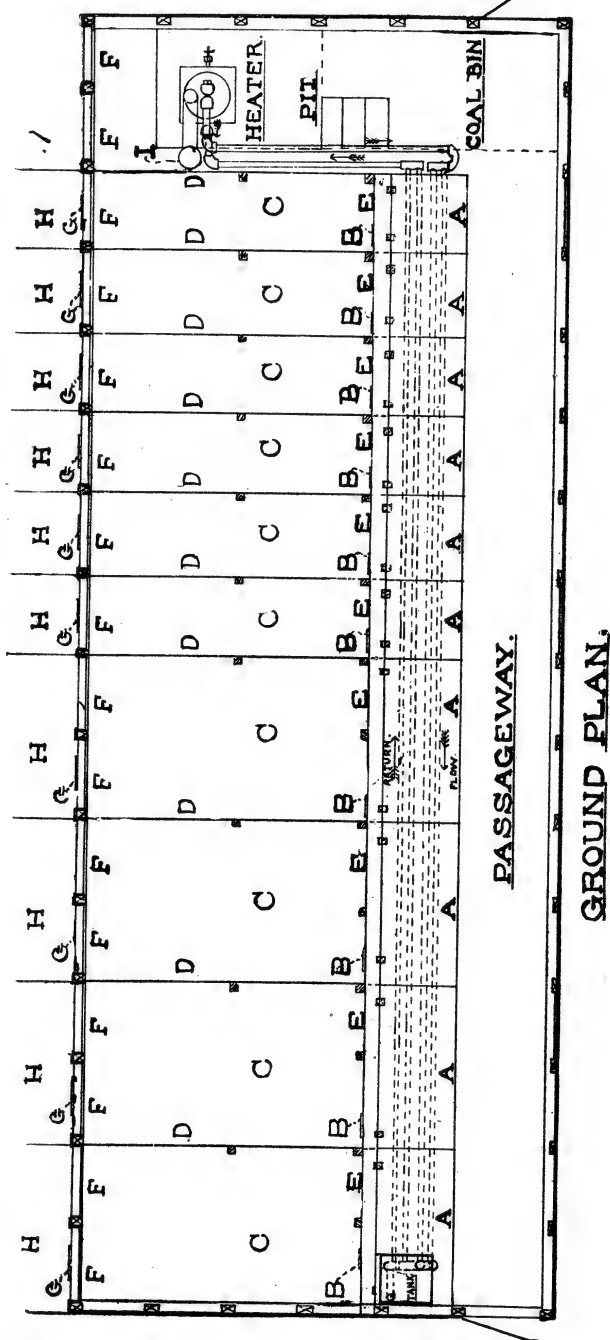
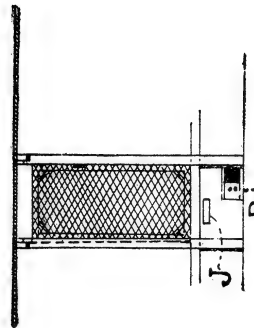
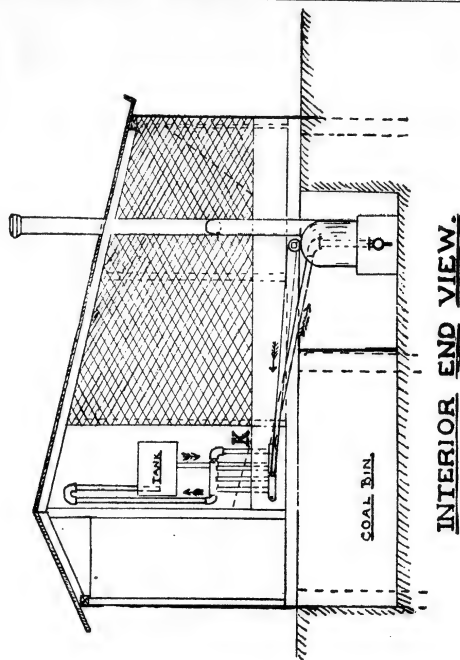


DIAGRAM OF BROODER HOUSE.



- A—Hinged covers to brood chambers.
- B—Sliding doors to brood chambers.
- C—Inside pens.
- D—Wire Partitions.
- E—Wire doors to inside pens.
- F—Windows.
- G—Slide doors to outdoor pens.
- H—Outdoor pens.
- I—Chimney.
- J—Glass window to brood chamber.
- K—Sliding door to brood chamber.
- L—Wire door to pen.
- M—Cover to brood chamber raised.

Toronto Poultry, Pigeon, and Pet Stock Association.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

The regular monthly meeting of the above association was held in Temperance hall on Thursday evening, October 12th, the President (Mr. Charles Bonnick) in the chair. There was a fair attendance of members.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Several accounts were passed and ordered to be paid.

The Executive Committee reported *re* the International Decimal Score Card Association recommending that no action be taken with regard thereto, owing to the fact that the association had by resolution placed itself on record as in favor of comparison judging.

Moved by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Durston, that the consideration of the report be left over until February next, after the exhibitions of the Ontario and Montreal Poultry Associations, which are to be held in January. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Donovan, seconded by Mr. Davies, that the secretary write the manager of the Industrial Exhibition Association to the effect that this association respectfully suggests that it is not in the interests of the Industrial Exhibition that caretakers or superintendents should be allowed to exhibit, as was done at the last exhibition. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Duff, seconded by Mr. Donovan, that the secretary also be requested to write the manager of the Industrial recommending that in future the poultry building be thoroughly disinfected during the exhibition. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Otter, seconded by Mr. Coulter, that the next meeting (November 9th) take the form of a supper, and that Messrs. Barber, Bonnick, Duff, and the mover be a committee to arrange all the details. Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30. Receipts \$1.80.

THOMAS A. DUFF, Secretary.

Distant Markets.

James Rankin says: "One great advantage of growing poultry over all other crops is that distance from market is no great inconvenience, because it may be termed concentrated produce."

This is true as far as the concentration of the product is concerned, as it is easily transported. A half a ton of poultry at rock bottom figures will be equal to five tons of hay at top notch figures. Poultry, however, shipped great distances is at the mercy of the buyer or commission merchant, and over-production of dressed poultry is a common complaint. Mr. Rankin ships many thousands of ducks to New York and Boston, and very near controls the market. It would take but a few more like Mr. Rankin to flood certain markets. This we know to be a fact. Good poultry always sells, but the producer, unless he can control large shipments to good advantage, never realizes the prices he should. If he lives within a telephone call of the hotels and restaurants and can secure such trade, by filling orders as quickly as possible he will realize handsomely, and 500 broilers will bring him in more money than another man's 1,000 will. Nearness to a good market is as essential in the poultry business as in the vegetable business. Home markets where consumer and producer meet accrue to the advantage of both.

Poultry in Florida.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

Florida is known the world over as a great sanitarium, and its reputation as such is not surpassed in this fair land of ours, which many invalids can vouch for, and your humble servant is one of that number. It is nearly 10 years since my advent, in this land of flowers, from the snow clad hills of eastern Ohio. I was suffering from bronchial affliction, caused by exposure, while a soldier from 61, K. 64, and my case was pronounced hopeless, unless a change of climate would prove beneficial.

Not being strong, I sought an outdoor occupation, and found the raising of thoroughbred poultry was in its infancy, and concluded it was a business that would pay. By-and-by, as a demand was created, I started on a small scale, as I would advise everyone to do, and add stock as he gains experience, especially if he is a beginner in a strange climate, where the surroundings are entirely new, as it was in my case. Florida is called the Italy of America; if it really was, I thought the Leghorn ought to be at home here, and concluded to make my venture on that breed and experience shows. I was right and it is evident from the great demand each year that many others shared my opinion. The second year I penned 22 White Leghorn pullets by themselves and kept an egg record, also an account of their grain bill. Each pullet netted \$3.17 in eggs, when sold in the market, and at a good price. I have forgotten the average price, but I remember that I gathered 1500 eggs from these 22 pullets in the month of February, March and April. While I have not increased egg production I have added very much to the size of my original stock. So much so that I find it very difficult to get a male bird that is equal or any improvement over those of my own raising, particularly in size. Our soil and location, serve to be well adapted to white fowls. Every one who visits my yards remark about their whiteness, and it's the means of making many sales, they look so beautiful, so snowy white. I do not confine myself to White Leghorns. I keep the Browns of this variety, Barred and White Plymouth Rock, Langshans and Golden Wyandottes, and several other breeds, including Pekin ducks. I have found from costly experience, that the Brahma or Cochins are not suited to our climate, they both seem to feather too heavily, and our tropical sun, even in winter, does not agree with them, while the Langshan is one of the best general purpose fowls we have. I am getting eggs regularly from 3 pens of Langshans hatched in February last. They were not more than 5 months when they commenced to lay, and are now laying as large eggs as our last year hens. I prefer them to any large breed we have ever tried in this climate. At some future time I will speak more fully of the requirements in keeping poultry in Florida, and what advantages and disadvantages over a cold climate.

E. W. AMSDEN,
Ormond-on-the-Halifax, Florida.

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ALEX. S. MITCHELL.
New Albany, Ind., October 2, 1893.

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FRED. C. WEISS.
Evansville, Ind., October 2, 1893.

PIGEONS.

The White Fantail Pigeon.

A Monograph.

BY JESSE M. RUTTER.

[Written for THE AMERICAN FANCIER.]

In those days my boy friends seldom had money, and most exchanges of pigeons were on the basis of an "even swap." When the first cash sale was completed—a young pair for \$1.50—my commercial instinct awoke, and the spur of profit added energy to this pleasing hobby. Here was an ideal pursuit, which not only offered one a nice time, but actually paid him for his enjoyment. Perhaps it is needless to state that those probable profits have not yet made me wealthy. Laying aside the question of personal pleasure, and putting this pastime upon the prosaic basis of a mere money investment, no doubt pigeon breeding can be made to pay a round profit. Unless the investor has a real love for pets, and is willing to minister with daily patience to their manifold wants, his cash is safer in a savings bank. No careless man can succeed in the culture of living creatures so complex as modern fancy pigeons now are. Any seeker after an innocent hobby to fill his leisure, is earnestly advised to try his skill upon that "living snowball" of the "fancy"—the spotless White Fantail Pigeon.

CHAPTER II.—THE LOFT AND FITTINGS.

"Get a cage before you buy the bird" applies forcibly to would-be fantail fancier. Choice pigeons are penned in most unsuitable places, and with proper care manage to exist after a sorry fashion. But thorough pigeon culture—especially the sustaining of a strain—demands definite essentials to ensure its continuance. Sunlight is perhaps the most pressing need, and when choice is possible, the loft should certainly have a southern exposure. In any northern latitude, too much glass is a mistake, as the winter temperature drops so rapidly after sunset. A rough rule would permit windows to take up one-third of the sunny side, while wood protected the other two-thirds. Properly planned this ratio affords plenty of light, and the glass has insufficient surface to unduly chill the loft. My own pigeon house is windowed on the south side at the rate of seven feet of glass to every eight feet of boarding, but this is rather too much in severe weather. Ample light tends to keep pigeons in perfect health by giving them daily sunbaths, and by partially checking countless insect pests.

The next element of success is certainly judicious ventilation. The normally high heat at which a pigeon's blood circulates, calls for fresh air in profuse supply, and faultless condition cannot be retained unless nature's law is obeyed. Direct drafts, however, must be prevented, or endless colds in the head will follow. While all air openings must be arranged to create constant currents, these ought to flow above the floor, and even higher than the perches. My loft ventilation is controlled by two end windows and a square, protected aperture in the peak of the roof. The front window sills set but three inches from the floor, the division partitions breaking up cross winds. It is still better to fix the windows at least a foot above the floor boards, and thus make sure assurance against sharp gusts of air.

Guage the size of the loft by its probable inmates, allotting five square floor feet to every specimen, when the stud reaches the highest notch in numbers. Many will declare this space too roomy, but after frequent trials I feel positive that Fantails cannot be kept in prime condition when confined in closer quarters. By close attention to cleanliness, more pigeons can doubtless be crowded into this area, but always at the expense of flawless tail-feather. When breeding begins, even more elbow space will materially increase the chances of producing grand quality. My loft is sub-divided into rooms containing just one hundred square feet each. Although five pairs have often bred in one apartment, the most successful season saw but four couples to a room. For general usage, an oblong loft, parted into at least three pens, turns out the most convenient in many ways. My preference favors running a passage two feet wide inside the northern wall of the loft, and from this long alley cutting a separate door to each room. With such a plan one is not obliged to track through several inclosures to reach the furthest. My divisions are made by erecting upon the floor, fences of inch board, two and one-half feet high. This boarding is then topped by two inch mesh wire-netting reaching upward to the roof. The Fantails appear as if confined in a series of huge cages, and can be critically inspected without entering their rooms. Just stand in the alley, and all can be seen at a glance, without disturbing the breeders, an important item when the stud happens to contain a wild hen, who darts hastily off her eggs at the slightest shadow of an excuse. The doors to these cage-like pens are twenty inches wide, and hung on spring hinges to prevent any accidental unclosing. The whole interior is sheathed, and the building well papered under the clap-boards. So much for the loft, and now for fittings, which should be portable as far as possible.

Starting at the foundation, the ideal floor carpet is clean, sharp sand. Once a week surely, and oftener if required, a thorough raking will tidy up all offal. A rake just fit for this purpose can seldom be bought in open market, as the teeth are apt to be spaced too wide. Any skillful mechanic can construct a suitable implement if plain directions are given. My own rake measures twelve inches across the head-piece, with teeth two and one-fourth inches long, and set three-eighths of an inch apart. These teeth are round, and about one sixteenth of an inch in diameter, being cut from common umbrella stays. The back of the rake is drilled with round holes snugly admitting the teeth, which pass through, and are headed on top. A round wooden handle, twenty inches long, completes this essential tool. With such an instrument every particle of dirt can be handily collected in a pile without seriously wasting the sand. A dust pan is extremely convenient to take up the rakings, and a small trowel is suitable to scrape off the perches. Once a year the sand should be wholly renewed, and after every cleaning, a fair amount of fresh must be strewn evenly over the floor. The Fantails ultimately pick up every sharp particle, spending considerable time at the business immediately after each meal. If the grit is clean and palatable, they consume a surprising quantity.

[To be continued.]

The World's Fair edition will contain full report of the Chicago Show.

The American Tumbler Club

To THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

The following communication was received by me to-day:

"The Baltimore Columbarian Association extends an invitation to the American Tumbler Club to meet with us and give us their hearty support at our coming show this winter, and help to make the B. C. A. show a grand success.
Signed, HENRY TIEMANN,
Secretary B. C. A."

As this brings us face to face with the show season, I think the time has come for me as secretary of the club to make a proposition which I believe will meet the approval of the majority of the members. I have not the membership before me, but think we have twenty or twenty-two members. Each member has paid his initiation fee of one dollar, but no one has paid the dues agreed upon last winter, \$6.00 a year, and I fear that as the time has come many will not feel disposed to pay this amount. My reason for believing this is, that as the funds of the club will in all probability be used for a trophy of some kind or other, and as only a comparatively few of the members will make entries at our shows, it is hardly fair to expect the large majority who do not show at all to contribute so largely for the benefit of the few. I have come to the conclusion, also, that the dues are unnecessarily large, and will undoubtedly prove a tax to some of our members when they are called upon to make payment. Now, as there is already in my hands a sum of twenty odd dollars from initiation fees, I would like to propose reducing the annual dues to two dollars without the formality of reconsidering, etc., in the regular manner. I hardly think that there would be a single member of the club who would object to making such a small payment, and such being the case, the membership would not only hold together and grow, but the amount of dues added to the initiation fees would give us enough money to purchase a couple of handsome cups, or, if the members should prefer, we could put the whole in one cup. This can be decided later. If the members will kindly address me on this subject in the nature of a vote, I will take pleasure in publishing the result in these columns. Referring to the invitation extended to the club by the B. C. A., I would say that I, as well as others, would like to hear from members generally on this subject through these columns. If it is the wish of the club to offer special prizes at this show, the members should act promptly in forwarding me their votes on the question of dues, so that early remittances can be made and a committee named to select the prizes, etc. As for my own opinion, I can say without hesitation that I think Baltimore the very best locality for an exclusive pigeon show and the B. C. A. an excellent organization to support such an enterprise. It is a sure thing that Philadelphia will not have a show this winter, and it looks very much as though New York will not be overburdened with enthusiasm as far as pigeons go. Under these circumstances, would it not be well for all fanciers to fall in and make the Baltimore show a rousing success and the season's event in the pigeon fancy? In conclusion, I would earnestly request each member of the Tumbler Club to take five minutes of his leisure time in advising me on the subject of dues herein mentioned.

FRANK S. WALTON,
Secretary and Treasurer American
Tumbler Club.
107 South Water street, Philadelphia,
Pa., Oct. 11, 1893.

Queries and Answers.

[All reasonable questions of interest to the fancy, pertaining to the care, management and health of fancy Pigeons will be answered in this column. The department is conducted by C. W. BUTTLES, 1070 Madison Avenue, Columbus, Ohio, to whom all communications should be addressed.—ED.]

Query:—Please give best and quickest cure for "Going Light," in Queries and Answer Department of THE AMERICAN FANCIER and greatly oblige. A. H. B.

Answer:—In answer to above query we will say that "going light" is one of the most dreaded diseases with which the pigeon fancier has to contend. It is to pigeons what distemper is to dogs, and should be taken in time if a cure is to be expected.

When first afflicted the sick bird can be noticed with feathers ruffled up in a corner of the loft, or as far away from the rest of the flock as it can get. When the rest of the birds are fed it mopes around, sometimes managing to pick up a few grains, but in most cases it refuses to eat at all. Upon taking the bird in hand it will be found to be poor in flesh, the eyes having a peculiar glassy and unnatural stare, and the breath to be very offensive, as are also the droppings which are of a thin greenish color. Going light is undoubtedly a liver disease, caused by impure food and water, damp lofts, draughts or, in some cases, probably a bad case of bowel trouble.

A good physic of castor oil should be given, and the afflicted bird removed to a clean, dry loft or box, free from draughts and to which plenty of sunshine has access. A box of sharp, gritty sand should be placed where the bird can get it, as should also a box of crushed rock salt.

Give three times a day one-half teaspoon of pure cod liver oil (in bulk). This oil can be put up in closed hard capsules, which is much the best way, as it does not soil the plumage.

The feed must be mainly good sound *hemp seed*, with a little good old wheat, corn, uncooked rice, millet, bread crumbs and a little canary seed occasionally. Bread soaked in strong boiled coffee can also be given if the bird will eat it. Rice will check the bowels, and a little of it is greatly relished at any time by all Fancy Pigeons. The bird must at all times be coaxed to eat all it will, and should have plenty of fresh water in which a little iron or several *rusty nails* should be kept.

Keep this treatment up faithfully until the bird has regained much of its lost flesh, and a cure is guaranteed in seven cases out of ten.

In heavily feathered birds the tail and flight feathers should be *pulled out*.

Query:—Several of my best birds are afflicted with sores in mouth and throat. Please tell me what is the matter, and how to cure them. L. C. D.

Answer:—Canker! Remove the birds to another loft, carefully scrape all the cankerous matter out with a thin stick, and apply two or three times daily as much burnt alum (powdered) as will sufficiently cover the sores. Keep this treatment up until the sores disappear.

Query:—How many fancy pigeons can properly be kept in a loft 10x12 feet? What varieties would you advise for a beginner. G. B.

Answer:—A loft 10x12 feet will accommodate six pairs of breeding birds nicely. Six pairs of birds will rear more healthy young in a loft this size than twelve pairs will in the same loft. Never overcrowd, as overcrowding courts disease.

Tumblers or Homing Pigeons are generally conceded to be the best birds for beginners. Do not start with too many varieties. The fewer varieties you breed the greater success you will have.

Query:—I have a young bird whose abdomen is swollen. Can feel a hard lump like an egg near the bottom just inside the skin. Please give cause and cure.

Answer:—Fallen gizzard. The only remedy we have ever found is a real sharp hatchet used on bird's neck. A short time ago we had a very fine young tail Turbit with abdomen fearfully swelled. The gizzard could be plainly felt. The bird lived in this condition for nearly a week and then was killed. Upon examination the intestines and the whole inside of the bird were found to be in a frightful condition, literally coated with a thick yellow substance—either matter or canker, with a very offensive smell—the liver was also nearly putrified. In all our experiences with fancy pigeons we have never come across a similar case and hope to never come across another.

Query:—Would you advise nurse birds for Pouters, if so what kind? Have had very bad luck this year with my Pouters, only raising a few. L. D. B.

Answer:—Undoubtedly the only way to rear high class Pouters is to have a good stock of nurse birds on hand, about two pairs to each pair of Pouters. When the nurse birds lay and you have no Pouter eggs ready for them, destroy the eggs and let them lay again. Homing pigeons or a cross of the Homing and common make the best foster parents. Common pigeons and Flying Tumblers are also good.

C. W. BUTTLES.

The Magpie Standard.

To THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

First of all, I do not have the honor of being a member of the Magpie Club, and perhaps it would not be just to have too much to say about the Magpie Standard. Mr. Fick may be right about my never seeing a first class Magpie; but I have been breeding Magpies for seven years, and I am still looking for better specimens yet. If we were satisfied with our present stock, we would never seek to improve them. I bought this spring three Magpies, supposed to be imported birds. One of them was better than I had seen before in the Magpie line, taking into consideration all points, but in my weak judgment they had the Tumbler-like head. So I wrote my last article of what I had seen and thought to be facts.

Mr. Fick says that fanciers do not diet their birds or restrict them, but mate judiciously to get their proper size and weight. I said nothing about size; only weight. I think if we take a Jacobin, Turbit, or Satinette, and look at the three birds, we are apt to decide the Jacobin the largest of the three. But if we weigh them, I am quite sure we will find the Jacobin the lightest of the three. The English Standard may be all right, except the word weight. Americans have been boasting of trying to breed birds as fine as our English brothers. By using the English Standard we show that we can't judge our birds without sending to our brother fanciers on the other side to send us a standard to judge them by.

All that I have said I say it with the best feeling towards all, but since we

are Americans I believe in this advanced age in American breeding and American rules. America, the land of liberty, we prize.

C. DORSEY.

Washington, D. C.

Magpie Prizes.

To THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

The following are the Magpie classes and prizes arranged for the Baltimore Show, to be held from December 28, 1893, to January 3, 1894. Entries close December 15, 1893. Entry fee \$1.00 for each bird. First prize \$4.00, second prize \$2.00.

Best black, red, yellow, any other color cock, \$4.00 each; second, \$2.00.

Best black, red, yellow, any other color hen, \$4.00 each; second, \$2.00.

Best cock or hen bred in this country in 1893, \$4.00; second, \$2.00.

This makes \$54.00 offered by the show. Mr. Wm. T. Levering offers \$10.00 special for best pair bred in 1893 in this country.

The members of the Magpie Club have donated \$30.00. We will have \$24.00 in the treasury from dues &c., making a total of \$118.00 to be distributed for prizes.

Members must decide how the club's specials are to be placed, the majority to decide.

I received a letter from one of our members whose suggestions appeared to me to be very good—to give to the best birds, each color in the four classes, 1893 bred birds, \$10.00 per pair, making \$40., and \$10.00 for best collection. Any member preferring a cup or medal, to cash, can get it through the club.

All Magpie fanciers and breeders should join the club at once and compete for these prizes and specials. This variety never had so many specials at any show, and never any more classes. New York Show, 1893, only gave Magpies four classes. Constitution and by-laws will be sent to any one by sending address to G. A. FICK, Secretary.

Baltimore, Md.

The Jacobin Standard.

To THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

Having received several letters lately asking for a standard of the Jacobin pigeon, I beg leave to reply in the pigeon department of your valuable paper, believing that it will interest all breeders of this beautiful variety. The American Jacobin Club has not as yet formulated a standard, but through the kindness of Mr. W. H. Johnston, hon. secretary of the National Peristeric Society of London. I received a copy of their standard, which is as follows:

Beak.—Short and thick, well curved downwards, forming a continuation of curve of skull, and flesh color.

Head.—Small, flat between the eyes, with full appearance in front.

Eyes.—Centre, black, surrounded by pearl or light grey.

Hood.—Long, fitting well down on head, even at edge, crossing the head in a line with the front of the eyes.

Chain.—Fitting close and even from beak to breast, standing well out, giving a curved line from hood to breast.

Mane.—Full, being well filled out at back, even at edge, and fitting in evenly with the hood.

Rose.—Shape, oval, in a line slanting across bottom of neck.

Size and Shape of Body.—Breast full, long, and slender. The back to be narrow, flat, and straight.

Wings.—Rather low at butts, flights resting on tail.

Carriage.—Sprightly, the head carried about eight inches from the ground.

Legs and Feet.—Short, and free from feathers below the hock, color red. Feet small and fine, with claws same color as beak.

Rump.—Smooth, flat, and narrow.

Tail.—Narrow and straight in line with the back.

Color.—Reds, blacks, and yellow, sound, lustrous, and even, from lower mandible to vent, with rump, tail, ten flights, and head white. Whites pure throughout.

M. B. BLANCH, Secretary.

Lebanon, Pa., Oct. 10, 1893.

NEAT AND SUBSTANTIAL.

Allow me to congratulate you on the neat and substantial manner in which you have landed THE AMERICAN FANCIER, and hope it will receive the patronage of the fanciers of this country, which it richly deserves.

GEO. G. FETTEROLF.

Langhorne, Pa.

Pigeon Flying.

Notice to Subscribers.

Our subscribers are informed that we have arranged that all inquiries relating to the breeding, training and management of homing pigeons, and upon all questions bearing upon the history of pigeon flying, both at home and abroad, will be answered by "Fritz" through his columns in THE AMERICAN FANCIER weekly, and at the earliest possible opportunity, and should be addressed to

MR. T. FRED. GOLDMAN,
832 Herkimer Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

[All matter that he deems of general and practical interest, or of value to the young and inexperienced fancier, will be embodied in his weekly notes, while other matter will be sent direct by mail. —ED. A. F.]

Points in the Flying Fancy.

A Weekly Review of Events in the Homing World.

BY FRITZ.

A correspondent from the west writes me as follows:

"I read your weekly notes with much interest, and have derived much benefit from them. I would like a reply from you upon a subject that bothers me greatly. I have observed that you strongly recommend the separating of the sexes about the fall of the year, and I would like to know whether such is really necessary and indispensable and of any particular benefit to the birds and fancier. It is not all fanciers who have two coops at their command, nor one large enough to divide into two, nor do my birds seem to suffer by keeping them constantly together, as I have done for five years.

I also raise nice youngsters every season, for I don't breed after October, but then close up my nesting places until the following January, etc."

The foregoing is a fairly representative letter of many that have reached me of late. And I trust that my present remarks will be carefully considered and followed by the young flying fancier—aye, and by a number of the older ones too—for there are many who unreasonably and persistently cling to old time and foolish notions upon this interesting subject.

The advantages derived by separating the sexes during September and until the February following, are manifold to the intelligent, progressive, and observant fancier.

To those who closely and persistently follow any old fashioned notions and an equally ancient prescribed course for the care and development of *racing* Homing pigeons, the chief recommendations of which consist merely of a saving of labor and slight expense, I would call attention to the fact that the great majority of successful flying men invariably part their birds in the early fall of the year, here and abroad. And why? Simply because intelligent and close study of the subject has most unquestionably illustrated to them that their birds themselves after a breeding and flying season not only need an absolute rest and quiet, and uninterrupted space of time for the highly important stage of annual moult and reasonable recuperation, but the young from such recuperated and natur-

ally rested and vigorous parents bred in the early spring following, are far more desirable specimens for the training basket than those bred from parents kept constantly together, and whose brief respite from the cares of breeding and moult derived during the extreme cold of the winter months is sadly inadequate to satisfactorily cover the serious demands of nature. Furthermore, *such young moult perfectly.*

Many may argue to the contrary, but there is positively no bottom nor soundness to their arguments upon general principles beyond the experience that an occasional vigorous pair or a pair not commonly prolific, nor severely worked during the racing season, have without the prescribed separation acquitted themselves creditably as breeders and flyers the season following. With many in the flying fancy a single swallow makes a spring, and an exceptional precocious youngster, or more than ordinary vigorous pair of breeders and easy moulters, are constantly held up as general results, and in contradiction to the theories and prescribed courses advocated by the modern and observant writers.

As an additional incentive to the fancier who separates his birds in the early fall is the decided facility such separation gives him in effecting any new crosses he may have mapped out for the next breeding season, and the greater certainty that the first layings are *pure, and productive, and thoroughly charged* with a recuperated vigor of the parents.

To sum up therefore the many benefits derived from a separation of the sexes in early fall until the following early spring I may remark, are, perfect moult, much needed rest, a regaining of impaired powers, sound and sure young, facility for changes in matings, and a better mental and physical condition for the breeding season and flying campaign. What fancier cannot in his experience recall the painful spectacle of a hen, weak and in half moult, mercilessly driven about by a rank, hard driving cock?

But beyond all this, what possible advantage and use can the flying fancier have for young birds raised after early June or July, unless it is pecuniary advantages sought in the sale of such young birds and the consequent packing of the novice's loft with undesirable stock of his own? Surely he has more than enough for his own legitimate needs, and for those of the novice in the sport, in those birds raised during March, April and May, and if intended to recuperate his losses in the old bird flying, they certainly cannot be regarded as desirable material to depend upon in the coming next old bird race schedule.

It is from his *trained* youngsters of *March, April and May hatch* that representatives for the next old bird racing schedule are usually selected, and the young and comparatively unknown flying fancier certainly has no need for late hatched birds.

A certain prominent American flying fancier once wrote that "the fall months are the best to breed birds to be flown in future races. Advancing the argument that the advantages of late hatched birds are two-fold. First the wings of birds hatched in the fall will be almost perfect

in June and July, the months the birds are flown from the 400 and 500 mile station, and in general feather conditions much better than the early hatched birds, from the fact that they have not commenced to moult to any perceptible extent.

Again if you are breeding from your racing birds you take the breeder at its very best state, with every muscle developed, every energy brought out, the birds are the very essence of activity and power, all of which is transmitted to their offspring, and goes to make the highest type of Homing pigeon that nature can produce." All of which is humbug.

I am more than satisfied that such experience can be but based upon merely exceptional cases, and a principle that I strongly urge upon the young fancier not to follow.

My experience with late hatched birds has rarely been a favorable one, and quite the reverse of the teachings laid down by the American fancier I refer to. In order, however, to set the young fancier right I quote the following from the pen of that world renowned authority, M. La Perre de Roo:

"It is generally the young of the first brood that carry the finest stamp of distinction. They are also the most vigorous, always the strongest, for the simple reason that at the epoch of their birth the parent birds are fresh and not exhausted by the strain of breeding, as they often are at the close of the season, and because, further, the young have the whole of the summer before them in which to thrive. In feudal times only youngsters of the first nesting were selected for peopling lofts properly so-called and to replace disrated birds. I particularly enjoin upon new fanciers who have asked me for Homing pigeons and upon all foreign fanciers a practice amongst experienced lovers of the bird, not to be too impatient as regards stocking their lofts, and not to fatigue their birds by allowing them to breed in the winter. Sufficient for the day is the task of the day, and it is the axiom of the true fancier not to mortgage the rights of the future under the pretext of meeting present necessities. Young birds born in November, December, and January moreover also support and pull through the rigors of winter with difficulty.

In order to create a mould for good transmission, it is essential to extinguish without mercy all ill constituted subjects and to limit the choice exclusively to complete and perfect exemplars—the *issue of March and April broods.*

To obviate breeding during winter, Belgian fanciers separate the sexes from the commencement of November to the 15th of February.

There are fanciers who hold it wise to limit production to two couples of young per year, so as not to exhaust the parent birds. Pigeons born in September of parents that have already gone through the moult are sometimes as beautiful and robust as those of the early year, but they have the drawback of having only an incomplete moult in the autumn. Strictly speaking, however, they should be only kept for filling up the gaps caused by extraordinary losses, in case of such occurring, caused by the trainings, *i. e.*, let it be understood if the early hatches have in any way failed, so as not to provide a contingent for the wear and tear of the training epoch.

Another objection of the incomplete moult already mentioned is that the bird *resumes the operation of moulting in the following spring* and then moults in two parts of the wing at the same time, which quite unfits it for taking part in the concours of the season.

It results, from the sum of these observations, that it is always the young of the two first hatchings that are the most

fitting and prosperous birds, and that those of the late season should only be kept for filling up gaps in cases of necessity."

Upon the question of accommodation for separating the sexes, I am sure no fancier has a coop so small but what a removable wire partition can be readily placed across the dividing line, and this so arranged with the trap entrance to the coop as to permit of giving the birds liberty and flying exercise on alternate days—as it should be. But the fancier must first weed out and thin down his stock to the closest measures possible. Fifteen pairs is ample for his needs, and more than ample. To him accustomed to handle 30 pairs and thereabouts an agreeable surprise will be in store when he finds how much less feed he requires, how much less cleaning he has to do, and how much less his patience is taxed during the next breeding and training season. Separate by all means from now until next February and weed out many.

We frequently hear of cases where birds return to their old homes after long absence and over miles of unknown country, and in some birds the old home attraction is so strongly centered that many wonderful cases on record can be cited. The following, published in the *L'Epervier*, of Brussels, Belgium, is quite an interesting story, and is a further illustration how little dependence can be placed upon really good birds of matured age when settled at a new home:

A Monsieur Troupin, of Verviers, parted with some of his birds to a Danish fancier in Copenhagen, about 450 miles distant. In due course the birds were nicely settled at the new home, and apparently contented, taking flying exercise daily, when one of them suddenly disappeared, and in less than two days reached the old coop of M. Troupin, covering a country quite unknown to it, flying from N. E. to the south-west, and an entirely opposite direction to all of its previous trainings. This is only another instance that birds will home equally well from any point when the flying conditions of wind and weather are not directly opposed to it.

In a recent issue of the *British Fancier* I am pleased to note a very pointed comment to English flying men upon the classification and judging of flyers, and expressing surprise at the Flying Homers accepting so quietly the meagre classifications usually doled out to them by committees at shows. I quite agree with the *British Fancier* that there is not the slightest reason why the flying classes should not be as varied in their classification as that allotted to their descendants the show Homer.

I think the same may be agitated with considerable advantage to the flying sport in America.

It is a well known fact that at any pigeon show, the record Homer is invariably the centre of much attraction to the sight-seers, and I am quite sure we have of late years had entirely too few of these exhibitions. I can recall many enjoyable events of the past. Many followers of the sport owe their introduction to it unquestionably from visiting such shows and having drawn their interest in the infatuating pastime from reading various accounts of flights, and seeing the birds at friends' coops or on exhibition. I think heretofore the infrequency and incomplete exhibits of our working homers has been due more or less to the usually unsuitable dates of the various pigeon and poultry shows held and yet there is no earthly reason why such prominent flying organizations as the "Federation of American H. P. Fanciers" and "League of American Homing Clubs" cannot arrange matters upon a mutually satisfactory basis, to take part in such shows, and have one also in connection with their annual meetings.

The *British Fancier* remarks: "The flying season is now over and a few shows will not injure any bird's chances for next year's racing if they are held between now and the end of the year, therefore we venture to submit the claims of 'Flyers'"

to the consideration of committees, feeling certain that an extended classification will be rewarded by a big entry if they will only provide it."

From the *Homing News* of the 6th inst., just at hand, I read the pleasing intelligence of a presentation to Mr. G. Atkins the able Hon. secretary of the Reading Ornithological Society of a handsome testimonial for his capable and valuable services during the past year, consisting of a marble clock and illuminated address.

His faithful and untiring work in conducting the racing season of the society and to promote the fancy of the Homing pigeon in his district is thus very neatly recognized, and I constantly learn of similar presentations to other worthy flying club secretaries throughout Great Britain and the continent.

I touch upon this little incident merely to remind our American flying fanciers that we too have a number of deserving secretaries and I regret to remark that such presentations here are very exceptional.

The Flying Club secretary is as I have long ago dubbed him, the veritable "glare horse" of the fancy, and I am sorely afraid is not sufficiently appreciated nor rewarded consistent with the services rendered.

I have served a long and faithful apprenticeship in the harness and I know whereof I speak.

Some years ago when serving the Kings County Flying Club in the capacity at one of their annual meetings, I was presented by the members with a valuable and handsome scarf pin in gold, a perfect model of a Homing pigeon. This was indeed very flattering to me, and caused me to throw more enthusiasm and warmth into my labors than ever.

Such little gifts more than make amends for many weary hours of a club's secretary's labor, and materially lightens the usually hard lot of a Flying Club secretary. The season is now near at hand for recognizing such services and I hope all American Flying Clubs throughout the United States and elsewhere will not forget the "glare horses" of the flying fancy—their secretaries.

From Le Martinet of Brussels of the 7th inst., I read the startling announcement of the retirement from the Belgian flying fancy of that grand old fancier M. Felicien Thirionet of Jambes, and his entire loft of some 150 grand birds will no doubt be soon offered for sale.

This remarkable fancier is one of the most esteemed throughout Belgium and has a long score of wins to his credit and is the breeder and owner of some remarkable birds.

Perhaps the most remarkable and brilliant of his successes was in 1889 when he won the Belgian Grand National from Dat on line distance about 562 miles, 3384 birds competing the start at 6 A. M., and Monsieur Thirionet wired in his first bird at 5:26 P. M. same day, with the magnificent velocity of nearly 1420 yards per minute and close on to 600 birds being timed in the same day, the concours closing at about 8 P. M. and near 500 verifications made in two hours. This prominent fancier took also the first honors in the social concours of the National Flying Club, whose members particularly distinguished themselves in the grand national event of the day by taking 6 prizes out of the first 28.

His success was truly remarkable and in the space of 10 years he had captured the prize of His Majesty the king three times—a truly distinguished honor. He was the winner in the grand National from Morceux in 1889, 1935 birds competing, and in the disastrous flight from St. Jean de Huz—the grand National of 1891—he took 5th place, 2376 birds engaged.

In 1892 another disastrous grand National competition with 2638 birds entered. He was well up in the race, taking the 86th prize and others.

To illustrate to American fanciers how differently the true Belgian flying man regards his pets from those of many American fanciers and keeps his crack birds at work year after year, this Mr.

Thirionet in 1890, entered his crack winner of the 1889 concours from Dat for similar honors in the 1890 race. Four days went by and still the bird was out, but by the 5th day the game little worker was home safe and sound and with a little note attached to it notifying its owner that the bird had stopped at a loft in France at 9 P. M., and was liberated at 1 o'clock the day following. Here we have too many who as soon as one of their birds records anything remarkable, that ends his flying career.

Upon such narrow lines the crack flying lofts of Belgium were never built, nor such remarkable fanciers as Belgium can boast of were ever established, nor such grand annual flying contests ever organized from the 500 miles distances.

The retirement of M. Thirionet from the Belgian fancy is an event that cannot but cause feeling of deep regret throughout the Colombophile world. Such fanciers are scarce and hard to replace.

I am in receipt of a neat little journal devoted to poultry, pigeons and pet stock, titled the *National Fancier* which is to be issued monthly from Indianapolis, Indiana.

Our old friend Dr. G. W. Strong is in charge of the pigeon department and I have no doubt very many can recall the Dr.'s lively pen a few years ago. He has earned prominent recognition in both the Homing and fancy pigeon world. I am pleased to see this well known and really capable writer once again wielding the editorial pen, and I am sure his contributions cannot but prove an attractive feature of the new journal.

The writer of the Homing notes in *Poultry*, of recent issue, remarks: "How is it we should like to know that fanciers who during the flying season are ideals in every respect, who attend thoroughly, systematically, and enthusiastically to their birds' wants, and never fail in the slightest degree to be true fanciers, when the interesting season is over, when the frost, rains, and snows arrive, when the moulting season commences to assert itself amongst the feathered inmates of their lofts, seem to lose nearly all interest in their birds' welfare and leave them more or less to shift for themselves during the most trying period of their lives? This surely is a heartless proceeding, one devoid of all humanity, and one which ought to be dropped on sharply. The warriors who during the summer have been keeping up and making the names for our lofts, who fly hundreds of miles so that we may gain honor and distinction and win prizes, do not they claim from us and deserve a little more of our consideration and care than we usually award to them? Think of this, oh unwise fanciers, and turn over a new leaf."

Correct. There are very many such throughout the whole flying fancy, and I believe I have touched up the matter in a similar strain in former notes, petitioning for similar and continued interest in club and association matters as well of the loft and its inmates now that the flying season is ended.

Empire City Flying Club of New York and Vicinity.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

The regular monthly meeting of the Empire City Flying Club was held at its rooms, 5 Park place, New York city, on Tuesday evening, 10th inst., President T. Fred. Goldman in the chair. Fourteen members answered the roll call. The following members were awarded prizes and diplomas:

100 MILE RACE (BROOKLYN SECTION).—C. P. Schwenck, \$5.00 and 1st diploma; T. J. Clarke, cigars and 2nd diploma.

100 MILE RACE (NEWARK SECTION).—C. A. Mahr, Jr., cigars and 1st diploma; Eli Moreton, cigars and 2nd diploma; Wm. Bennert, 3rd diploma.

150 MILE RACE (NEWARK SECTION).—C. A. Mahr, Jr., 1st diploma; C. Hebbler, cigars and 2nd diploma; Wm. Bennert, 3rd diploma.

150 MILE RACE (BROOKLYN SECTION).—J. Prior, silver cup and 1st diploma; T. J. Clarke, 2nd diploma.

200 MILE RACE.—Joseph Scholl, handsome clock and 1st diploma; T. F. Goldman, \$10.00 and 2nd diploma; C. A. Mahr, Jr., silver spoons and 3rd diploma; Wm. Book, Jr., cloth for suit clothes; Eli Moreton, set bob wires; T. J. Clarke, \$5.00; Wm. Holliday, scarf pin; C. Hebbler, box cigars; D. H. Evans, pair young birds for last official reports.

WM. BOOK, JR., Secretary.
Newark, N. J., Oct. 13, 1893.

Pet Stock.

What Comprises Pet Stock.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

The heading, Pet Stock, conveys to the mind of the general reader the idea that such a department treats chiefly of Rabbits and Guinea Pigs or "Cavies" as they are sometimes called. But the fact is, thunder is head can be collected all the animals not of strictly practical utility, and kept for amusement alone. They comprise Rabbits, Cavies, Squirrels, Rats, Mice, Ferrets, Raccoons, Foxes, Monkeys, Cats, even Goats and a host of other small animals, and Reptiles. The favorite among this long list, however, is the Rabbit family, and this is so varied that the amateur is not confined alone to one or two varieties, for they have to select from, the Lop-eared, noted for its long, broad, drooping ears, which gives it its name. The Flemish Giant, as its name indicates, a giant among Rabbits, having very long, erect ears, the opposite of the Lop-eared variety. The Belgian Hares, another large Rabbit with erect ears, grey in color, and an excellent variety for table use. The Angora, bred for its long, silky hair, which, when kept in perfect condition with comb and brush, presents a most attractive appearance, but neglected and the hair allowed to mat, gives us the most sorry and woebegone specimen of the Rabbit family you could expect to see. Consequently they need to be carefully tended and cared for.

Then we have the Himalayan, a medium sized Rabbit, white, chiefly, in color, with black ears, nose and paws, peculiar markings for which it is bred, and which constitute its chief attraction. And the Dutch, a small rabbit, bred also for its markings. These Rabbits are seen of all the various colors, black, blue (or mouse color) yellow and grey, with a broad band of white passing over the shoulders, and including the front legs, also has a white stripe down the front of the face, and broadening at the nose. To be perfect, the line between the white and colored portions of the body, must be sharp and distinct, no part running into the other, but as if colored to a line. The Silver Grey, a small Rabbit, the Silver Cream and the Silver Brown of the same family; in these the dark colored hair is evenly mixed with lighter hair, giving rise to the name. The Black and Tan, colored as its name indicates, much like the Black and Tan Terrier; and last but not least in the estimation of young fanciers, the common English Rabbit found of all colors and mixtures of color, and one of the nicest of pets.

Next to Rabbits in point of favoritism come the Guinea Pigs, bright, active little pets, deriving their name, no doubt, from the sound they emit, which resembles the squeal of the pig. These are of three varieties, the Peruvian, Abyssinian and common Smooth Coated, and one of various colors and parti-colors, black, red or tan, yellow, white and tortoise shell and rusty grey. The Abyssinians are peculiarly odd in their appearance, the hair being quite long and being full of what we know as cowlicks, stands in all directions. They are suspicious, timid creatures, and at the least unusual sound start for a hiding place. They require plenty of hay, as they are great eaters.

In Rats we find the white, the black and white, and the common grey. The

White is the favorite pet, and while the name Rat conveys always a disgusting idea to nearly everyone, these white rats are said to be cleanly in their habits, and to make a very entertaining and amusing pet.

Of the Mouse family, the White is the most common, and, like the rat, makes an interesting little companion. Particolored mice, and by this we mean mice of two or three mixed colors, such as black and white, tan and white, and the three colors mixed, are sometimes seen, but they are so rare in this country that probably few, even of those of varied experience in pets, ever saw any. The Dormouse is a large variety of mouse peculiar to Europe and having a very long tail.

Squirrels all are acquainted with, and are of various sizes and colors, from the Red Fox Squirrel, the largest of the family, to the diminutive Flying Squirrel. With the grey, the black, and the red Squirrel we are all familiar, but few have seen a pure white, and they are so rare that the skeptical country born person, familiar with these lively denizens of the woods, would be likely to deny that such a variety exists; but they "crop out" once in a while. They are evidently a sport of the grey or the black, as they are of that size; are a pure Albino, having the pink eye peculiar to all Albinos, as well as a pure white hair. Their scarcity renders them valuable, and twenty-five dollars is no uncommon price for a good specimen. Of the Squirrel family, none answers better for a pet than the Flying variety; caught when very young, it becomes tame and affectionate, its delicate, soft fur rendering it pleasing to handle and its curious, confiding ways endearing it to its owner. They are nocturnal in their habits, inclined to sleep through the day, and displaying their attractive characteristics as night approaches, a time when in this busy world it can be most enjoyed.

Ferrets are a pet, chiefly admired by the rat and rabbit hunter, as they can be put to a practical use, and while to the generality of pet lovers they are not interesting, by those who admire them they are much prized, and are given a great deal of care.

Cats, as a race, we all know, but few know anything of the old and rarer individuals of the species, such as the Angora, the Persian, the Manx, etc. The Angora and Persian are beautiful long haired varieties, partaking in their nature of much of the love for its master or mistress displayed by the dog, and in this particular if in no other making them more desirable as a companion than the common cat. The Manx is a tailless cat, has a peculiar gait, and by some known as the Rabbit Cat. Their oddity constitutes their great attraction, although they are affectionate, make good pets and are great mousers.

Raccoons, when captured young, become very tame and make an amusing pet. They are very cleanly in their habits, usually washing everything before eating it.

Foxes, although they become tame, never lose their sly thieving nature, and are only occasionally kept as a pet, and then only under restraint of a long cord.

Monkeys are of endless variety, but the kinds chiefly purchased for pets are the Ring-tailed, the China, the Rat-tailed and the Earmosette. They learn to love their keeper, have many interesting ways, but are so mischievous they must

always be kept under restraint. Their little hands which so closely resemble the human hand, and which they use with as much facility as the human family, are always cold and clammy to the touch, suggesting the school girl idea of "cold hand, cold heart." Although their antics are sometimes comical in the extreme, like the successful story teller, they never laugh at their own jokes. The sober, serious look they always carry is to us their most amusing feature. We might relate story after story of their exploits, and name a host of other small animals kept in different parts of the world as pets, but our article is already long, and the Editor may think we are giving too much of a good thing. If this proves acceptable, some day we may elaborate on it and enter more into particulars concerning the different pets we have named.

JOHN HOPEWELL.

Where They All Get the Axe

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

If there is any one section more than another that will change the appearance of the whole fowl for better or worse it is the neck.

No matter how poor a bird may be in some other respects, a good neck will be that bird's salvation.

One would suppose that solid colored breeds would be exempt from this failing, but they are not. The whites will become straw colored in the neck hackle, if in no other section, and there are as many different shades of black as there are colors on the face of an Indian chief, and some of our blacks will disregard our standard so far as to grow red feathers.

Not only the blacks will show the red, but the Rocks and American Dominique will be so uncharitable as to exhume the neck of their barnyard ancestors. We call it reversion for humanity's sake.

Didst ever notice the neck hackle of the Light Brahma male ere the sun's rays have pampered with its brilliancy? To be sure we all have our ideals, but to me there is nothing to equal it in the line of beauty in our fowls, and the day this can be bred on the Silver Wyandotte then and not before will the beauty of the males be brought out.

There is much to be accomplished in the Brown Leghorn neck hackle. The Leghorn generally has a hackle of good length, but the stripe has been sadly neglected. If the black stripe is well defined the male is apt to be too red—black-red would perhaps be nearer it. A golden bay with the solid black stripe is the more beautiful.

I saw this fall a hen whose hackle was a rich gold with as well a defined black stripe as ever was seen in the neck of a cockerel, which was at once the most perfect and the most beautiful.

Let the breeders commence and purify the necks, and the quality of our poultry will at once become better.

GEO. E. HOWELL.

Howell's Depot, N. Y., Oct. 12.

Publish Names & Addresses.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

Your far sighted policy in offering to print names and addresses of prize winners is worthy of all praise. Pigeon papers have long stood in their own light by refusing to publish full information unless paid for the same. Garbled names, shorn of all possible value to would-be buyers, have done much to

hinder our fancy from spreading. The more fanciers the better for the fancy press, but the narrow policy of suppressing addresses has nipped the birth of many a promising beginner. The would-be fancier is smitten by a certain variety, and eagerly scans the report of a leading show to see who took honors in his chosen class. This is what he reads: "1 Brown, 2 Bright, 3 Beals." "Only this and nothing more." Is it any wonder that such meagre facts are of no earthly use to a novice? Well may he exclaim, "For pity's sake who is Brown?" An insider might possibly locate Brown, but an outsider never. Give us all the news, no matter whether a heavy advertiser or an unknown fancier heads some strong class.

JESSE M. RUTTER.

Lawrence, Mass.

The Kennel.

Canine Intelligence.

"I have as strange a story of animal reasoning as that told by Prof. Palmer," said Miss Elizabeth Cantwell. "At my home in New York City I have a little dog of the Fox Terrier breed to which I am devotedly attached. The little creature is of a confiding and loving nature, and we think a great deal of each other.

"Ever since the dog came into my possession it had worn a certain collar, with a license tag attached, and was taught to fetch the collar from the kitchen when it desired to go out for a walk. One day I purchased a new collar, and, putting it on around the dog's neck without attaching the license tag, we started out for a walk. The dog was running along some distance in advance of me when the dog-catcher suddenly appeared in front of it and, lassoing it with a wire noose, carted my pet off to the pound in spite of my indignant protestations and tearful appeals. It was two days before I could unravel the red tape system of recovery and secure possession of my dog. All the way home it whined and cringed as though ashamed of itself, and seemed to realize that it had been disgraced.

"For several days it acted as if severely ill, but finally recovered its wonted good nature and liveliness. It was a beautiful day, and I thought I would take it out for a walk. I again fastened the new collar around its neck, but was unable to coax the little animal to leave the house with me. I begged and threatened, but all to no avail. It would not come with me, and I abandoned the idea of a walk. I went into the front room and took off my bonnet and jacket. In the meantime the dog had run out into the kitchen, and in a moment returned carrying in its mouth the old collar with the tag attached. This it laid at my feet and then begged in its usual custom to go out. I made the change of collars, and the dog accompanied me without any urging. The next day I tried the same trick, but the dog would not leave the house with the new collar. It seemed to reason that something was lacking about the collar which had got it into serious trouble. I determined to see if there was anything in the dog's reasoning, and the next day had the tag attached to the new collar. The little creature never hesitated a moment, but followed me just the same as it had done for many months with the old collar. That afternoon I tried the old collar without the tag, but the rascal would not move a step.

"Do you mean to tell me that that dog had not reasoned out the cause of its previous misfortune? It knew the tag was its protector, and absolutely refused to leave the house without it."—*St. Louis Globe Democrat.*

What Ails the Dog?

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

In your last issue "Subscriber" asks for a remedy for his dog, and "Z." answers it, giving two good recipes, one for eczema and one for mange. If "Subscriber" finds neither one of them applies to the condition of his dog, I would suggest that he try one of the following, provided they answer the case: If insect powder or carbolic acid in any form has been used to get rid of fleas, I would say the itching was caused by one of these remedies, either one of which, if used in excess, will clean all the grease out of the dog's skin and leave it dry and parched, and will consequently cause great irritation. It can be cured by the use of a little common vaseline rubbed well into the skin every day for about a week.

Then, again, this condition of the dog may be caused by several other things, as lack of exercise, over feeding, or feeding of corn meal. If the latter is the case, give Glover's blood purifier and feed well-boiled meat. J.

Public Opinion.

STRUCK THE RIGHT THING.

From what I have read in THE AMERICAN FANCIER, think you have struck the right thing.

W. G. BRUMBAUGH.

Seville, Ohio, October 5, 1893.

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G. W. FELTON.

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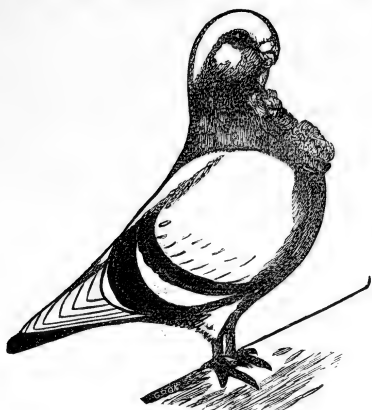
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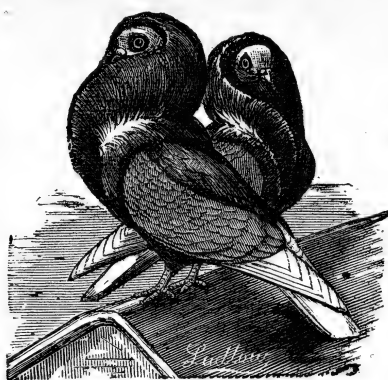
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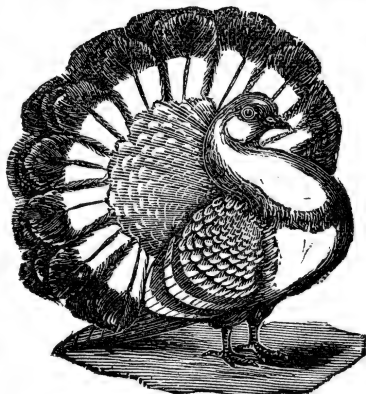
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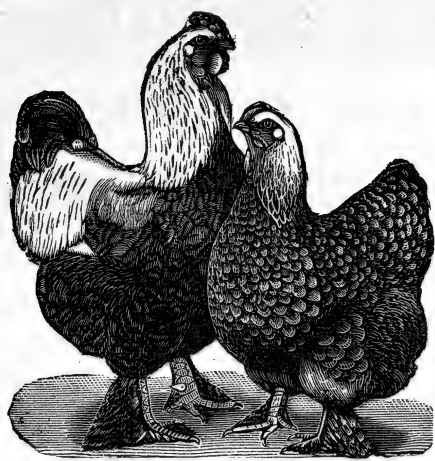
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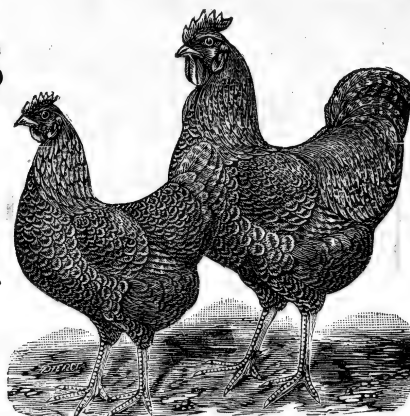
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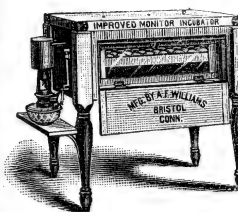
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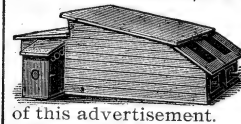
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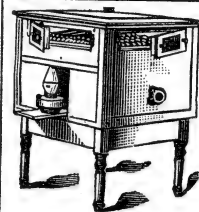
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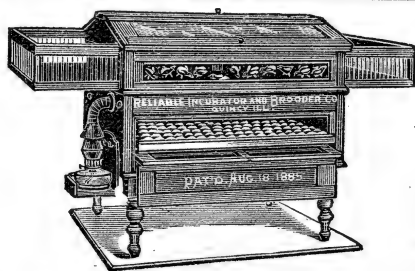
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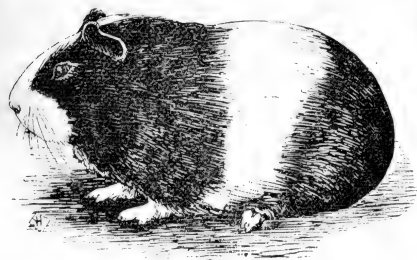
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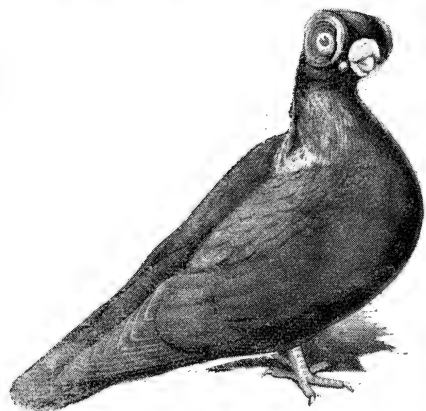
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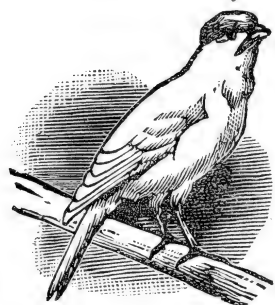
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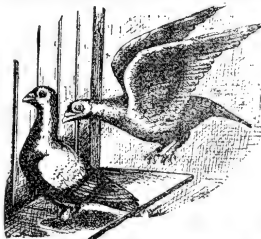
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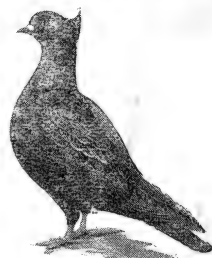
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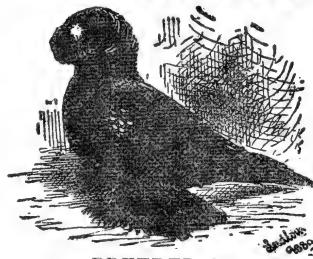


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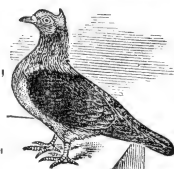
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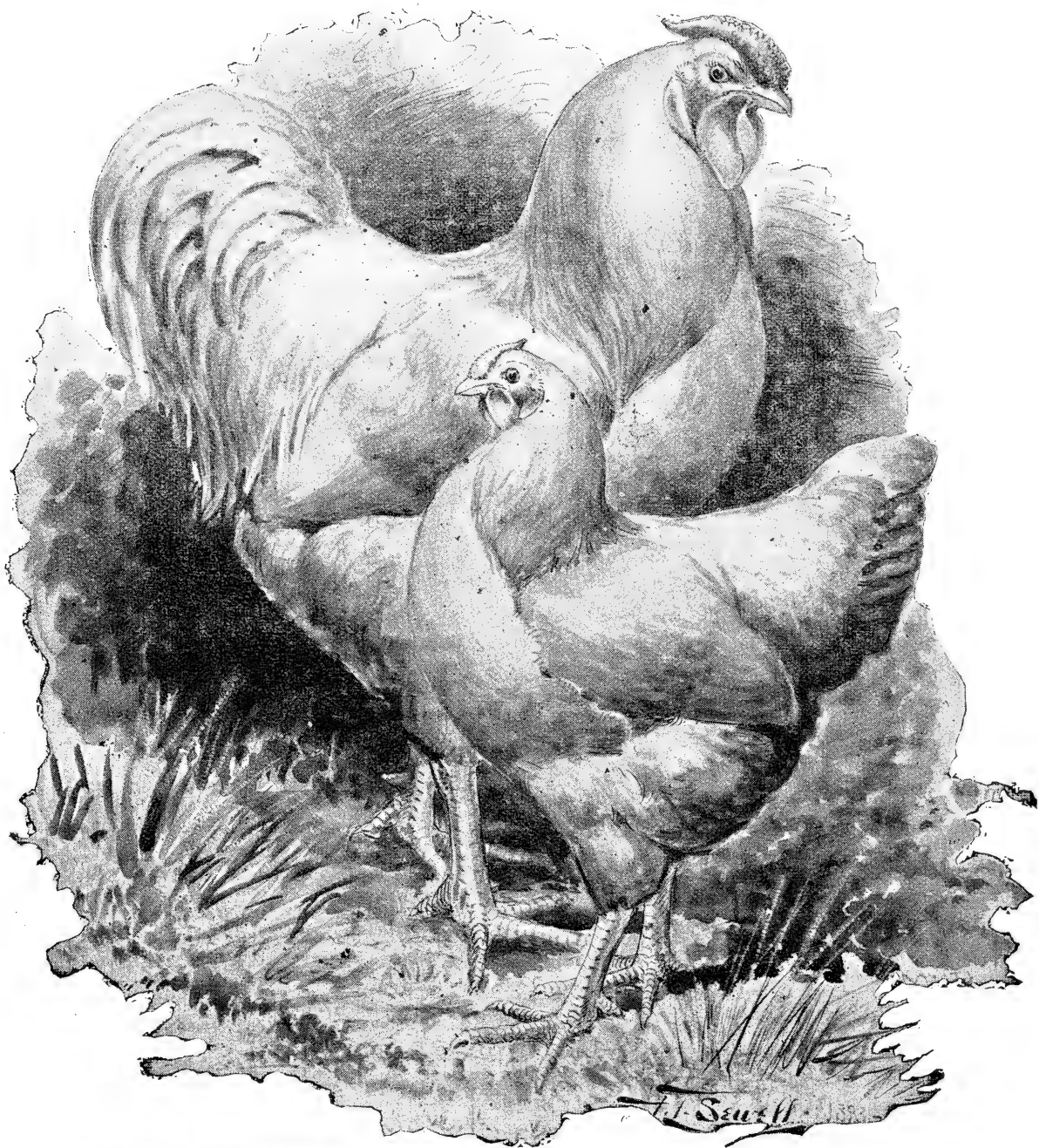
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Dec. 11-16.—Southern Kansas Poultry Association, Wichita, Kansas. F. D. Munn, secretary.
Dec. 12-15.—Missouri State Poultry Association, Sedalia, Mo. M. L. Andrews, secretary.
Dec. 14-20.—Cleveland, Ohio. H. J. Shaff, secretary, Brooklyn, Ohio.
Dec. 18-22.—Ottumwa, Iowa. W. S. Russell, secretary.
Dec. 18-23.—Washington C. H. Ohio. W. R. Dalbey secretary.
Dec. 19-22.—Southern Illinois Poultry Association, Albion, Ill. Edward Craig, sec'y.
Jan. 2-8.—North Kansas Poultry Show, Atchison Kansas. S. G. Sprague, secretary.
Jan. 3-5.—Huntington and Shelton Poultry Association, Shelton, Conn. H. D. Hendrick, secretary.
Jan. 8-12.—Ohio State Poultry Association, Columbus, Ohio. Dr. M. F. Lee, secretary.
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Jan. 9-12.—Rochester Poultry and Pigeon Association, Rochester, N. Y. J. F. Tallinger, secretary.
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POULTRY.

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Home again. After nearly two weeks' sojourn at Chicago, the writer returns to his desk, and will give his impressions of what he saw at the great Columbian poultry show. Much of this appears in our detailed report of the fowls on exhibition.

There was a large army of fanciers in attendance, and it was a gathering such as will never be forgotten by those fortunate enough to have been present at the Chicago show. The good feeling which prevailed during the American Poultry Association meetings was decidedly refreshing, and it is safe to say, no meeting of the old society ever adjourned with such grand good fellowship as did the meeting of 1893.

Among the New York state fanciers, James Forsyth, the "Prince of Owego," and James Hazard, the "King of Elmira," were conspicuous characters, the former celebrated Manhattan Day by presenting every New York fancier with a beautiful solid silver badge; the latter by engineering the presentation of a gold medal to Superintendent Seeger.

The President of the republic of Salvador was an interested visitor in the poultry houses. He bought a large quantity of fine fowls to the delight of many exhibitors whose purses had run to a low ebb. The tide-water prices of the Chicago coffee houses swamped some of the boys.

The happiest man on the fair grounds was James Hazard. He swept the deck with his team of Hamburgs. Such marvels of beauty as his Silver Spangled and Golden Penciled varieties were seldom if ever seen in a show room.

The Hamburg class was the largest and best brought before the fanciers of this country, and New York state and Canada are entitled to the honor for bringing this handsomest race of fowls to the front. We hear that at the New York show in 1894, special attempts will be made to bring out a grand Hamburg exhibit.

The Polish, as might have been expected, were excellent, notably the Canadian exhibits of McNeil and Bogue, and that of B. F. Bryant, of Johnson's Creek, N. Y. Mr. Bryant did well in winning first on W. C. Black hen, which was shown in magnificent condition, beating McNeil's crack hen. The latter was not in her silk attire, otherwise could have made the winner take second place.

Another grand feature was the Black Javas on exhibition. Here again Canada came to the front, and showed breeders in the States how to breed fowls that they originated. The best hen and pullet in

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James Forsyth bought the first prize R. C. Brown Leghorn cockerel, Houdan pullet, S. C. Brown Leghorn pullet and hen, second prize S. C. Brown Leghorn cockerel, third prize Houdan cockerel, and the unplaced White Wyandotte cockerel owned by D. F. Taylor. As there is no keener judge of thoroughbred fowls than Mr. Forsyth, it is safe to assert that he secured nearly all the cream of the stock exhibited.

It was a source of much regret to every one to learn that Frankland L. Sewell, the artist, was confined to his room by a severe attack of bronchitis, and unable to sketch the winners as was expected.

It is with deep sorrow and genuine surprise that we chronicle the death of C. A. Sharp, senior member of the firm of C. A. Sharp & Co., of Lockport, N. Y., the most extensive breeders, importers and dealers in thoroughbred fowls in the United States, if not in the world. Mr. Sharp died on Monday, October 23, at the age of 63 years. He was a man of rugged character, upright in all his dealings and respected in his community. The writer voices the sentiments of thousands of fanciers in extending to the bereaved family his most profound sympathy.

Numerous changes in advertisements appear in this week's issue, which should be carefully observed by our readers. It is with considerable pleasure that we refer to our advertising pages, for America's best breeders are represented there. Many who came in on a trial trip have now become regular yearly advertisers. This is a significant fact for those not yet in the fold, for it pays to advertise in THE AMERICAN FANCIER. The latter reaches actual breeders of poultry and those who are buyers of stock at good prices.

That was a cruel report circulated by "Coriander" Thompson at Chicago, that J. H. Thompson's whiskers were false. However, the gentleman with whiskers, false or otherwise, won great honors on his Barred Plymouth Rocks.

The Amenia, N. Y., Thompson, once called "Coriander" has been christened anew by George T. Pitkin. He will hereafter be known as "Ringlets." This change was caused by his trying to make Pierce, Conger, Pitkin and others believe that the only way to judge Barred Plymouth Rocks is to stand ten feet off so that "you can see them 'ringlets,' see?" Evidently the "ringlets" on the ideal Plymouth Rock illustrations Mr. Thompson is responsible for, have upset his "great head," and he forgets that his own birds in order to see the barring of the feathers must be examined very closely, for as "Coriander" once remarked: "They are barred two inches below the skin." It was a pity the gigantic E. B. Thompson

did not send his birds to compete against the western cracks.

The official awards at the great Hagers-town show were received too late for this week's issue, but will be published in full in our next.

The Standard of Perfection was thoroughly revised at the Chicago meeting, and the new one will be issued on or before April 1, 1894. A number of important changes have been made in the disqualification clauses applied to a number of breeds, and the following breeds have been admitted to a place in the Standard: Indian Games, Buff Wyandottes, Plymouth Rocks, and Leghorns, Silver Duckwing Leghorns, Silver and Golden Campines, Birchen Games, Game Bantams, and White and Black Cochins Bantams.

B. N. Pierce has been appointed editor of the New Standard, and it is probably unnecessary to say, that his work will be well done.

H. V. Crawford, secretary of the New York Poultry and Pigeon Association, was initiated to membership of the American Poultry Association, and extended a hearty invitation to the old society to meet once again at Gotham, and to judge by the feelings of western breeders. New York will have royal support in the matter. The gulf that was created between the American Poultry Association and the New York Show, because the latter uses comparison instead of score card judging, has been swept away. It would never have existed, but for the unfortunate misunderstanding as to how the New York Show was run. Time vindicates many things, and we hope we have heard the last of any attempts to create a feeling against America's greatest show.

We must not forget to mention the excellent display of Buff Leghorns at Chicago, and to quote the veteran, Philander Williams, when he said: "The first prize Buff Leghorn pullet is as fine as any Buff Cochin in color in this show." is to express our own feelings. This bird is certainly a grand one, and we congratulate Mrs. Wm. P. Wheeler in showing such a beautiful specimen of a most useful, popular and handsome new breed.

We give an illustration on our first page of James Forsyth's winning Buff Wyandottes at the last New York Show. This is probably the best picture Mr. Sewell has given to the poultry press, and conveys an excellent idea of one of the handsomest fowls ever introduced. Geo. Peer remarked to us: "The Buff Wyandotte with its fine shape, rich buff color and beautiful rose comb, is an ideal fowl." Mr. Peer thinks of breeding them in the future to relieve his mind of any confusion regarding vulture hocks on Cochins, as the bare legged Wyandotte offers no room for argument on that score.

That reminds us of the meeting between the American Cochin champion, George E. Peer, and the full feathered Cochin warrior, Theodore Sternberg. It was a very pleasant surprise to both, for the fiery but consistent Sternberg is an affable gentleman in every sense of the word and soon made himself solid with Mr. Peer. While Mr. Sternberg conceded

much to his opponents, he made many friends by his manly methods, and his good work in the American Poultry Association meetings will not be forgotten.

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Our little chubby New York Bantam, F. B. Zimmer, was very happy over the changes in the Polish Bantam Standard and now thinks that breeders have after all some chance in formulating standards.

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The chief attraction at the American Poultry Association meeting was Robert A. Braden, editor of the excellent *Ohio Poultry Journal*. His keen wit and pungent satire kept the members in an uproar. The only thing Braden mourns over is an overcoat and a lot of chestnuts in one of the pockets, which some foolish person "swiped."

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Preparations are being made for holding a grand poultry and pigeon show in Washington during the winter of 1895. It is also proposed to hold the American Poultry Association meeting there. This should prove a great benefit to the fraternity, as the attractions of the capital of the United States are alone sufficient to draw a very large attendance of fanciers. What is more, Washington is a good show city, and there should be no fears entertained as to the financial success of the exhibition.

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From our Baltimore correspondent we learn that fanciers in that city will lend a helping hand to make the Washington show a success and no doubt all sister cities will strive to do the same.

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Mr. Levering, president of the American Columbarian Association, although an enthusiastic pigeon fancier, is taking an active interest in poultry matters. He is stocking his country place in Baltimore with the choicest Langshans, Plymouth Rocks, White Wyandottes and Light Brahmas, and contemplates importing some of the famous La Fleche fowls from France.

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It would pay other breeders of poultry to look after the La Fleche. They are among the finest table fowls in the world, and are withal fine layers of very large white eggs. Having bred them in the past, we found them nearly as hardy as most breeds.

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In regard to our editorials on the feeding of corn to fowls we have received many letters. John Glasgow the veteran English breeder of fowls and pigeons writes: "I read with interest your editorials, and you hit the nail pretty straight on the head with respect to the question of feeding, although I disagree with you somewhat on the corn diet—for some varieties. It will do well enough for Leghorns and some few egg producers and for raising chicks after a certain age, there is nothing to beat it. But it all comes to this, the surroundings must be considered, no hard and fast line can be laid down for feeding. Of one thing I am assured, with the plethora of insect life here, poultrymen have a great advantage over those in England, and I firmly believe poultry raising could be made a paying concern here. Unless for those who go in for fancy birds a poultry farm has never been found to pay in the old country."

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H. S. Burdick, the well known breeder of Buff Leghorns and Indian Games

writes: "The September 23d issue of THE AMERICAN FANCIER is a 'daisy'. If there is anything stale, flat and unprofitable in that number, I fail to find it. From years of experience, I can agree with all you say about corn as a ration, when fed with common sense. I could give the experience of others to the same effect for birds with free range, in partial confinement also when shut in close quarters."

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Mr. Wheeler, the first assistant of the New York Agricultural Experiment Station, who has made many valuable experiments with poultry in the past comments on our notes *re* feeding as follows: "Your remarks in THE AMERICAN FANCIER in regard to feeding were good reading to me. I have for a long time believed that the successful judge of stock *must be in the barn*. A good many have failed in trying to feed cows and pigs by thumb rule, and I don't see that fowls are any more likely to invariably appreciate the *average* type than other animals. 'Feeding standards' are all right so far as they go, but one must consider that while they show the *average* composition of rations which have given the best results, they are *but* averages, and not mathematical formulas for working up raw material of which every property and characteristic has been absolutely determined. An art student who depends upon a try-square, and plumb bob, can of course keep himself within certain limits of his model, but if he follows only the lines these can give him he will never attain the highest success. When one remembers that with two cows, almost alike, in the same barn the digestibility of certain constituents will range 20 per cent. and more, he can hardly have unquestioning faith in the infallible efficacy of rations in which the amounts of digestible constituents are calculated to the *thousandth of a pound*, as I've often seen done. There is a good deal of careful work yet to be done before it will be possible for anyone to predict with certainty just what results will be obtained from certain combination of foods. Even where the individuality of the animal is reasonably well understood, one can not do everything with a pencil and paper. I hope we will know as much in a few years from now as many thought was known several years ago."

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The above remarks are referred to writers that do not believe in feeding corn and at the same time believe what *they* do and what *they* feed to be the correct thing. The calm, common sense view taken by Mr. Wheeler should have a wholesome effect on writers who imagine that a criticism on their methods of feeding is a personal attack on themselves.

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Editor Geo. M. Downs, of the *Southern Fancier*, writes us under date of October 6: "We are going to have a show in Atlanta. At the Markham house, this city, yesterday, we formed a stock company and reorganized. We raised funds at once to guarantee all payments, and will run the show on business principles. The stockholders are all good men, and you may rest assured that everything will be paid. The show will be held January 9 to 13. P. H. Scudder and J. H. Drevenstedt will judge the poultry and George E. Peer the pigeons."

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THE AMERICAN FANCIER this week

reaches ten thousand breeders of poultry and pigeons who have exhibited their stock this year at the leading fall shows of the United States and Canada. They make up the great army of fanciers of America who are placing the poultry industry in the lead of all other industries of the country. THE AMERICAN FANCIER is preeminently the *fancier's* paper, the one that he should read weekly. It is the best of its class. If you are not a subscriber already, send in your name at once. At the low price at which it is offered you can not afford to be without it.

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If you have any stock to sell send in an advertisement to be inserted in THE AMERICAN FANCIER, the only weekly exclusive poultry and pigeon paper in America. It is the advertising medium which sells stock quickly at good prices. It circulates more extensively among fanciers, (and the fanciers are the people who pay good prices) than any other paper of its class.

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The advertising rates of THE AMERICAN FANCIER are reasonable. Look at them. They are printed on the third page of each issue of the paper. Compare them with what you have been forced to pay for advertising in papers that give you only 12 insertions in a year, and then remember that THE AMERICAN FANCIER gives you 52 insertions in a year.

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Many breeders begin to realize that the greater part of the profits of their business has been absorbed by bills for advertising. They have contracted for large space and paid large bills. The best results our Mr. Blunck ever realized from advertising were through the small classified advertising column. A six line advertisement in THE AMERICAN FANCIER costs \$1.00 for four insertions, \$3.00 for 13 insertions, \$10 for one year, 52 insertions.

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While on the subject of advertising the editor desires to call attention to the fact that in THE AMERICAN FANCIER the advertiser receives the full benefit of the space he pays for, because he is not overshadowed by large, flaring advertisements of the publishers offering all manner of merchandise for sale. In many publications the poultryman's little advertisement gets lost among the big ones of the publisher. This is unfair to the advertiser no matter how small a space he pays for.

The Silver Duckwing Game Bantam.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

Among the female Game Bantams, other things equal, I give the palm to the Silver Duckwing. Or to put the matter in another form the Silver Duckwing hen is the handsomest colored among the Game Bantams. The soft silvery gray of the body, the silvery gray hackle with its black striping, the light salmon breast, these make a beautiful combination, as restful to the eye as anything in animate nature. The gray body coloring is more or less distinctly penciled, adding to the delightful effect of the whole. But it is seldom that other things are equal. Silver Duckwings are usually shorter in head, neck and limb, fuller in hackle and tail, than the Black Breasted Red, Red Pyle, Golden Duckwing or Brown Red, and the reason of this is not far to seek. The Black Breasted Red, being the most popular variety, has been bred with the

greatest care, and skillful selection for many generations has succeeded in giving to it the desired characteristics. With the Black Breasted Red, the Red Pyle is often crossed to keep up the richness of the coloring in the males; with it the Golden Duckwing is often crossed for the same purpose, or Silver hens are bred to a Black Breasted Red cock to produce the Golden Duckwing; and even the Brown Red has probably received an occasional cross of the Black Breasted Red. In all of these varieties, the crossing with the Black Breasted Red has enabled them to gain some of the advantages that many generations of skillful breeding have bestowed upon that variety. In respect to shape I believe the Game Bantams should be arranged in order as follows: Black Breasted Red, Red Pyle, Brown Red, Golden Duckwing, Silver Duckwing, White, Black, though it is possible that the Silver Duckwing and White varieties ought to change places, owing to the birds in the White variety that have been produced through the faded out Red Pyles.

But, despite the fact that the Silver Duckwing ranks below several varieties in shape, it by no means follows that it does in popularity. As a matter of fact, I believe the Silver Duckwing stands second in the list of varieties in popularity in this country, a position occupied by the Golden Duckwing abroad, I am led to believe. And it does this, probably, on account of its exquisite coloring. It certainly outranks the Golden Duckwing, the Brown Red, the White and the Black, and I think also the Red Pyle.

Although, in shape, I have placed it not high in the scale, it is not to be inferred that it is a little dumpy creature with no style about it.

On the contrary some specimens are produced with fairly long heads, with good station, good necks, real little Games, attractive through their shape as well as through their coloring. I have had hens that scored 95 points, and that, too, under good Game judges, and that is evidence enough to prove that fine shaped Silver Duckwings can be and are bred. But the 95 point birds of this variety are not plentiful. Males that honestly score 91 to 93 and females 92 to 94 can be safely reckoned as first class.

The males are not quite so gorgeous as the males of the Black Breasted Red variety, but they are quite handsome. The contrast between the black of the breast and the white of the hackle is sharp and clear, as is that of the silvery rose of the wing and the gleaming bar or the white of the back and the lustrous tail. The Silver Duckwing cock is a handsome bird, and the hen is still handsomer. If this variety equalled the Black Breasted Red in shape, there would be not a few to proclaim it the more beautiful variety.

The one thing, above all others, that Silver Duckwing breeders should aim for is shape. Select, select, select the very best specimens for breeders, make shape of prime importance, and I suspect that it would not be a bad plan for such a breeder to mate up a very fine, light colored Black Breasted Red cock with some Silver hens and save the chickens therefrom, the males to breed back to Silver hens, the females to a Silver cock. This seems to me to be the quickest way in which to improve the shape. It is true that some defects in plumage would follow, rusty wings and the like, but these defects could be bred out and the substantial gain in shape preserved. At any rate, the experiment, I believe, is worth trying, for, improve the shape and increase of popularity is certain.

H. S. BABCOCK.

The Columbian Show.

Thousands of Fowls and Pigeons at the World's Fair.

A Great Gathering of Breeders, Judges and Fanciers.

[SPECIAL REPORT.]

The great poultry and pigeon show is a thing of the past. Started under many adverse circumstances, handicapped by serious delays in appointing a Superintendent and the Judges, it is a wonder that so many fine birds were on exhibition. What might have been accomplished, had the managers had the faintest conception of the immense importance of the poultry industry in America, is a matter that will strike every thinking poultryman seriously. Of the 5,000 entries about 3,000 were filled, and no doubt with proper push and hustling management fully 10,000 birds could have been expected. But 'tis useless to cry over spilt milk, and while the number of birds fell below the number expected, there was nevertheless a grand lot of handsome fowls, a great gathering of fanciers and a royal good time. With New York State and Canada entries not considered, it would have been a local western show, and it is decidedly creditable to breeders of the Empire State and Canada that they made such a grand showing. The absence of New England birds was a conspicuous feature, and it is a source of much regret, as the land of the Pilgrims is a noted fanciers' section. The west did nobly in furnishing not only numerous entries but birds of the highest quality.

The buildings selected were the cattle barns, some 11 in number. While the floor space was ample, the light and other surroundings were bad, and the poultry and pigeons looked more like caged prisoners in a dungeon than attractive feathered pets in handsome surroundings. The coops were all that could be desired, "Uncle Tom" Rackham doing all in his power to keep Spratts' reputation up to high water mark. The large number of cracks in the walls of the barns admitted much of that famous Lake Michigan air, which while good for rugged human bipeds, is not calculated to improve the health of delicate fowls, and I noticed many of the Polish and Bantams show effects of these Chicago zephyrs. Had these birds been able to patronize the White House Inn as frequently as their owners did, they might have felt more contented. There were twenty-one Judges employed and they started in on Wednesday, Oct. 18. Their labors were completed on the evening of October 24. This at first glance seems to be an unnecessary long time to judge a show of 3,000 birds, but the score card was used, and it is safe to say will never again be brought in to judge a fall show. It must not, however, be blamed on the score card alone, for the immense amount of rep tape necessary in entering awards on the books and reports caused more delay than the scoring. One of the pigeon exhibitors remarked that, "the judges are compelled to write a complete description of every bird they handle, and it is quite likely that they may be compelled to write special articles giving the pedigree of the birds besides."

Notwithstanding all this unnecessary work and the annoyance and delay it caused to exhibitors and judges, there

was no fault found with Superintendent George Seeger, Jr., and his assistant, Richard Twells, except in one instance where an exhibitor lost control of his temper and used language and made threats that can only escape from a diseased mind. It caused Mr. Seeger's many friends to show their appreciation of his labors in a handsome manner by presenting him with a beautiful gold medal. Nearly every exhibitor and all judges subscribed toward the latter, which was presented to him on Monday, October 24. J. H. Drevenstedt was selected to present the medal and made the following remarks:

"MR. SEEGER: At the request of the exhibitors and judges at this great Columbian Exhibition of Poultry and Pigeons, I am instructed to present you with a gold medal, suitably inscribed with words that fully and heartily represent the feelings of every one of us. We are aware that your path has not been strewn with roses, but the few briars that have

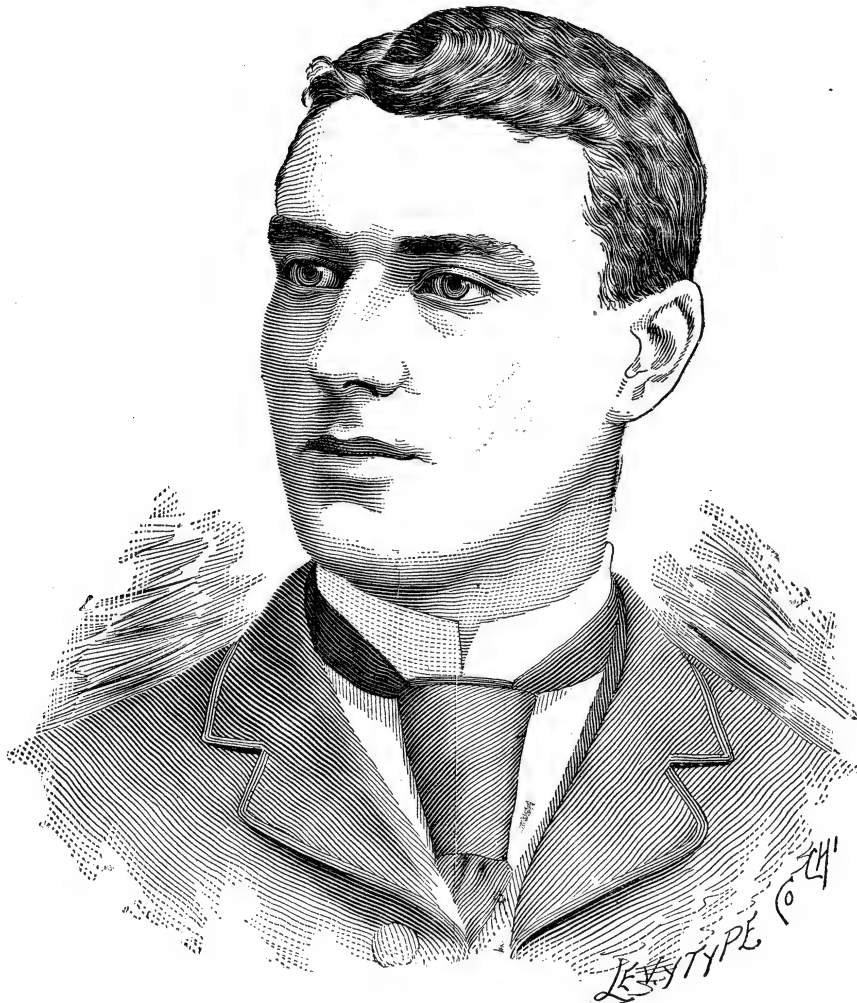
prompted the testimonial. There was but one occasion during the show when he had lost his temper, but all knew what the provocation was. He said all the credit was not his, but that his assistant Richard Twells, chief Buchanan and secretary Mills were equally deserving. He had tried to please all, had done his best to do so and was glad he had succeeded as well as he had. He ended his remarks by thanking all very heartily. Mr. Twells was given three hearty cheers by all the gentlemen present.

On one side of the medal the following inscription appears:

World's Columbian Poultry, Pigeon and
Pet Stock Show.
GEORGE SEEGER, JR.,
from the
Poultry and Pigeon Fanciers.

A Houdan Cock was engraved on the centre.

On the reverse side the following words were engraved:



George Seeger, Jr.

Superintendent of World's Fair Poultry and Pigeons Show, Chicago, Oct. 16 to 28, '93.

been hurled at you, glanced off like the proverbial water on the duck's back.

As an Eastern representative, I wish to voice the feelings of all exhibitors and judges in that section of the United States, in stating that they heartily commend the action of Chief W. I. Buchanan, in appointing you to the Superintendency of the Poultry and Pigeon Department of the World's Fair Poultry and Pigeon Show. Your many Western friends it is needless to say have long ago acknowledged your fitness for the position, and now that the East, West, North, South and Canada are united here as one grand fraternity of Poultry and Pigeon Fanciers, they all unite in thanking you for the gentlemanly and courteous manner in which you have treated every one, no matter how provoking the question, nor how unreasonable some of us may have been. We shall never forget the great Columbian Poultry and Pigeon Show, and its genial, honest and faithful Superintendent. I take pleasure in handing you the order for the medal which will be delivered to you on Thursday, Oct. 26th."

Mr. Seeger was visibly affected and said he highly appreciated the spirit that

A Testimonial
To Merit, A Tribute
To Good Fellowship.

As to the merits of the birds on exhibition, a detailed report appears below. We do not give the scores, believing the latter, in old fowls especially, not indicative of their true value, as condition and weight pulled down the score far below the value of the birds.

The features of the show were the Hamburgs and Barred Plymouth Rocks in point of numbers and in quality, although the Light Brahmas showed up well in quantity and quality. The other classes did not fill as well, but the quality of Minorcas, Wyandottes, Leghorns, Polish and Javas was high.

The following were the judges on poultry and pigeons:

POULTRY.—P. Williams, Taunton, Mass.; H. S. Ball, Shrewsbury, Mass.; J. Y. Bicknell, Buffalo, N. Y.; J. H. Drevenstedt, Johnstown, N. Y.; F. B. Zimmer,

Gloversville, N. Y.; B. N. Pierce, Indianapolis, Ind.; I. N. Barker, Thorntown, Ind.; C. A. Emery, Carthage, Mo.; Theo. Hews, Trenton, Mo.; F. J. Marshall, Middletown, O.; H. A. Bridge, Columbus, O.; F. H. Shellenberger, Letts, Ia.; D. M. Owen, Athens, Tenn.; Geo. O. Brown, Baltimore, Md.; Jno. E. Diehl, Philadelphia, Pa.; E. C. Vahle, Philadelphia, Pa.; F. H. Hitchcock, Greenleaf, Kans.; Sharp Butterfield, Windsor, Can.; L. G. Jarvis, London, Ont.

PIGEONS.—Geo. E. Peer, Rochester, N. Y.; Thos. W. Tuggles, Columbus, Ga.

PLYMOUTH ROCKS.

BARRED (B. N. Pierce, judge).—Cocks, 13. First, grand in color, having rich blue black barred feathers free from brown or smut. Feathers in every section were well barred. Shape of bird good. Second, another magnificent bird in color, his only serious color defects being the eye and slight brown in bars of saddle. Third, a clean cut bird shown in good condition. Fourth shown heavy in moult, but in full feather would go higher, being good in comb and color. Hens, 17 (J. Y. Bicknell, judge). First, grand in shape and color, good comb, beak and legs. The barring on feathers of neck, back, wing, breast and body was magnificent, being regularly and evenly placed. Second, large in size, of good shape but too dark, fails in comb and beak. Third, fails in color of neck and back. Fourth, a nice hen in ground color, but bars on feathers too uneven. Cockerels, 22 (F. W. Hitchcock, judge). First, a beautiful bird in color, comb and shape. Second, another clean cut bird finely barred feathers in every section. Good in comb and legs. Third, a nice bird, but fails in barring of saddle feathers, and lacks in color of other sections, comb, beak and legs excellent. The rest of the class contained many good birds, but age will develop better qualities. Pens, (G. O. Brown, judge). J. H. Thompson, Jr., wins first with a nice clean looking lot of pullets and good cockerel but all were young and hardly matured enough to show up well in shape. Sid Conger wins second with a slashing fine pen of birds, the pullets being well up in weight and grand in shape, cockerel heading pen, good in comb and clean in plumage. Third to McClave on very fair lot of birds. Fourth to David Couger, a well barred lot of birds, but rather off in shape. PEA COMB, but few shown and not in best condition.

WHITE, 8 (J. N. Barker, judge).—First, a grand bird in style and plumage, comb and wattles a trifle too large, wins easily over second which was out of condition being heavy in moult. Third, heavy in moult, but showing fine color. Fourth, a grand styled bird might have been placed higher. Hens, 11 (Theo. Hews, judge). A good class. First wins by being grand in plumage and in fine condition. Second a typical Plymouth Rock in shape and later on should beat the winner. Third fails in shape of body, comb and legs. Fourth fails in comb, but otherwise better than third. Cockerels, 8 (Jno. E. Diehl, judge).—First, well matured, good in plumage, comb and style. Second a fine bird in plumage and comb, hustles the winner rather close. Third good in comb and plumage but fails in back, being too roachy. Fourth, not in good feather but very white in plumage, shows evidence of having been cooped too much. Pullets, 8 (S. Butterfield, judge).—A nice class but ribbons were not placed so cannot comment further. Buff, only one cock, two hens, two cockerels and two pullets were shown. The cock (Wilson) was particularly good in color, being a true buff excepting his tail which is a little black, a rare good bird. The hen (J. D. Wilson) fully equal to cock in color. Cockerel (Knox) promising, being rich in color, but a trifle dark in wing and black in tail. Cockerel (Wilson) a fine buff in color, will make a good one later on. Pullet (Wilson) a very fair bird in color.

Pullet, 20 (Bridge, judge).—First, fair comb, loses in beak, good legs, and well barred plumage. Second, not so clearly barred and weak in comb. Third, a good one in color of plumage, but loses in beak and legs. The rest fair, excepting Edmund Haug's pullet, which was best in class, but was disqualified for a little stub of feather on toe.

WYANDOTTES.

SILVER.—Cock, 7 (J. Y. Bicknell, judge). First, comb too small, heavy in moult, but showing good color in neck, saddle and wings, breast well laced. Second, fails in color of neck and saddle, the latter being very smutty, wings fair, well laced on breast. Third, bad in color of hackle, saddle too dark altogether. Fourth, the most typical and handsome Wyandotte in the class, being grand in shape, very silvery in hackle, wing bar and saddle and well laced on breast. Under the new standard is an easy winner. Hen, 9 (B. N. Pierce, judge). First, good in shape except head was too much on Brahma order, color and lacing of breast, wings and back very good for a hen, neck fails in color of hackle. Second, good in shape, but fails in color, being too dark and badly pencilled on back and tail. Third, a regular crow in color. We fancied Mr. Ferguson's hen for second place, being well laced and except in back not badly pencilled. Fourth, a good hen, but too black. Cockerels, 11 (H. A. Bridge, judge). First, good in shape, color of hackle and saddle very good; breast fails in color, being poorly laced and all feathers edged with white; wings good in color except bows. Second, a handsome bird, comb rather large, hackle well striped and silvery, saddle feathers good, back a little smutty, wings very good, breast beautifully laced, the white centre showing up well. Third, fair in color of hackle, very good in color of saddle, fair in wings, poor in breast. Fourth fails in color of breast and body and saddle. A. B. Tarbox showed a very handsome cockerel, the bird being excellent in wings and saddle, well laced on breast, but failed in back and neck color. This bird disqualified for a little down on feet. Pullets, 15 (J. H. Drevenstedt, judge). First, a beautiful bird in shape, good hackle and clearly laced all over. Second, the best laced bird in the class, simply grand in color, but a poor comb and loss of weight gave her second place instead of first. Third, good in shape and comb, fails in color of back and too pale in ear lobes. Fourth, a very heavy bird, too coarse and Cochiny. There were other good pullets in the class, but weight cuts handicapped them severely.

WHITE.—Cocks, 3 (C. A. Emery, judge). First, a grand, good bird, good Wyandotte character and clean white plumage, shown in good condition. Second, another good bird in shape and plumage, but fails in comb, which is too large and of the Hamburg order. Third, a beautiful white bird heavy in moult; in condition would crowd the winner. Hens, 5 (P. Williams, judge). First, a beauty, clear white plumage, fine comb, fails a little in shape of head. Second, a large noble looking bird, too thick in neck and head, and a trifle off in comb; plumage excellent. Third, a graceful bird, a little sharp in head and a trifle too low in fluff. Fourth, a large well formed bird except in body and back, off in comb. Cockerels, 6 (F. J. Marshall, judge). First, poor in comb, yellow in hackle, wings, and saddle, good in shape. Second, a handsome compact bird, good comb, fine plumage, loses in weight. Third, a large bird, but too straight in back, yellow in plumage in wings and back. Third, a clean white bird, too young, however, to win, will make a hard one to beat later on. Cockerel shown by D. F. Taylor was disqualified for a little grey in feather; this is a cruel injustice to the bird and to the owner, and, while legally correct, is morally wrong; he is the gem in the class, being perfect in symmetry, having a fine comb and good plumage; should have won, hands down. Pullets, 7 (J. N. Barker, judge). First, a large handsome bird, fine plumage, fair comb, well shown. Second, another typical Wyandotte, pure white plumage, good comb and legs; might have exchanged places with winner. Third loses in legs and condition, otherwise a good one. Fourth off in shape of body and head. The rest of the class fair.

GOLDEN.—Cock, 2 (G. O. Brown, judge). First, good in color of hackle, saddle and well laced on breast, wing bar too solid, comb off in shape. Second, out of condition and not in same class with winner when judged, but will show to better advantage later. Hens, 4 (L. G. Jarvis,

judge.) First, poor in comb, good in hackle and well laced on breast and body, off in color of back and tail, good in shape. Second, a richer laced bird, good comb, but fails in color of back, legs and hackle, good in shape. Third, not in the same class. Cockerel, 7 (F. W. Hitchcock, judge). First, a fine bird in every section, color, except in hackle, very rich, breast lacing excellent, wings a trifle too dark. Second, a well colored bird, lacks fullness in neck, wing bars too solid. Third, too light in hackle, fails in lacing of breast, good wings. Fourth, too young and undeveloped. Pullets, 8. First, a very richly laced, opened centred bird, fails in breast lacing. Second, another beauty in color but loses in comb and lobes. Third, too dark in color, and young.

AMERICAN DOMINIQUE.

Cocks, 3 (Hewes, judge).—First, a Plymouth Rock in shape, Wyandotte comb, fair in color. Second, a better type bird, good plumage, fails in comb, otherwise the best in the class. Third, a large heavy bird, comb too large. Hens, 3. First wins easily over the others in plumage, comb and color of beak and legs. Cockerels, 2. Second, a very fair bird in color and comb, but not good in shape. Third, too young to show up well. Pullets, only one entered and not striking in plumage.

BREEDING PENS.

WHITE PLYMOUTH ROCKS.—Pens, 6 (F. H. Shellarberger, judge). First an easy winner, size, shape and plumage of females being A1, cock a good one in color and shape; second a good lot of birds, but cockerel too young to show up well; third contained a grand lot of pullets and good cockerel; this pen might have gone higher if weight clause had not been applied; the rest of the pens averaged fairly in quality.

BUFF PLYMOUTH ROCK.—Pen shown by J. D. Wilson a good one all around.

WHITE JAVA.—Pen (1) a fair lot of birds.

SILVER WYANDOTTES.—Pens, 5 (S. Butterfield, judge). First a very fair lot of birds, male being good in color of hackle, saddle and wings, fails in breast, females good in shape, and barring a tendency to mossiness on back, were well laced; second a fair lot of youngsters, cockerel will develop into a good colored bird, pullets not as clean laced as they should be; third contained best laced females in the outfit, but cockerel was too young to win; fourth, females too black.

GOLDEN WYANDOTTES.—Pens, 3 (H. A. Bridge, judge). First an easy winner, cockerel good in color all around and one female in pen good enough to get a blue ribbon in the open class; second contained well laced females showing good open centres, cockerel too dark and off in comb; third not in the same class with others, cockerel being roached back and too young, and badly blanketed on breast and body.

WHITE WYANDOTTES.—Pens, 2, first a royal lot of birds shown in superb condition, cockerel being good in comb, shape and plumage, hens good in every section and snowy white in plumage; second another clinker, but cock loses in comb and legs, while females lack slightly in shape, otherwise a fine pen of birds.

BUFF WYANDOTTES.—The only pen shown was very fair, one hen especially being good in color.

DARK BRAHMAS.

Cocks, 3 (Barker, judge).—First wins easily in size, color, and toe feathering. Second, fine color, lacks in head and comb and toe feathering. Third, out of condition, but good in shape; would have gone higher if in better feather. Hens, 3 (F. H. Shellarberger, judge). A weak lot, winner being fair in shape and pretty good in color. Second, out of condition and too dark. Third, too brown in pencilling. Cockerels, 7.—A very fair lot. First, good in color, fair comb, should make a strapping big one. Second, rather undeveloped, but showing good color and comb. Third, another rangy, promising bird. Fourth, a fine bird in color and feathering, off in head and comb, might have gone higher. Pullets, 8.—A weak lot in color, and some too young to score.

Pens, 3 (Drevenstedt, judge).—First wins by being best in color and condition, a very fair pen of birds. Second

and third lose in weight, color, and condition.

LIGHT BRAHMAS.

Cocks, 15 (Pierce, judge).—First, a strapping big bird, good in comb, shape, and plumage. Second, loses in comb, shape, and color. Third, excepting back, is best bird in class, but loses in weight. Fourth, weak in head, lacks color in hackle, not heavy in toe feathering. Fifth, not in good feather. Sixth, a good bird in color, but hardly up to edge for show; will make a good one later. Hens, 13 (Bicknell, judge).—First, a rather coarse bird, too Cochiny, but good in color of tail and hackle for a hen. Second, a very fair bird in color and good in shape. Third, off in head and loses in color of tail and in toe feathering. The rest of class was fair. Cockerels, 11 (Hewes, judge).—First wins easily, being an early hatched chick. The others too young to show up well. Pullets, 12 (Bridge, judge).—First, fair comb, good hackle, fails in color of tail, good in shape and in toe feathering. Second, a fair bird in color, a trifle off in head, and lacks style. Third, loses in head and comb, but good in color of hackle and tail; might have gone higher. Fourth, loses in shape of neck, body, and back, but very fair in color of neck and tail.

Pens (Butterfield, judge).—In looking over the awards, at the first sight it would not look as if the best birds had won, but on looking over the scores we found that in what we considered the best pen of birds they had 14 points taken off for weight, which was nearly three points per bird. Hens large and grand in color, but being only about three-quarters of the way through the moult had, by cuts for weight, to give way to heavier birds, and without taking the pains to look at the weight cards would no doubt lead breeders to think the birds had not been properly scored.

BLACK LANGSHANS.

Cocks, 2 (Bicknell, judge).—First, a tailless bird, heavy in moult; in full feather looks like a good one. Second, lacks Langshan shape and too coarse in comb. Hens, 5 (Barker, judge).—First, good in neck and back and tail, but too low in body. Second, loses in back and tail. Third, off in comb and shape. Fourth, out of condition. Cockerels, 11.—First, a good type of Langshan, high in reach, good back and tail and comb; a little off in toe feathering. Second, good in comb, but too blocky in shape. Third, loses in back, neck, and body. Fourth, a very nice bird, but a little too Cochiny in shape; shown in fine condition. The rest rather young to show. Pullets, 13 (Jarvis, judge).—A very nice class. First, a clean cut bird, good in shape and comb, but fails a little in shape of head. Second, loses in comb and weight. Third, a good bird in comb style, but too long in back and loses in neck; when filled out will go higher. The rest of class contained a few promising specimens.

BLACK LANGSHANS.—Pens, 5 (J. N. Barker, judge). First, good in type of females, cockerel being well up in style, good comb; second, cock out of feather, poor in lobe, females not in best condition; third a rattling good pen of youngsters and with more age on male, would win over first; the others were not in show shape.

COCHINS.

REPORT BY THEODORE STERNBERG.

WHITE (Emry, judge).—Cock 1 McNeil. Color perfect and well shown, with a trifle more leg feather would be almost perfect in that section, breast rather flat, wins easily; 2 Thompson, a good bird, full of unmoulted dirty feathers, better in breast than first, but too light in fluff, leg, and toe feathering; 3 Anderson, too narrow, flat breast, deficient in fluff, leg and toe feather. The class was well placed, all the cocks too upright in carriage and too high on the legs. Cockerel (Owen, judge).—1 Andrews, 2 Thompson, 3 McNeil, 4 Concord Poultry Club. First and second the most mature and oldest; third, away ahead on color and feather; fourth, next; second has bare middle toe, which will disqualify under the revision, barring bare toe and an absent serration, better than first; third should have been first, and fourth second, but for lack of weight and using a score

card on a half grown chicken. Hen (Emry, judge).—1 Pace, probably rightly placed, a nice all round hen; 2 Thompson, not in as good feather as first, a wider, deeper hen and later on will give first a beating; 3 Andrews, flat breast, scanty leg and toe feathers and wins by weight only; 4 Mitchell, a pretty bird, but away off in weight, breast tucked up, but a bountiful supply of corn can help that later, she will move up toward the front. Pullet 1 McNeil, an easy win, the gem in the Cochins class; 2 Andrews, nice bird, lacks feather; 3 Thompson, a toss up with second for place; 4 Concord Poultry Club, very young, later on will move up near front of class.

BLACK (Hewes, judge).—Cock 1 Conger, an easy win, in good condition, a large coarse bird, too straight and long in back, flat in breast and a little high in legs. The other birds are rightly placed. Nothing noticeable and the class weak. Cockerel (Jarvis judge).—1 McCormick, a pretty bird, well grown out, tall and slender, an easy winner, but in January will take a seat nearer the door; 2 McNeil; 3 Thompson, narrow upstanding leggy bird, close feathered and not at all Cochins type; 4 McClave, very good in color, shape and feather, the weight clause and scoring half grown birds placed the best cockerel last, but later the winners will not be in it with it. Hen (Marshall, judge).—1 Conger, properly placed, a big hen, flat in breast, back straight and long, leg feather away off; 2 Thompson, better in head, back and cushion, later will hustle first; 3 Cockburn, the best in leg and foot feather, the only clear black throughout in the class, out of condition, weight knocks the most typical hen out of first; 4 McClave, an ordinary bird. Pullet (Hitchcock, judge).—1 McCormick, 2 McNeil, 3 McClave, 4 Thompson, rightly placed, all young and age and weight makes the winners, all too light in foot and leg feathering, too close in feather and not sufficiently rounded in breast. I wish the Blacks would get away from Langshan carriage and get on to the full rounded low carried breast which is the chief Cochins beauty.

PARTRIDGE (Hewes, judge).—Cock 1 Bartlett & George, flat in breast, leggy, straight back, high tail, scanty fluff, leg and toe feathering, color good; 2 Foot, same fault in feather, breast and legs as first, better in back, cushion and tail, weight alone beats it for first. Cockerel (Jarvis, judge).—First, full weight, a nice bird, trifle leggy, color fair; 2 Conger, a big strapping bird, high standing, back too long and straight, flat in breast, too close feathered; 3 Corliss, under weight, but grand in back and cushion, better in breast than first, a more typical Cochins and should have been first; 4 Kreider, a good bird and rightly placed. Hen (Ball, judge).—1 Holden, 2 Cockburn, 3 Kreider, 4 Jackson. The first hen in shade and pencilling was a wonderful bird, shown in the pink of condition and properly placed, but in shape she is narrow from stem to stern and in shape is surpassed by others in the class. After all a rich colored partridge usually wins and this is right, only their standard shape should be modified so as to fit the fowls and not the name "Cochins." The class well judged. Pullet (Bridge judge).—1 Corliss, an easy winner, the gem of the Partridge class, nice round breast, fails in leg feather; 2 Holden, a fine large bird, coarser than first, will ripen into a grand hen, fails in leg feather; 3 Conger, smaller, a very dark bird, but as a hen will be hard to beat; 4 Kreider, well pencilled, stands too high, fails in breast and rather light in leg feather. A well judged class.

BUFFS (Williams, Judge).—Cocks, 1 Harlan, a grand old cock in good feather and condition, high colored and properly placed; 2 Clark, too light in feather, leggy, up-standing, nice in color and comb, fails in breast and back; 3 McCormick, a good bird, better in feather than 2, loses in weight; 4 Stuart, a grand old bird, up in weight, but sadly out of condition, should not have been shown. Great in fluff and length of feather, an English winner. McNeil's unplaced cock, in shape of head, breast and body, in uniform bright clear color throughout, was easily the best in the class, too high in tail, scanty in fluff

in front of thighs, not enough feathers on legs, away off on weight, but in general Cochins shape and color the best in the class. Cockerels, (judge, Drevenstedt).—1 Conger, up to weight, a good all round American bird in good feather, the best in show shape, wins easily, but later on may have to take a beating from those he properly beats now, not quite even in color of back, tail pinched and dark, needs more feathers; 2 McNeil, 3 Hare, 4 McCormick, all young undeveloped chicks, but very promising. McCormick's bird giving promise of a nearly clear buff tail and coverts. The class well judged. Hens (Pierce, judge).—1 Conger, a good all round American buff hen, shows more feather than is usual with American Buff, probably properly placed, but 2 McCormick is more to my taste. A grand bird and the best shaped buff hen in show, an English full feathered bird, first beat it 1-4 point on score, lost on weight; 3 Geo. F. Davis & Co., a nice old hen badly out of feather; 4 Clark, a good all round hen, should have been 3rd. Pullets, (Butterfield, judge).—1 McCormick, a full feathered English bird, the gem of the buff class; 2 Conger, a fine large well grown pullet, properly placed now; 3 Stuart, a beauty, tail too long, hardly leg feather enough but rightly in the money; 4 Hare, a fine colored bird grand under color but not up to G in shape.

BREEDING PENS.

BUFFS (Hitchcock, judge).—1 Conger; 2 McNeil; 3 McCormick; 4 Hare. In breeding pens dark color won over size, shape and feather. In first one light hen spoiled the evenness of the pen color. In size, shape, evenness of outer color and of pen color and abundant feathering second won easily. First should have changed places, the others were placed right.

BLACKS (Jarvis, judge).—1 McNeil, 2 McCormick, 3 Conger, 4 Thompson. I will not attempt to criticize the placing of the prizes in this class. Except Thompson's old hen, which is the best black in the show, and the McCormick cock, which has rather heavy hocks, the whole class is away off in true Cochins shape, is flat in breast, too long in back, with scanty leg feather and tight in feather. This, unfortunately, is apt to be the case in Blacks. Let's get them to Cochins shape; the reduction of weight in cocks to 10-12 will help in that direction. They are useful and handsome fowls.

WHITES (Emry, judge).—1 Andrews, all '93 birds but one hen; 2 McNeil, cock, two pullets, two hens; 3 Thompson, cock, three hens and pullet, all the females in good feather. The second and third pens much the best in leg, toe, and general Cochins feathering. To a Cochins eye, second should have taken first and first third, but October short weights, and the score card wins over shape and abundance of Cochins feather.

PARTRIDGE (Barker, judge).—1 Corliss, 2 Holden, 3 Stump, 4 Kreider. A well judged class. A fine lot of birds, in very good feather and condition, in good shape for scoring. As a class, deficient in breast and body, could carry vastly more feather, and improve in shape.

GENERAL NOTES.

From the above, it will be noticed that to me Cochins shape and abundance of feather is Cochins. As yet color in score card shows usually wins over shape and length of feather. This is not right. If the Cochins, or any of them, are to be birds of feather encourage feather. Again in all the Cochins classes full, deep, wide, and rounded breasts carried well forward are not often found. As a rule, males are very deficient in this beauty point. Let this be corrected. The Cochins should not be a leggy, rangy, high standing fowl. Even cocks should carry the breast low and well forward. If this cannot be done in all, change the standard to fit each variety. The truth is, that Partridge and Blacks are at bottom not varieties of the same breed, but different breeds. Let's breed to type and not to name. As yet, Buffs are the Cochins, Whites are nearer it, Blacks approaching Whites, while Partridges I do not believe will ever in this country approach the Buff type. At the meeting of the American Poultry Association a glorious advance in the direction of more abundant feather occurred. The idea of Cochins hocks, advocated by the Cochins

Club of America, was practically adopted by amending the description of vulture hocks in the Glossary. The disqualification of vulture hocks was not removed, but bare middle toe was added to the disqualifications. In instructions to judges, the fuller feathered birds are to be given preference in shape sections. The English Cochins won its fair share of the prizes. One noticeable feature was that the old Palace cock was in the money. The beginning of the end of that abomination in the eye of a true Cochins fancier—tight feather and scanty leg and toe feather—is here. Judges have loosened up, a more uniform idea of Cochins shape and feather is growing, and Cochins will fly with the birds.

LEGHORNS.

[REPORTED BY JAMES FORSYTH.]

Were as a class not what one would expect to see at a World's show. Many showing white in plumage and but for the leniency of the judges would have been consigned to the rear.

S. C. BROWN.—Cock 1, poor comb, no stripe in saddle, light legs; 2, fair comb, good face and lobes, too light in hackle, no stripe in saddle, white at face of primaries in wings, in best show condition; 3, fair comb, good lobes, very light in hackle, showed white; 4, fair comb, good face and lobes, no stripe in saddle, good size, fair color throughout, would have probably won, but in bad feather. Cockerel 1, a small bird, even color throughout, slightly mottled in hackle, good fair comb and lobes, white beginning to show in face, under color good, no stripe in saddle; 2, grand, good size, good fair comb, good lobes, fine stripe in hackle and saddle, black breast, yellow legs, slightly damaged in one wattle by fighting, a sure winner in his class; 3, a large bird, light hackle, light legs, good lobes, bad comb following the neck, no stripe in saddle; 4, good even color, no stripe in saddle, poor comb following neck, poor lobes, good hackle and good size. Hen 1, good size, good lobes, fair hackle, comb fair, good color on back, wings showing slight brick, breast fair, legs extra good for hen; 2, fair comb and lobes, good hackle, too dark and mottled in back and wings, breast fair, legs good; 3, large hen, twisted comb, hackle stripe, pencilled back and wings, too dark and mottled, breast fair, legs poor, lobes good; 4, twisted comb, too dark on back and wings, brick in wings, legs good, lobes poor, breast too much mottled with light salmon. Pullet 1, a good one, good comb and lobes, good shape, fine legs, good hackle and good even coloring throughout, breast good, a sure winner; 2, good comb and lobes, fine hackle, breast fair, back and wings too dark, legs fair, the best comb in the class; 3, poor comb, good lobes, good breast, legs good, hackle good, back too dark, wings too dark showed brick; 4, fair comb, good lobes, fine hackle, fine legs, breast mottled with light salmon, back too dark and mottled wings too dark and showing brick.

S. C. WHITE LEGHORNS. — Cocks, 6. First, good size, good lobe, comb fair, legs good and plumage great; easy winner. Second, in poor feather, fair comb, good lobes, good legs, plumage slightly tinged. Third, big bird, very dirty, comb too large, lobes show red, leg good, bad feather. Fourth, poor comb and lobes, plumage good, legs fair. Hens, 18.—First, fair comb, good lobes, plumage fine, legs too light. Second, small, poor legs, comb, lobes poor, plumage good. Third, good size, legs fair, plumage good, comb and lobes good, should have given 1st hen a closed rub. Fourth, best comb in lot, lobes fair, legs light, in bad feather. Cockerels, 11.—First, a good one, fine plumage, good legs, good style, good lobes, comb smooth and well put on, serrations might have stood straighter, and not inclined so much backward. Second, fair comb, good lobes, good plumage, fine legs. Third, younger than 1st and 2d, good plumage, beautiful comb and lobes, good legs, with a month more would have hustled the winner. Fourth, good size, plumage slightly yellow, good legs, comb good shape but fails too much on neck, lobes good. Pullets, 10.—First, a beauty, fine comb and lobes, good legs, plumage fine. Second, a good one, plumage fine, comb and lobes good, good station. Third,

comb falls both ways, lobes fair, legs and plumage good. Fourth, fair comb, good lobes, legs light, plumage mused and dirty. Breeding Pens, 4.—First, headed by a fine male, good comb and lobes, plumage fine, legs a trifle too light; females, good combs and lobes, good plumage, fine legs. Second, male, poor comb and lobes, light legs; females, some with straight combs, legs good. Third, a younger lot, plumage good, straight combs in females, male, fair comb and lobes. Fourth, in bad plumage, poor combs, lobes fair.

S. C. B. LEGHORNS.—First, females, good combs and lobes, even colored lot but too heavy penciling on back and wings, hackles fair, legs fair. Cockerel, comb poor, hackle too light, legs good, no penciling on saddle, lobes fair, wattles slightly tucked up. Second, should have been disqualified, white feather in wing of male bird. Third, even lot of females, good legs, combs and lobes, a trifle to dark and too much mottling on back and wings. Cockerel, good legs, good lobes, fair comb, no penciling on saddle, good legs. This pen should have had a better place. Fourth, poor quality throughout.

ROSE COMB (3 entries).—Cock 1, poor comb, light hackle, fair legs, good lobes, no penciling in saddle; 2, good lobes, rough comb, no penciling in saddle, tucked up wattles, in bad feather for showing, light hackle; 3, poor comb, even color throughout, good lobes, poor legs, no stripe in saddle. Cockerel 1, good large bird, good comb and lobes, even color throughout, no stripe in saddle, good legs, an easy winner; 2, fair comb, lobes slightly too yellow, no stripe in saddle, good legs, fair colored bird, this bird was given a score of 97, 94 would have been ample; 3, fair comb, beautiful white lobe, a rich colored bird, light legs, no penciling on hackle, a little brickey in fluff, should have been second; 4, poor comb, good lobes, light legs, no penciling in saddle. Hen 1, good comb, good lobes, poor hackle, light legs, breast off, color of back and wings too mottled and dark; 2, poor comb, small lobes, fair hackle, good breast, color of back and wings too mottled; 3, poor comb, fair lobes, fair hackle, breast mottled with light salmon, legs very poor; 4, comb poor, lobes fair, color throughout poor, breast fair, legs very white. Pullet 1, comb fair, lobes fair, hackle fair, breast good, color on back and wings too mottled, legs good, shape good, wings show brick (the score of 97 points given this bird is simply ridiculous, 92 would be large enough); 2, fair comb, small lobes, legs poor, breast good, hackle good, color mottled on back and wings; 3, small, fair comb and lobes, good breast, hackle fair, color too mottled; 4, comb fair, lobes good, hackle good, legs good, breast good, too much mottling on back and wings, should have been second.

R. C. WHITE.—Cock, (1 entry), fair comb, good lobes, good legs, slightly brassy on back. Cockerel (5 entries) 1, fair comb, good lobes, fair legs, good plumage; 2, small, bad comb, good lobes and legs, good plumage; 3, good size, comb a trifle too large, beautiful lobes, plumage fair, should have been 2nd; 4, no good. Pullets (3 entries) 1, comb poor, lobes small, plumage fine, legs good; 2, comb poor, lobes poor, color good, legs fair; 3, small, comb poor, lobes good, legs fair, plumage good.

BLACK MINORCAS.

Cocks 6 (Hewes, judge).—First, a grand bird in shape, good comb, fair lobe. Second, fails in comb, lobe and shape of body. Third, a good bird, but dull in plumage and not in good feather. Fourth, a large well shaped bird, fails in comb and lobe. Hens 5 (Owen, judge). First, a typical Minorca in shape, excellent in comb and lobe, large in size, an easy winner. Second lacks a trifle in body shape, not so good in comb or so large in size as winner. Third, a good bird shown in only fair condition, lacks in comb and tail. Cockerels 11 (Brown, judge). First, a large handsome bird, fine lobe, good comb, glossy plumage and almost an ideal in shape, wins easily. Second, not so good in shape, but good in comb and lobe. Third, fails in shape of back, comb and a trifle in lobe, otherwise a nice bird. Fourth, a younger bird, not so good in lobe as winner, but

decidedly promising. Pullets 4: First, a large fine shaped bird, good comb and lobe. Second, another good one, but lacks in tail, will hustle the winner with more age. Third, a good large bird, close up to winner. Fourth, fails in comb and shape and was lucky in winning, as the rest of the class was quite strong.

WHITE MINORCAS.

Cock and hen shown by C. W. Jerome & Co., won first honors without competition. Both are excellent birds and hard to beat. Cockerels, First, a very fair bird in shape, lacks in fullness of body and in color of ear lobes. The second was fully equal to the winner and better in lobe and comb. Third, a neat bird in comb and lobe, but not in full feather.

GOLDEN PENCILLED HAMBURGS.

Cocks, 5 (J. Y. Bicknell, judge).—First, a good bird in lobe, comb and color, not in best feather. Second, fails in comb and lobe. Third, fails in color, but is good in lobe and fair in comb. Fourth, off in shape and out of condition. Hens, 6 (I. N. Barker, judge).—First, a gem, beautiful in barring of feathers, rich in color, good comb and lobe. Second, loses in condition, comb, and a trifle in color. Third, off in shape and in barring. Fourth, fails in color of breast, wing, and tail. Cockerels, 7 (Pierce, judge).—First, a beauty in color, probably the best seen in many years, comb and lobe good. Second, loses in shape and color, lobe fine, comb neat. Third, loses in color and shape. Fourth, off in comb, lobe, and shape, color good. Pullets, 6 (Hitchcock, judge).—A very even lot of birds and well barred.

SILVER PENCILLED HAMBURGS.

Cocks, 3 (Barker, judge).—First, a good bird in color and lobe, fails in comb. Second, a sprightly bird, good lobe and comb, in fine condition; should have won. Third, out of condition. Hens, 4 (Bicknell, judge).—First, a beauty in color, feathers being distinctly barred in every section. Second, fails in color of tail and breast. Third, badly colored breast. Fourth, out of condition. Cockerels, 5 (Shollenberger, judge).—First, a good bird in comb, lobe, and color. Second, almost up to winner. Third, fails in color. Fourth, a very good bird in color, a little off in comb; should have gone higher. Pullets, 3 (Hewes, judge).—First, a gem in every way except comb; probably the finest colored silver pencilled Hamburg female shown in many years. The others lacked much in comparison with the winner, especially in the barring of breast feathers, which was weak.

SILVER SPANGLED HAMBURGS.

Cock 7 (Zimmer, judge).—First, a grand styled bird, fine spangling in every section, wins easily. Second and third, lose in color. Fourth, a very good bird, a trifle out of condition, in good feather, should be next to winner. Hens 11 (Bicknell, judge).—First, wins easily, being beautifully spangled in every section, a rare good bird. Second and third, very good specimens with the chances in favor of the latter. The rest hardly in the same class. Cockerels 12 (Pierce, judge).—First, a magnificent bird, in plumage about the most perfect seen in many years, comb good, lobe slightly off in smoothness; this bird attracted the most attention from Hamburg breeders and deservedly so. Second, very fair in color and good in lobe and comb. Third, spangling too indistinct, but had good colored tail. Fourth, failed in color of tail, otherwise a good bird. Pullets 13 (Emery, judge).—First, a very good spangled bird, off in color. Second, rather young and not in the same class with third prize bird, which in spangling, comb and shape should have won. The rest of the class contained a few good birds, but all rather young to show up well.

BLACK HAMBURGS.

A grand good class in every way, the majority of the birds, excepting old cocks, being shown in very good condition.

GOLDEN SPANGLED HAMBURGS.

Some remarkable birds shown, notably the first prize pullet, which in richness and color and perfect spangling approached the famous winners in the Silver Spangled variety.

GOLDEN SPANGLED HAMBURGS.—Pens, 2 (Zimmer, judge.) First a good lot of birds, cockerel especially being good in comb and color, females well spangled; second, cock out of feather, females, excepting one, not being up to those in first pen.

GOLDEN PENCILLED HAMBURGS.—Pens, 3 (Drevenstedt, judge.) First, cock grand in lobe and rich in plumage, females beautifully barred; second, cockerel a great bird in lobe and plumage, females fail in color and barring of breast; third, cock not in show shape, females not distinctly barred.

BLACK HAMBURGS.—Only one pen, a grand lot of youngsters.

RED CAPS.—Pen, only one shown, fair.

POLISH.

[REPORTED BY G. O. BROWN.]

The Polish exhibit, taking into consideration the time of year, was a remarkably good one. Some of the specimens among the Bearded, Golden and Silvers, showed unusually well laced breasts. The W. C. B. cock in crest and clean black plumage was a "dandy", and symmetry good also. Second cock, had less size to crest, which was yet full of pin feathers, is a fine bird when in full feather. The hens were excellent in crests, and the winners remarkably fine specimens. Cockerels, first had a most wonderful crest, good shape, flowing well back. The pullets were wonders for the season, winners easily placed in the whole class. Plain Silver cocks, good crests, but body marking of no unusual merit, the hens were not in good condition. Gold bearded cocks fine in color, crests large but straggly, too much white also. Hens, crests remarkably large and well rounded, but also with an inclination to too much white, body lacking unusually good, especially on breasts. First cockerel, a fine one in all respects, except color of tail. Pullet excellent. Silver bearded, first cock enormous crest, fairly good in shape, body plumage rather light and off color. Cockerels, all fair, females considerably above the average. White bearded, two good cocks, second rather the best crest and beard. Hens were elegant specimens. Plain golden in body coloring good, but too much white prevailed in crests, and the same remark applies to the hens, cockerels were better, and the females averaged high. Plain Whites were a good class, unusually strong in crests, and clean white plumage. Buff laced were of medium excellence, crests and beards were good, but the body lacings were either entirely lacking or very patchy and irregular. Pens, First silver bearded a very fine one, cocks crested, the largest in the entire display, and the females were head-gear in gorgeous style. All the other breeds were well represented by pens, but contained no specimens that equalled those shown singly.

HOUDANS.

[REPORT BY JAS. FORSYTH.]

Cocks, 3.—First, in bad feather, poor comb, a good plumaged bird, legs fair. Second, small, bad feather, crest not in yet. Third, disqualified. Cockerels, 7.—First, dark bird, light in weight, legs quite dark, good comb, good shaped crest. Second, Large bird, good color, good crest, legs fair. Third, large, poor comb, good legs, plumage good. Fourth, a good one, splendid crest, good leaf comb, legs were mottled, good size, a good specimen of what Houdans should be. Pullet, 6.—First, very pretty, good plumage and crest, legs a trifle too dark. Second, not quite as good shape, legs too dark, too much white in neck. Third, small crest, carries tail too high, legs fair. Fourth, a nice little pullet, but legs too dark. Breeding Pen, 5.—Four of the five disqualified for feathers on legs, judge evidently used a very powerful glass. First, cockerel too light, poor comb, legs too dark, three of the females good specimens, one under size.

INDIAN GAMES.

First, B. F. Rogers, Lake Bluff, Illinois. Wins by having good comb, body excellent in shape and color, hard feathered. In full feather would be an ideal Indian Game, except in head and size. Second, E. H. Strohmer. A fine styled bird, grand in back, shoulder and body, loses in color of breast and body, and in head to the winner. Third, Jacob Fritz, North

Vernon, Ind., Exhibit No. 510, section 17. A high stationed bird, great size and good color, loses in comb, shape of neck, tail, breast, body and color of legs. Fourth, A. & E. Tarbox, Yorkville, Ill. Shown in good condition. Good in color, neck, back and wings, loses in color of breast, which is laced, comb and tail too large, bad in head.

GAMES.

The display of Games was not a large one. The B. B. R. Games being the larger class, and contained a few high class birds. The majority being only of fair merit. Four specimens in Brown Reds, good fair birds; six good Golden D. Wings; four fair Silver D. Wings; ten Red Pyle Games, but only one or two good ones in the lot. A few very gamey Pit Games, but who can tell much of them until they are down in the ring. Surely no judge who judges thoroughbreds by the standard.

Four pens of Black Reds, 1 of Brown Reds, 2 of Golden Duck Wings, 2 of Red Pyles and 2 of White Games. The latter very ordinary specimens, but among the rest were some good ones.—"ZIM."

BANTAMS.

[SPECIAL REPORT BY F. B. ZIMMER.]

The Bantams at the World's Fair were simply a magnificent lot. In B. B. Red Game cocks first went to an Indiana bird, but, in our opinion, the winner of second was the best by far; taken as a whole they were all a nice lot, six in all. Five entries in hens. The winner a darling. Balance of the class good fair average; no cracks. Six entries in stags. The winner a clinker; second, third, and fourth good. Seven pullets entered, but at time of this report the class had not been judged. However, we noticed a grand little bird shown by Barber, of Ontario, and another quite good shown by McCloud, of Canada; balance of class fair. Only one Brown Red cock shown; quite a good bird of the breed. Only one hen of this breed; she was a good one. Two A. No. 1 stags shown, and if the winner of second had been properly dubbed he would have been a winner by at least half point, but as they were shown at Chicago he was defeated by half point. He was best in wing and tail; the winner better in color of wing and body and head. Two magnificent pullets shown; one excels in head and color, the other in reach. The awards were not placed as yet when reported. We surmise the N. Y. pullet will win.

In Golden Duckwing cocks two good birds. The corresponding hen class fair. Golden stags and pullets good. A few fair Malays. A few nice Silver Duckwings. The Pile Bantam class brought out some good ones, particularly a cock from N. Y. and one from Canada, a hen from N. Y., Canada, and Ohio, a stag from Canada, and one from the Empire State; also a Pennsylvania and Canada pullet. Balance a fair lot. The White class as good as ever shown. The Black Game Bantam class only ordinary. In fact, we never saw what we call a good specimen.

BANTAMS OTHER THAN GAME.

The Golden Sebright class was very large and composed of the very best ever shown and competition very close. We saw one of the best cocks ever shown, and the best collection of females ever seen in any one show. The Silvers were out in force, and a hot class it was all around, cock, hens, cockerels, and pullets, Oke, Lewis, McClave, and McNeil showing the strongest specimens in cocks. In hens, McNeil, Lewis, Keller, Rottman, and Oke all showed good ones. The Lewis hen pleases us very well all but style and head. In cockerels, Keller, Stewart, Oke, and Lewis showed fine ones. In pullets, Lewis, Oke, Stewart, and Rottman showed cream. Japanese Bantams a large class and away up in G. Dr. Wetmer showed the very best White Jap female we ever saw. Black Rose Combs a very creamy class, with the keenest of keen competition, Canada contributing the greater part of the class. A large and fine class of Black Cochins Bantams. The Buff Cochins Bantam class was something beautiful, well filled with something of high order. There was also shown some high class White Cochins Bantams. The cream came from Canada. Nine entries in the

Polish Bantam class, Donovan showing a good crested hen with the wrong sort of a comb. Whitman, McNeil, and Oke showed the best pullets. We noticed a pair of quite good Frizzle Bantams, buff in color.

BREEDING PENS.

There were twenty-eight breeding pens of Bantams. Five pens of Silver Sebrights, Keller, McNeil and Oke being strong; four pens of G. Sebrights, McNeil and Keller having the best of it; three pens of high class Black Rose Combs; six pens of Buff Cochins Bantams and the battle was hot for honors; two pens of B. Red Game Bantams, Barber an easy winner. A fine pen of Brown Reds, also one of G. Duck Wings, one of Red Pyles, one of Black Japs, two of good Black Tailed Japs, and one of Booted White. Taken all in all a magnificent display.

BLACK COCHIN BANTAMS.

COCKS.—C. J. Daniels, Toronto, Canada. A magnificent little fellow, wins easily in having good comb, true Cochins shape and good leg feathering. Second, Dr. E. H. Witner, Neffsville, Pa. Loses in breast, body, neck and leg feathering, otherwise a nice bird. Third, J. F. Knox, Buffalo, N. Y., Loses by being out of condition and in color, having too much white in plumage. Mr. Daniels' bird, not being correctly entered, was thrown out.

WHITE PEKIN BANTAMS.

First, H. B. Donovan, Toronto, Ont. A very fair bird, good in plumage, lacks in leg and toe feathering and shape of body.

THE AWARDS.

BARRED PLYMOUTH ROCKS.

COCK.—Pierce, judge—1 Sid Conger, Flat Rock, Ind.; 2 Edmund Haug, Detroit, Mich.; 3 Chas. McClave, New London, Ohio; 4 Jones Wilcox, East Chatham, N. Y.

HEN.—Bicknell, judge—1 Sid Conger; 2 Myrtle Conger, Flat Rock, Ind.; 3 David Conger, Flat Rock, Ind.; 4 J. W. Burton, Peoria, Ill.

COCKEREL.—Hitchcock, judge—1 Sid Conger; 2 J. H. Thompson, Jr., Patterson, N. Y.; 3 Jno. E. Rundell, Lamar, Mo.; 4 George M. Leffel, Springfield, Ohio.

PULLET.—Bridge, judge—1 J. H. Thompson, Jr.; 2 R. E. Haeger, Algonquin, Ill.; 3 Joe Farmer, Flushing, Ohio; 4 S. S. Noble, Bloomington, Ill.

BREEDING PEN.—Brown, judge—1 J. H. Thompson, Jr.; 2 Sid Conger; 3 McClave; 4 David Conger.

BARRED PLYMOUTH ROCKS (PEACOMB).

COCK.—Emery, judge—1 and 2 Sid Conger. HEN.—Emery, judge—1 Sid Conger; 2 David Conger.

COCKEREL.—Emery, judge—1 David Conger; 2 Sid Conger.

PULLET.—Emery, judge—1 Sid Conger; 2 David Conger.

WHITE PLYMOUTH ROCKS.

COCK.—Barker, judge—1 Geo. F. Davis & Co., Dyer, Ind.; 2 Jas. Brown, Toronto, Ont.; 3 Gus Miller, Minneapolis, Minn.; 4 D. F. Taylor, De Ruyter, N. Y.

HEN.—Theo. Hews, judge—1 Geo. F. Davis & Co.; 2 D. F. Taylor; 3 S. M. Williams, Monroeville, Ind.; 4 E. Peck & Sons, Geneva, Ill.

COCKEREL.—Diehl, judge—1 D. F. Taylor; 2 John Colson, Guelph, Ont.; 3 C. J. Daniels, Toronto, Ont.; 4 Geo. F. Davis & Co.

PULLET.—Butterfield, judge—1 John Colson; 2 C. J. Daniels; 3 McClave; 4 D. F. Taylor.

BREEDING PEN.—Shellenberger, judge—1 D. F. Taylor; 2 S. M. Williams; 3 Gus Miller; 4 Geo. F. Davis & Co.

BUFF PLYMOUTH ROCKS.

COCK.—Bridge, judge—1 J. D. Wilson, Worcester, N. Y.

HEN.—Bridge, judge—1 J. D. Wilson.

BLACK JAVAS.

COCK.—Ball, judge—1 Geo. G. McCormick, London, Ont.; 2 Krier Bros. & Bundy, Winona, Minn.; 3 W. McNeil, London, Ont.; 4 W. R. Knight, Bowmanville, Ont.

HEN.—Barker, judge—1 Geo. G. McCormick; 2 C. J. Daniels; 3 C. Hammerschmidt, South Buffalo, N. Y.; 4 Krier Bros. & Bundy.

COCKEREL.—Jarvis, judge—1 Geo. G. McCormick; 2 C. J. Daniels; 3 Wm. McNeil; 4 John Colson.

PULLET.—Marshall, judge—1 Frank Doty, Middletown, Ohio; 2 Geo. G. McCormick; 3 Herbert Hodgson, Albion, Ill.; 4 Wm. McNeil.

BREEDING PEN.—Drevenstedt, judge—1 Wm. McNeil; 2 Geo. A. McCormick; 3 C. Hammerschmidt; 4 Krier Bros. & Bundy.

WHITE JAVAS.

HEN.—Emery, judge—1 McClave.

COCKEREL.—Emery, judge—1 McClave.

PULLET.—Emery, judge—1 McClave.

SILVER WYANDOTTES.

COCK.—Bicknell, judge—1 A. & E. Tarbox; 2 W. H. Millard, Genoa, Ill.; 3 B. E. Rogers, Lake Bluff, Ill.; 4 J. E. Meyer, Kossuth, Ont.

HEN.—Pierce, judge—1 McClave; 2 A. & E. Tarbox; 3 C. Hammerschmidt; 4 W. A. Gates, St. Paul, Minn.

COCKEREL.—Bridge, judge—1 McClave; 2 Sid Conger; 3 Wm. Ferguson, London, Ont.; 4 W. H. Millard.

PULLET.—Drevenstedt, judge—1 A. & E. Tarbox; 2 McClave; 3 B. F. Pau, Salem, Ind.; 4 W. H. Millard.

BREEDING PEN.—Butterfield, judge—1 A. & E. Tarbox; 2 A. N. Wright, Owatonna, Minn.; 3 J. E. Meyer; 4 Mrs. May Taylor, Hale, Mo.

GOLDEN WYANDOTTES.

COCK.—Brown, judge—1 Ira C. Keller, Prospect, Ohio.

HEN.—Jarvis, judge—1 McClave; 2 Ira C. Keller; 3 Theo. L. Morgan, St. Paul, Minn.

COCKEREL.—Hitchcock, judge—1 Ira C. Keller; 2 G. C. Sherman, Minneapolis, Minn.; 3 Sid Conger; 4 McClave.

PULLET.—Ball, judge—1 Ira G. Keller; 2 Geo. C. Sherman; 3 Theo. L. Morgan; 4 Sid Conger.

BREEDING PEN.—Bridge, judge—1 Ira C. Keller.

WHITE WYANDOTTES.

COCK.—Emery, judge—1 Geo. G. McCormick; 2 D. F. Taylor; 3 Knapp Bros., Fabius, N. Y.

HEN.—Williams, judge—1 Knapp Bros.; 2 D. F. Taylor; 3 McClave; 4 Geo. G. McCormick.

COCKEREL.—Marshall, judge—1 McClave; 2 Knapp Bros.; 3 C. J. Daniels; 4 Geo. G. McCormick.

PULLET.—Barker, judge—1 McClave; 2 Knapp Bros.; 3 D. F. Taylor; 4 Geo. G. McCormick.

BREEDING PEN.—Shellenberger, judge—1 Knapp Bros.; 2 Geo. G. McCormick.

AMERICAN DOMINIQUE.

COCK.—Hewes, judge—1 McClave; 2 Wilcox.

HEN.—Hewes, judge—1 Wilcox; 2 Geo. Bogue, Strathroy, Ont.; 3 McClave.

COCKEREL.—Hewes, judge—1 Bogue; 3 McClave.

PULLET.—Hewes, judge—1 Bogue.

LIGHT BRAHMAS.

COCK.—Pierce, judge—1 J. B. Foote, Norwood Park, Ill.; 2 McClave; 3 Myrtle Conger, Flat Rock, Ind.; 4 M. F. Lee, Columbus, O.

HEN.—Bicknell, judge—1 Foot; 2 Myrtle Conger; 3 Sid Conger; 4 C. S. Jackson, International Bridge, Ont.

COCKEREL.—Hewes, judge—1 Sid Conger; 2 David Conger; 3 G. C. Griswold, Henry, Ill.; 4 Lee.

PULLET.—Bridge, judge—1 Lee; 2 Sid Conger; 3 Myrtle Conger; 4 Alfred Doyle, Morgan Park, Ill.

BREEDING PEN.—Butterfield, judge—1 Myrtle Conger; 2 Sid Conger; 3 Ed Donnelly, Sandwich, Ont.; 4 David Conger.

DARK BRAHMAS.

COCK.—Barker, judge—1 McClave; 2 Concord Poultry Club, Concord, Mich.; 3 L. Sage, London, Ont.

HEN.—Shellenberger, judge—1 McClave; 2 Sage; 3 Concord Poultry Club.

COCKEREL.—1 Sage; 2 Lee; 3 Chas. E. Krauter, Columbus, O.; 4 A. Humphrey, Henry, Ill.

PULLET.—Owen, judge—1 Humphrey; 2 Lee; 3 McClave; 4 Krauter.

BREEDING PEN.—Drevenstedt, judge—1 McClave; 2 Sage; 3 Geo. F. Davis & Co.

BLACK LANGSHANS.

COCK.—Bicknell, judge—1 J. F. Knox, Buffalo, N. Y.; 2 R. McCurdy, London, Ont.

HEN.—1 Ben S. Myers, Crawfordville, Ind.; 2 G. C. Griswold, Henry, Ill.; 3 J. F. Knox; 4 R. McCurdy.

COCKEREL.—Ball, judge—1 R. McCurdy; 2 Ben S. Myers; 3 Jas. Brown, Toronto, Can.; 4 G. W. Stout, Rose Hill, Iowa.

PULLET.—Jarvis, judge—1 Fred Goebel, New Hamburg, Ont.; 2 McCurdy; 3 Ed Donnelly; 4 John L. McDowell, Denver, Col.

BREEDING PEN.—Barker, judge—1 Rich. T. Nettle, Peoria, Ill.; 2 R. McCurdy; 3 John E. Rundell, Lamar, Mo.

WHITE LANGSHANS.

COCK.—Diehl, judge—1 J. F. Knox, Buffalo, N. Y.

HEN.—Diehl, judge—1 Knox.

COCKEREL.—Diehl, judge—1 Knox.

PULLET.—Diehl, judge—1 Knox.

BUFF COCHINS.

COCK.—Williams, judge—1 H. L. Harlan, Crawfordville, Ind.; 2 J. B. Clark, Chicago; 3 Geo. G. McCormick, London, Ont.

HEN.—Pierce, judge—1 Sid Conger; 2 McCormick; 3 Davis & Co.; 4 Clark.

COCKEREL.—Drevenstedt, judge—1 Sid Conger; 2 Wm. McNeil, London, Ont.; 3 F. C. Hare, Whitby, Ont.; 4 McCormick.

PULLET.—Butterfield, judge—1 McCormick; 2 Sid Conger; 3 F. A. Stuart, Marshall, Mich.; 4 Hare.

BREEDING PEN.—Hitchcock, judge—1 Sid Conger; 2 McNeil; 3 McCormick; 4 Hare.

PARTRIDGE COCHINS.

COCK.—Hewes, judge—1 Bartlett & George, London, Ont.; 2 Foot.

HEN.—Ball, judge—1 G. D. Holden, Owatonna, Mich.; 2 Thos. Cockburn, Hamilton, Ont.; 3 J. S. Kreider, Logansport, Ind.; 4 Jackson.

COCKEREL.—Jarvis, judge—1 Lee; 2 Sid Conger; 3 Geo. D. Corliss, Atlanta, O.; 4 Kreider.

PULLET.—Bridge, judge—1 Corliss; 2 Holden; 3 Sid Conger; 4 Kreider.

WHITE COCHINS.

COCK.—1 McNeil; 2 R. P. Thompson, Patterson, N. Y.; 3 C. H. Tillinghast, Hamburg, N. Y.

HEN.—1 B. T. Pace, Salem, Ind.; 2 Thompson; 3 Chas. H. Andrews, Buckley, Ill.; 4 McNeil.

COCKEREL.—1 Andrews; 2 Thompson; 3 McNeil; 4 Concord Poultry Club.

PULLET.—1 McNeil; 2 Andrews; 3 Thompson; 4 Concord Poultry Club.

BREEDING PEN.—1 Andrews; 2 McNeil; 3 Thompson.

BLACK COCHINS.

COCK.—1 Sid Conger; 2 McCormick; 3 McClave; 4 McNeil.

HEN.—1 Sid Conger; 2 Thompson; 3 Cockburn; 4 McClave.

COCKEREL.—1 McCormick; 2 McNeil; 3 Thompson; 4 McClave.

PULLET.—1 McCormick; 2 McNeil; 3 McClave; 4 Thompson.

BREEDING PEN.—1 McNeil; 2 McCormick; 3 Sid Conger; 4 Thompson.

S. C. BROWN LEGHORNS.

COCK.—Drevenstedt, judge—1 Martin Gabriel, Jr., Buffalo, N. Y.; 2 Rogers; 3 E. L. Requa, Highland Mills, N. Y.; 4 Hammerschmidt.

HEN.—Barker, judge—1 Rogers; 2 J. H. Saunders, London, Ont.; 3 S. A. Forquer, Hillsdale, Mich.; 4 Jas. Qurollo, Kearney, Mo.
 COCKEREL.—Williams, judge—1 C. E. Howell, Elmira, N. Y.; 2 Qurollo; 3 Bartlett & George, London, Ont.; 4 Doty.
 PULLET.—Butterfield, judge—1 Qurollo; 2 McClave; 3 Saunders; 4 Rogers.
 BREEDING PEN.—Owen, judge—1 Rogers; 2 J. A. Bailey, Denver, Col.; 3 Qurollo; 4 Hammer-schmidt.

R. C. BROWN LEGHORNS

COCK.—Shellenberger, judge—1 L. A. King, Sandwich, Ill.; 2 McClave; 3 G. S. Robson, London, Ont.
 HEN.—Jarvis, judge—1 McClave; 2 King; 3 Haycock & Kent, Kingston, Ont.; 4 Robson.
 COCKEREL.—Marshall, judge—1 L. A. King, Sandwich, Ill.; 2 Jno. Osmundson, Nerstrand, Minn.; 3 Chas. McClave, New London, Ohio; 4 P. M. Plummer, Prophetstown, Ill.
 PULLET.—Diehl, judge—1 P. M. Plummer; 2 L. A. King; 3 Haycock & Kent, Kingston, Ont.; 4 Jno. Osmundson.
 BREEDING PEN.—Ball, judge—1 Jno. Osmundson; 2 L. A. King; 3 Chas. McClave.

S. C. WHITE LEGHORNS

COCK.—Brown, judge—1 Knapp Bros., Fabius, N. Y.; 2 W. H. Millard, Genoa, Ill.; 3 C. Hammerschmidt, S. Buffalo, N. Y.; 4 S. A. Forquer.
 HEN.—Emery, judge—1 Knapp Bros.; 2 C. Hammerschmidt; 3 W. H. Millard; 4 C. E. Howell, Elmira, N. Y.
 COCKEREL.—Bicknell, judge—1 Knapp Bros.; 2 C. E. Howell; 3 S. K. Wilcox, Smyrna, N. Y.; 4 Geo. F. Davis & Co., Dyer, Ind.
 PULLET.—Pierce, judge—1 C. E. Howell; 2 Knapp Bros.; 3 Edson & White, Van Orin, Ill.; 4 E. H. Hoffman, La Crosse, Wis.
 BREEDING PEN.—Marshall, judge—1 Knapp Bros.; 2 Geo. F. Davis & Co.; 3 B. E. Nye, St. Paul, Minn.; 4 W. H. Millard.

R. C. WHITE LEGHORNS

COCK.—Marshall, judge—1 B. R. Knapp, Cortland.
 HEN.—Hewes, judge—1 Bartlett & George, London, Ont.; 2 B. R. Knapp.
 COCKEREL.—Bridge, judge—1 B. R. Knapp; 2 Concord Poultry Club; 3 Bartlett & George; 4 Chas. McClave.
 PULLET.—Owen, judge—1 B. R. Knapp; 2 Chas. McClave; 3 Concord Poultry Club.
 BREEDING PEN.—Williams, judge—1 B. R. Knapp.

BUFF LEGHORNS

COCK.—Marshall, judge—1 Mrs. W. P. Wheeler, Geneva, N. Y.
 COCKERELS.—Hewes, judge—1 Davis Bros., Washington, N. J.; 2 Mrs. W. P. Wheeler, Geneva, N. Y.; 3 C. W. Bishop, Verona, N. Y.
 PULLET.—Williams, judge—1 Mrs. W. P. Wheeler; 2 C. W. Bishop; 3 Davis Bros.
 BREEDING PEN.—1 F. A. Stuart, Marshall, Mich.; 2 Davis Bros.

BLACK LEGHORNS

COCK.—Owen, judge—1 Jno. Schuler, New Hamburg, Ont.; 2 S. A. Forquer, Hillsdale, Mich.
 HEN.—1 S. A. Forquer; 2 R. E. Haeger, Algonquin, Ill.; 3 H. C. Osborn.
 COCKEREL.—Zimmer, judge—1 R. E. Haeger; 2 C. J. Daniels; 3 Sid Conger; 4 S. A. Forquer.
 PULLET.—Bridge, judge—1 Jno. Schuler; 2 R. E. Haeger; 3 W. H. McMichael, Cleveland, Ohio; 4 C. J. Daniels.
 BREEDING PEN.—Bicknell, judge—1 R. E. Haeger; 2 S. A. Forquer.

BLACK MINORCAS

COCK.—Hewes, judge—1 L. Garrison & Co.; 2 Merwin A. Bartlett; 3 E. W. Mayman, Sauk Rapids, Minn.; 4 C. Hammerschmidt.
 HEN.—Owen, judge—1 L. Garrison & Co., Syracuse, N. Y.; 2 H. C. Osborn, Cleveland, O.; 3 C. Hammerschmidt, S. Buffalo, N. Y.; 4 Merwin A. Bartlett, Canton, O.
 COCKEREL.—Brown, judge—1 F. P. Grimes, Paw Paw, Mich.; 2 Concord Poultry Club; 3 R. Scott, London, Ont.; 4 Plummer.
 PULLET.—Ball, judge—1 Grimes; 2 Garrison & Co.; 3 Plummer; 4 Concord Poultry Club.
 BREEDING PEN.—Pierce, judge—1 Garrison & Co.

WHITE MINORCAS

COCK.—Brown, judge—1 Jerome & Co.
 HEN.—Emery, judge—1 Jerome & Co.
 COCKEREL.—Marshall, judge—1 E. W. Mayman, Sauk Rapids, Minn.; 2 Jerome & Co.; 3 R. Scott.
 PULLET.—Williams, judge—1 Mayman; 2 Jerome & Co.; 3 Scott.
 BREEDING PEN.—Shellenberger, judge—1 Jerome & Co.; 2 Mayman.

BLUE ANDALUSIANS

COCK.—Marshall, judge—2 Knight; 3 W. H. Dutton, Bowmanville, Ont.
 HEN.—Hewes, judge—1 McClave; 2 Dutton; 3 C. Stockwell, London, Ont.; 4 Knight.
 COCKEREL.—Brown, judge—1 Ed. Hoffman, Glenville, O.; 2 Stockwell; 3 Dutton; 4 McClave.
 PULLET.—Bridge, judge—1 Hoffman; 2 Dutton; 3 McClave; 4 Stockwell.
 BREEDING PEN.—Hitchcock, judge—1 Hoffman; 2 McClave.

BLACK SPANISH

COCK.—Emery, judge—1 Hare; 2 Burns; 3 McNeil.
 HEN.—Brown, judge—1 Burns & Co.; 2 McNeil.
 COCKEREL.—Ball, judge—1 John Wilson, What Cheer, Iowa; 2 Concord Poultry Club; 3 James Murray, East St. Cloud, Minn.; 4 Jackson.
 PULLET.—Hitchcock, judge—1 Hare; 2 Burns & Co.; 3 Wilson; 4 Murray.
 BREEDING PEN.—Bridge, judge—1 Wilson.

WHITE CRESTED BLACK POLISH

COCK.—Brown, judge—1 McNeil; 2 B. F. Bryant, Johnson's Creek, N. Y.
 HEN.—Drevenstedt, judge—1 Bryant; 2 McNeil; 3 Bogue.
 COCKEREL.—Jarvis, judge—1 Bogue; 2 McNeil; 3 Bryant.
 PULLET.—Jarvis, judge—1 Bogue; 2 McNeil.
 BREEDING PEN.—Bridge, judge—1 McNeil.

SILVER POLISH

COCK.—Ball, judge—1 McNeil.

HEN.—Brown, judge—1 McNeil.
 COCKEREL.—Bicknell, judge—1 McNeil.
 PULLET.—Jarvis, judge—1 McNeil.

BEARDED GOLDEN POLISH

COCK.—Pierce, judge—1 Bogue; 2 McNeil.
 HEN.—Bicknell, judge—1 Bogue; 2 McNeil.
 COCKEREL.—Brown, judge—1 Bogue; 2 McNeil.
 PULLET.—Ball, judge—1 McNeil; 2 Bogue.
 BREEDING PEN.—Butterfield, judge—1 McNeil; 2 W. H. Garland, Aurora, Ill.

BEARDED WHITE POLISH

COCK.—Butterfield, judge—1 McNeil; 2 Bogue.
 HEN.—Pierce, judge—1 McNeil; 2 D. Bogue, Lambeth, Ont.
 COCKEREL.—Jarvis, judge—1 McNeil.
 PULLET.—Jarvis, judge—1 Bogue; 2 McNeil.
 BREEDING PEN.—Bicknell, judge—1 McNeil.

GOLDEN POLISH

COCK.—Hitchcock, judge—1 Bogue; 2 McNeil; 3 G. W. Evans, London, Ont.
 HEN.—Butterfield, judge—1 McNeil; 2 Bogue; 3 Evans.
 COCKEREL.—Pierce, judge—1 Bogue; 2 McNeil; 3 Emmick; 4 Williams.
 PULLET.—Pierce, judge—1 McNeil; 2 Evans; 3 Williams; 4 Bogue.
 BREEDING PEN.—Brown, judge—1 McNeil.

WHITE POLISH

COCK.—Pierce, judge—1 Bogue; 2 McNeil; 3 Bryant.
 HEN.—Hitchcock, judge—1 McNeil; 2 Bryant; 3 Bogue.
 COCKEREL.—Jarvis, judge—1 McNeil; 2 Bryant.
 PULLET.—Hitchcock, judge—1 McNeil; 2 Bryant.
 BREEDING PEN.—Bridge, judge—1 McNeil; 2 Bryant; 3 Bogue.

BEARDED SILVER POLISH

COCK.—Ball, judge—1 D. Bogue; 2 Bogue; 3 McNeil; 4 McClave.
 HEN.—Pierce, judge—1 Bogue; 2 McNeil; 3 D. Bogue; 4 McClave.
 COCKEREL.—Hitchcock, judge—1 McNeil; 2 Bogue; 3 McClave.
 PULLET.—Jarvis, judge—1 McNeil; 2 Bogue; 3 Concord Poultry Club; 4 McClave.
 BREEDING PEN.—Drevenstedt, judge—1 Bogue; 2 McNeil.

BUFF LACED POLISH

COCK.—Jarvis, judge—1 McNeil.
 HEN.—Bridge, judge—1 McNeil; 2 Jackson.
 COCKEREL.—Shellenberger, judge—1 McNeil.
 BREEDING PEN.—Jarvis, judge—1 McNeil.

GOLDEN SPANGLED HAMBURG

COCK.—Zimmer, judge—1 McNeil; 2 Hazard; 3 Oke; 4 Shield.
 HEN.—Zimmer, judge—1 Hazard; 2 Bogue; 3 McNeil; 4 Oke.
 COCKEREL.—Zimmer, judge—1 Bogue; 2 Oke; 3 McNeil; 4 Hazard.
 PULLET.—Zimmer, judge—1 McNeil; 2 D. Bogue; 3 Bogue; 4 Shield.
 BREEDING PEN.—Zimmer, judge—1 McNeil; 2 Oke.

SILVER SPANGLED HAMBURG

COCK.—Zimmer, judge—1 Hazard; 2 McNeil; 3 Murray; 4 McClave.
 HEN.—Bicknell, judge—1 James E. Hazard, Elmira, N. Y.; 2 S. O. Miner, Brattleboro, Vt.; 3 Lewis A. Bacon, Elmira, N. Y.; 4 Wm. McNeil.
 COCKEREL.—Pierce, judge—1 James E. Hazard; 2 Lewis A. Bacon; 3 A. Bogue; 4 Chas. Schield, Ionia, Mich.

PULLET.—Emery, judge—1 Richard Oke, London, Ont.; 2 Lewis A. Bacon; 3 James E. Hazard; 4 Wm. McNeil.
 BREEDING PEN.—Ball, judge—1 Jas. Murray, East St. Cloud, Minn.; 2 S. O. Miner; 3 Richard Oke; 4 Wm. McNeil.

GOLDEN PENCILED HAMBURG

COCK.—Bicknell, judge—1 Wm. McNeil; 2 Richard Oke; 3 A. Bogue; 4 F. A. Stuart, Marshall, Mich.
 HENS.—Barker, judge—1 James E. Hazard; 2 Richard Oke; 3 Chas. McClave; 4 A. Bogue.
 COCKEREL.—Pierce, judge—1 James E. Hazard; 2 Wm. McNeil; 3 Hy Emmick, International Bridge, Ont.; 4 Richard Oke.
 PULLET.—1 Wm. McNeil; 2 Hy Emmick; 3 Chas. McClave; 4 Richard Oke.
 BREEDING PEN.—Drevenstedt, judge—1 Wm. McNeil; 2 Richard Oke; 3 F. A. Stuart.

SILVER PENCILED HAMBURG

COCK.—Barker, judge—1 A. Bogue; 2 Wm. McNeil; 3 Chas. McClave; 4 W. A. Shafer.
 HENS.—1 Wm. McNeil; 2 A. Bogue; 3 Chas. McClave; 4 W. A. Shafer.
 COCKEREL.—Shellenberger, judge—1 Wm. McNeil; 2 Richard Oke; 3 D. Bogue; 4 James E. Hazard.
 PULLET.—Pierce, judge—1 James E. Hazard; 2 Richard Oke; 3 A. Bogue; 4 Wm. McNeil.
 BREEDING PEN.—Hitchcock, judge—1 Wm. McNeil; 2 Richard Oke.

BLACK HAMBURG

COCK.—Marshall, judge—1 Richard Oke; 2 Jas. E. Hazard; 3 W. H. Moody; 4 Wm. McNeil.
 HENS.—1 Wm. McNeil; 2 Richard Oke; 3 W. H. Moody; 4 Jas. E. Hazard.
 COCKEREL.—Bicknell, judge—1 Wm. McNeil; 2 Jas. E. Hazard; 3 Richard Oke; 4 A. Bogue.
 PULLET.—Hewes, judge—1 Richard Oke; 2 Wm. McNeil; 3 Jas. E. Hazard.
 BREEDING PEN.—Shellenberger, judge—1 Wm. McNeil; 2 Richard Oke.

RED CAPS

COCKS.—Bridge, judge—1 C. J. Daniels; 2 Chas. McClave.
 HENS.—Hewes, judge—1 C. J. Daniels; 2 J. S. Niven, London, Ont.; 3 Chas. McClave.
 COCKEREL.—Williams, judge—1 B. T. Paec, Salem, Ind.; 2 Ed Hoffman, Glenville, Ohio; 3 C. J. Daniels; 4 Chas. McClave.
 PULLET.—Bicknell, judge—1 C. J. Daniels; 2 Chas. McClave; 3 J. S. Niven; 4 Ed Hoffman.
 BREEDING PENS.—Emery, judge—1 C. J. Daniels.

NOTE.—The French and Dorking awards were lost in the mails and will appear next week.—ED. A. F.

BLACK BREASTED RED GAMES

COCK.—Pierce, judge—1 Wm. Barber, Toronto,

Ont.; 2 Wm. McCloud; 3 H. H. Krier, Owatonna, Minn.; 4 N. Bentley, Conewango Valley, N. Y.
 HEN.—Bicknell, judge—1 Wm. McCloud; 2 Wm. Barber; 3 H. H. Krier; 4 N. Bentley.

COCKEREL.—Butterfield, judge—1 William Barber; 2 W. J. James, St. Thomas, Ont.; 3 Wm. McCloud; 4 H. H. Krier; 5 R. W. Sturtevant, Delavan, Wis.; 6 Chas. Schield, Ionia, Mich.
 PULLET.—Hitchcock, judge—1 Chas. Schield; 2 Wm. Barber; 3 W. J. James; 4 R. W. Sturtevant; 5 Wm. McCloud; 6 H. H. Krier.
 BREEDING PEN.—Bridge, judge—1 William Barber; 2 W. J. James; 3 Wm. McCloud; 4 H. H. Krier; 5 R. W. Sturtevant.

BROWN RED GAMES

COCK.—Bicknell, judge—1 Wm. Barber.
 HEN.—Pierce, judge—1 Wm. Barber.
 COCKEREL.—Hitchcock, judge—1 W. Barber.
 PULLET.—Butterfield, judge—1 Wm. Barber.
 BREEDING PEN.—Jarvis, judge—1 W. Barber.

GOLDEN DUCKWING GAMES

COCK.—Butterfield, judge—1 Barber; 2 Wm. McNeil.

HEN.—Ball, judge—1 Barber.
 COCKEREL.—Pierce, judge—1 Barber.
 PULLET.—Bicknell, judge—1 Barber.
 BREEDING PEN.—Barker, judge—1 Barber.

SILVER DUCKWING GAMES

PULLET.—Pierce, judge—1 Barber.
 BREEDING PEN.—Ball, judge—1 Barber.

RED PYLE GAMES

COCK.—Hitchcock, judge—1 Barber; 2 H. H. Krier.
 HEN.—Ball, judge—1 Barber; 2 H. H. Krier; 3 Thos. R. Bell, Sauk Rapids, Minn.
 PULLET.—Emery, judge—1 Barber; 2 H. H. Krier; 3 Wesley Lanins, Greensburg, Ind.
 BREEDING PEN.—Bicknell, judge—1 William McNeil; 2 Barber.

WHITE GAMES

COCK.—Butterfield, judge—1 H. C. Osborn; 2 C. J. Daniels; 3 J. A. Spraker, Sprakers, N. Y.
 HEN.—Bicknell, judge—1 H. C. Osborn; 2 G. W. Heath, Amsterdam, N. Y.
 COCKEREL.—Hitchcock, judge—1 G. W. Heath.
 PULLET.—Pierce, judge—1 G. W. Heath; 2 H. C. Osborn.
 BREEDING PEN.—Emery, judge—1 J. A. Spraker.

BLACK GAMES

Pullet.—1 H. P. Clark, Indianapolis, Ind.

SUMATRA GAMES

COCK.—Bicknell, judge—1 C. J. Daniels.
 COCKEREL.—Bridge, judge—1 C. J. Daniels.
 PULLET.—1 C. J. Daniels.

BLACK BREASTED RED MALAYS

Cockerel.—1 L. Rottman, Benton, Ohio.
 Pullet.—2 L. Rottman.

BLACK BREASTED RED GAME BANTAMS

COCK.—Owen, judge—1 R. J. Rockefeller, Brookville, Ind.; 2 Barber; 3 McCloud; 4 E. L. Requa, Highland Mills, N. Y.; 5 McClave; 6 H. H. Krier.
 HEN.—Hewes, judge—1 Barber; 2 E. L. Requa, Highland Mills, N. Y.; 3 McCloud; 4 Krier.
 COCKEREL.—Zimmer, judge—1 Barber; 2 McClave; 3 McCloud; 4 Requa; 5 J. Fritz.
 PULLET.—Brown, judge—1 Requa; 2 McCloud; 3 Barber; 4 McClave; 5 R. J. Rockefeller, Brookville, Ind.
 BREEDING PEN.—Bicknell, judge—1 Barber; 2 Rockefeller.

BROWN RED GAME BANTAMS

COCK.—Owen, judge—1 Barber.
 HEN.—Owen, judge—1 Barber.
 COCKEREL.—Zimmer, judge—1 Barber; 2 C. P. Earle, Gouverneur, N. Y.
 PULLET.—Bicknell, judge—1 Earle; 2 Barber.
 BREEDING PEN.—1 Barber.

GOLDEN DUCKWING GAME BANTAMS.
 COCK.—Zimmer, judge—1 Barber; 2 Krier.
 HEN.—Barker, judge—1 Krier; 2 Barber.
 COCKEREL.—Jarvis, judge—1 Barber.
 PULLET.—Brown, judge—1 Barber.
 BREEDING PEN.—Barker, judge—1 Barber.

SILVER DUCKWING BANTAMS

COCKEREL.—Barker, judge—1 Earle; 2 McClave.

PULLET.—Brown, judge—1 Earle; 2 McClave.

RED PYLE GAME BANTAMS

COCK.—Bicknell, judge—1 P.M. Orth & Bro., Reading, Pa.; 2 Earle; 3 Barber.
 HEN.—Drevenstedt, judge—1 Earle; 2 Orth & Bro.; 3 Barber.
 COCKEREL.—Hitchcock, judge—1 Orth & Bro.; 2 Barber; 3 McClave.
 PULLET.—Jarvis, judge—1 Barber; 2 Orth & Bro.; 3 Earle; 4 McClave.
 BREEDING PEN.—Zimmer, judge—1 Barber.

WHITE GAME BANTAMS

COCK.—Brown, judge—1 Earle; 2 Donovan.
 HEN.—Bicknell, judge—1 Donovan; 2 Earle; 3 Harry Kochersperger, Phillipsburg, N. J.
 COCKEREL.—Zimmer, judge—1 Kochersperger; 2 Donovan.
 PULLET.—Ball, judge—1 Donovan; 2 Earle.

BLACK GAME BANTAMS

COCK.—Zimmer, judge—1 Earle.
 HEN.—Zimmer, judge—1 Earle.
 PULLET.—Zimmer, judge—1 Earle.

CORNISH INDIAN GAMES

COCK.—Drevenstedt, judge—1 Rogers; 2 E. H. Strohmaier, Independence, Ia.; 3 J. Fritz; 4 A. E. Tarbox.
 HEN.—Pierce, judge—1 A. & E. Tarbox; 2 Rogers; 3 J. Fritz.

COCKEREL.—Hitchcock, judge—1 E. C. Connor, Cokesbury, S. C.; 2 J. Fritz; 3 C. H. Thornton, St. Thomas, Ont.; 4 Daniels.

PULLET.—Bridge, judge—1 J. Fritz; 2 Daniels; 3 Thornton; 4 Connor.

BREEDING PEN.—Bicknell, judge—1 Thornton.

BANTAMS OTHER THAN GAME—GOLDEN SEBRIGHT BANTAMS.

COCK.—Barker, judge—1 Oke; 2 Gage; 3 McNeil; 4 Ira C. Keller, Prospect, Ohio; 5 Frank D. Lewis & Bro., Amsterdam, N. Y.; 6 A. F. Herbert, Ionia, Mich.
 HEN.—Williams, judge—1 McNeil; 2 Keller; 3 Lewis & Bro.; 4 McClave; 5 Herbert; 6 Gage.
 COCKEREL.—Bridge, judge—1 Keller; 2 Lewis & Bro.; 3 Oke; 4 McNeil; 5 Gage.

Pullet.—Brown, judge—1 McNeil; 2 McClave; 3 Herbert; 4 Gage; 5 Oke.
 BREEDING PEN.—Zimmer, judge—1 McNeil; 2 Keller; 3 Gage.

SILVER SEBRIGHT BANTAMS

COCK.—Ball, judge—1 McClave; 2 Lewis & Bro.; 3 McNeil; 4 Oke; 5 Stuart; 6 Chas. E. Kearner, Columbus, Ohio.
 HEN.—Barker, judge—1 Keller; 2 Rottman; 3 Stuart; 4 Lewis & Bro.; 5 Kearner; 6 Oke.
 COCKEREL.—Zimmer, judge—1 Keller; 2 Lewis & Bro.; 3 Oke; 4 McNeil; 5 A. C. Treichler, Elizabethtown, Pa.; 6 Rottman.
 PULLET.—Emery, judge—1 Lewis & Bro.; 2 Oke; 3 Stuart; 4 Rottman; 5 McNeil; 6 Kearner.
 BREEDING PEN.—Pierce, judge—1 Treichler; 2 Keller; 3 Oke; 4 McNeil; 5 Kearner.

BOOTED WHITE BANTAMS

COCK.—Zimmer, judge—1 Oke.
 HEN.—Zimmer, judge—1 Oke.
 BREEDING PEN.—1 Oke.

WHITE JAPANESE BANTAMS

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JAPANESE BANTAMS

COCK.—Pierce, judge—1 Gage; 2 McNeil; 3 McClave.
 HEN.—Bicknell, judge—1 McNeil; 2 McClave; 3 Gage.
 COCKEREL.—Brown, judge—1 McNeil; 2 Rottman; 3 Oke; 4 Gage.
 PULLET.—Pierce, judge—1 McNeil; 2 Oke; 3 Rottman; 4 McClave.
 BREEDING PEN.—Zimmer, judge—1 McNeil; 2 Gage.

ROSE COMB BLACK BANTAMS

COCK.—Butterfield, judge—1 Oke; 2 McNeil; 3 Gage; 4 McClave.
 HEN.—Brown, judge—1 McNeil; 2 Gage; 3 McClave.
 COCKEREL.—Barker, judge—1 Oke; 2 McNeil; 3 Gage.
 PULLET.—Zimmer, judge—1 McNeil; 2 Oke.
 BREEDING PEN.—Emery, judge—1 Oke; 2 McNeil; 3 Gage.

BUFF COCHIN BANTAMS

COCK.—Drevenstedt, judge—1 McNeil; 2 Gage; 3 Rottman; 4 Sid Conger; 5 Knox.
 HEN.—Pierce, judge—1 Sid Conger; 2 McNeil; 3 Knox; 4 Pawlin; 5 Rottman; 6 Gage.
 COCKEREL.—Zimmer, judge—1 Pawlin; 2 Gage; 3 Oke; 4 Sid Conger; 5 Rottman; 6 G. S. Robson, London, Ont.
 PULLET.—Pierce, judge—1 Rottman; 2 Knox; 3 Gage; 4 McNeil; 5 Pawlin; 6 Sid Conger.
 BREEDING PEN.—Bicknell, judge—1 Leslie Pawlin, St. Paul, Minn.; 2 L. Rottman, Benton, Ohio; 3 J. F. Knox, Buffalo, N. Y.; 4 Wm. McNeil; 5 Sid Conger; 6 W. A. Gage.

WHITE COCHIN BANTAMS

Cockerel.—Zimmer, judge—1 E. H. Witmer; 2 Wm. McNeil.
 Pullet.—1 Witmer; 2 McNeil.

BLACK COCHIN BANTAMS

COCK.—Drevenstedt, judge—1 E. H. Witmer; 2 J. F. Knox.
 HENS.—Pierce, judge—1 J. F. Knox; 2 E. H. Witmer.
 COCKEREL.—Zimmer, judge—1 J. F. Knox; 2 E. H. Witmer.
 PULLET.—Butterfield, judge—1 E. H. Witmer; 2 J. F. Knox.
 BREEDING PEN.—Bicknell, judge—1 J. F. Knox.

W. C. WHITE POLISH BANTAMS

COCK.—Barker, judge—1 Richard Oke.
 HEN.—Barker, judge—1 H. B. Donovan.
 COCKEREL.—Bicknell, judge—1 E. H. Witmer; 2 H. B. Donovan; 3 Richard Oke; 4 Wm. McNeil.
 PULLET.—Zimmer, judge—1 Richard Oke; 2 E. H. Witmer; 3 Wm. McNeil; 4 H. B. Donovan.

MISCELLANEOUS—SILKIES

COCK.—1 C. S. Jackson.
 HEN.—1 C. S. Jackson.
 COCKEREL.—1 C. S. Jackson.
 PULLET.—1 C. S. Jackson.

SULTANS

Cock.—1 Richard Oke.

FRIZZLES

Cock.—1 L. Rottman, Benton, Ohio.
 Pullet.—L. Rottman.

TURKEYS—BRONZE

Toms.—Barker, judge—1 James Garvin, Princeton, Ill.; 2 Chas. McClave; 3 Mrs. Thos. W. Ragsdale, Paris, Mo.; 4 M. S. Gibson, Appleton City, Mo.
 HEN.—Emery, judge—1 Chas. McClave; 2 Mrs. Thos. W. Ragsdale; 3 S. H. Taylor, Sibley, Ill.

SLATE

Tom.—1 Chas. McClave.
 Hen.—1 Chas. McClave.

WHITE

Toms.—1 Chas. McClave; 2 D. A. Mount; 3 Wm. Smith.
 HENS.—1 D. A. Mount; 2 Chas. McClave; 3 Wm. Smith.

BLACK

Toms.—1 Chas. McClave.
 HENS.—1 Chas. McClave.

DUCKS

Pekin.—Hewes, judge—1 Knapp Bros.; 2 A. Bogue; 3 D. Bogue; 4 Mount.

AYLESBURYS

Marshall, judge—1 A. Bogue; 2 Chas. McClave; 3 D. Bogue; 4 H. H. Wallace.

ROUENS

Shellenberger, judge—1 Chas. McClave; 2 A. Bogue; 3 D. Bogue; 4 W. R. Knight.

CAYUGAS

Marshall, judge—1 W. M. Smith, Fairfield Plains, Ont.; 2 Chas. McClave.

EAST INDIAN

Bridge, judge—1 Chas. McClave.

CRESTED WHITES

1 Chas. McClave.

WHITE MUSCOVYS

GRAY CALLS.

1 Chas. McClave.

WHITE CALLS.

1 Chas. McClave.

GERSE.—TOULOUSE.

1 John Hord Parkhill, Ont.; 2 A. Thompson, Allan's Corners, Ont.; 3 Chas. McClave; 4 Geo. F. Davis & Co.; 5 Sid Conger.

CANADIAN GRAYS.

1 Chas. McClave; 2 Theo. L. Morgan.

EMBDENS.

1 Chas. McClave; 2 A. Thompson.

CHINESE, BROWN.

1 Theo. L. Morgan.

ORNAMENTAL.—GOLDEN PHEASANTS.

Male.—1 Richard Oke.

Female.—1 Richard Oke.

SILVER PHEASANTS.

Male.—1 Richard Oke.

Female.—1 Richard Oke.

ENGLISH PHEASANTS.

Male.—1 Richard Oke.

Female.—1 Richard Oke.

PEA FOWL.

Male.—1 McClave.

Female.—1 McClave.

PEARL GUINEA FOWL.—PARIS.

1 Wm. Smith; 2 Chas. McClave.

WHITE GUINEA FOWL.—PARIS.

1 Chas. McClave.

PET STOCK.—LOP-EARED RABBITS.

1 Holley Lyman, Chicago.

HIMALAYAN RABBITS.

1 H. B. Donovan.

DUTCH RABBITS.

1 H. B. Donovan.

BELGIAN HARES.

1 W. M. Richardson, Troy, N. Y.

ANGORA.

1 Donovan.

MINOR PETS.—COMMON GUINEA PIGS.

1 and 2 Donovan.

ABYSSINIAN GUINEA PIGS.

1 and 2 Donovan.

WAVY HAIRE GUINEA PIGS.

1 and 2 Donovan.

FITCH FERRETS.

1 Chas. McClave; 2 M. M. Brayer.

WHITE FERRETS.

1 M. M. Brayer; 2 Chas. McClave.

Obituary.

SHARP.

Carlos A. Sharp, a well-known resident of the western suburbs of this city for the last half a century, suddenly expired at his home last evening as he was about retiring to his bed.

His impairment of health from a heart affection, had been quite apparent during the past three or four weeks; but, as he was able to be about most of the time, and was occasionally seen in the city, his sudden death was not anticipated by his many friends.

Mr. Sharp was a son of the late Elias Sharp and was born in Chaplin, Windham county, Conn., sixty years ago, on the 30th day of July.

When he was about ten years of age the family came to Niagara county and established their home just outside of the city, on West Main, where the deceased has since resided.

He began his education at the district school, completing his course of study at the Lockport Union school.

Thirty-eight years ago at Logansport, Ind., he met and married his estimable wife, then Miss Josephine A. Knowlton. Through all these years she has been his loving helpmate, indeed, and to-day she and her two children, Orrimer K. and Frank Spencer Sharp, mourn the loss of the affectionate husband and father.

Three brothers also survive. Lorando, of Lockport, Alonzo B. of Joliet, Ill., and Milton G., of Dover, Ill.

Mr. Sharp was a man of marked and clearly defined character. He possessed much of that shrewdness attributed to New Englanders generally, and was eminently sound in his judgment upon the business affairs of life. He was just and honorable in his dealings with his fellow men, and genial and generous in social life. For some years he was interested in the nursery business carried on by his father and an elder brother. He next established the poultry business of C. A. Sharp & Co., and by his sagacity and enterprise gave it almost a world-wide reputation, sending stock to all parts of America and across the seas. He was also associated with his son in the crockery business in this city. His business life was marked by its integrity, and at last when well assured in his own mind that he had not long to live, he contemplated the end without alarm, but with the serenity of one who feels that to die is to enter into rest.—*Lockport Union*, Oct. 24, 1893.

The A. P. A. Meeting.

The annual meeting of the American Poultry Association was called to order by Vice-president H. A. Bridge at 10 P. M., October 18, and after applications for membership had been acted upon by the executive committee, the meeting adjourned to 7 P. M., at Assembly Hall. In the absence of President Scotten, who was away on a business trip in New Mexico, Vice-president Bridge presided. The following members were present at the roll call: H. A. Bridge, Philander Williams, Sid. Conger, George T. Pitkin, Robert A. Braden, P. H. Jacobs, Richard Twells, George Seeger, Jr., T. Farrer Rackham, James Forsyth, Theodore Hewes, F. W. Hitchcock, Theodore Sternberg, A. E. Blunck, C. J. Ward, B. A. Fox, Dr. T. W. Tuggle, George E. Peer, G. O. Brown, J. B. Foot, Ira Gregory, E. B. Thompson, I. N. Barker, J. Y. Bicknell, Major Griffin, N. P. White, H. S. Ball, George G. McCormick, Allan Bogue, William McNeil, George V. Fletcher, Henry Hales, F. C. Brandy, E. H. Knapp, F. B. Zimmer, Chas. McClave, Frank Saumenig, A. F. Cooper, D. M. Owen, W. L. Bicaise, Eber Blodgett, Benjamin McInnes, Jr., Sharp Butter-

A number of letters were read, written by Mr. Felch, in one of which he asked for an honorable discharge from the American Poultry Association, if the latter withholds its sanction of his new Decimal Score Card Association. Mr. Pierce moved that Mr. Felch's letter No. 2 be placed on the minutes without comments. Seconded by J. H. Drevenstedt. Considerable discussion arose, in which Sternberg made a strong plea for recognizing all associations and offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That any association organized to advance the interests of poultry by means of poultry shows and the like, which shall adopt the descriptions in the American Standard of Perfection as its guide in awarding prizes shall receive the support of this Association regardless of the particular method used by such Association in applying such standards.

Mr. Blunck endorsed the resolution, but Mr. Hewes objected to it and wants the Standard to rule absolutely, score card and all. Pierce objected, declaring it out of order. The resolution was lost.

After several communications had been read, E. B. Thompson arose and with his steam-hissing laugh remarked: "I have something to offer, but as evil commun-

Eggs vs. Broilers.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

May a word be put in for the benefit of those aspirants for wealth who expect to make fabulous sums in raising broilers and at the same time have but very faint ideas as to what broilers are.

Nine times out of ten the beginner starts with broilers for his goal, and ninety-nine out of a hundred of his chicks die before reaching broiler age and the survivors are generally like the parson's pig, "little and old." Successful broiler raising requires long experience and rare judgment, but the broiler of the novice has plenty of bone and little meat.

Now if the embryo millionaire will leave broilers alone and go in for raising layers, so as to build up an egg trade, he will find he will be much more successful in the end, and the broilers will follow in due time in the shape of the young cockerels and the culls from the pullets which must be raised yearly to renew the laying stock.

Fresh eggs are always in demand, and even if sold through a commission man will bring from 7 to 10 cents advance over the highest market quotations.

It is easy to make heavy losses trying to raise broilers, while a laying stock can be handled so as to bring in an income with much less experience required.

It is not meant that a novice can run an egg farm, but that the chances of loss are much less with layers than with broilers.

Now for some of the tricks of the trade. To obtain the best prices every egg should be clean, packed in a neat case, be tested before packing and every old or imperfect egg thrown out.

This testing may sound strange, but the best of us will make mistakes in collecting our eggs, and an old egg picked up in an out of the way place may find its way into the egg basket, and besides, biddy herself is not to be trusted, for she sometimes lays an egg with a blood spot in it large enough to be mistaken for a chicken, and if such an egg is boiled and broken by a guest at the high-toned hotel where you get a fancy price for your eggs, there is a row, followed by a letter from the proprietor that your eggs will not be required hereafter.

This all means work, but it brings the extra prices and the satisfaction of knowing that your product cannot be excelled.

This letter was prompted by a visit from a novice who expects to support his family this winter from the profits on the broilers he gets from a 320 egg machine. The gentleman left an order for eggs to start with, but as he never ran an incubator nor owned a fowl his chances for immediate returns are rather few, though his order for "broiler eggs" was acceptable.

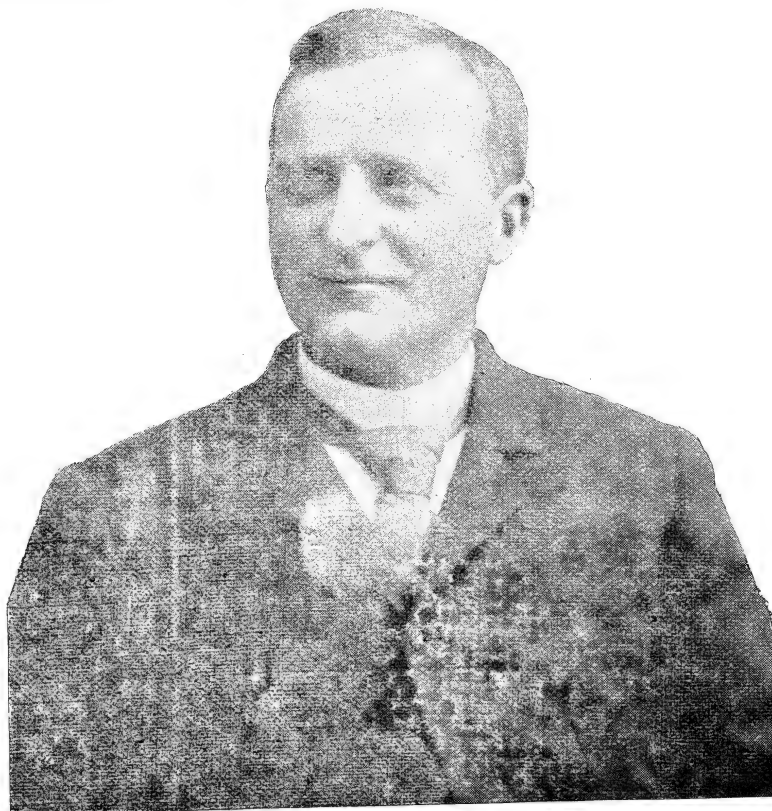
Now, cannot you editors advocate egg raising for the beginner and so lessen the number of failures and the usual remark, "I told you so; no one ever succeeds." The fewer failures the better for us all.

Yours truly,

W. H. ORDWAY.

HIGH STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE.

Vol. 1, No. 1, of the above journal was issued September 2, 1893. It is a sixteen page illustrated weekly, brimful of interesting and instructive matter for the fanciers of poultry, pigeons, dogs and pet stock. To the world of poultry fanciers, to whom the name of Drevenstedt is a household word, the high standard of excellence of THE AMERICAN FANCIER (as judged by the initial number before us) is no surprise. If there is a man in America who can and will make a success of a weekly poultry journal, that individual is J. H. Drevenstedt. We shall be disappointed if each succeeding issue of THE AMERICAN FANCIER does not grow better (like old wine) with age. The fancy throughout the United States are to be congratulated upon the publication of such a "long felt want."—*The National Fancier*.



Hon. Sid. Conger,
President of the American Poultry Association.

field and J. H. Drevenstedt. About twenty-seven new members elected. Mr. Bogue of Canada nominated Sid. Conger for president. Mr. Hewes seconded the motion. Theodore Sternberg made a rousing speech nominating James Forsyth for the same office. Seconded by A. E. Blunck. E. B. Thompson nominated I. K. Felch, and Robert A. Braden gracefully placed P. H. Jacobs in nomination, who declined to run. The first ballot resulted as follows: Conger 28, Forsyth 23, and Felch 4 votes. Mr. Felch's name was withdrawn and the second ballot gave Conger 32, Forsyth 25, and Felch 2 votes. Sid. Conger was declared elected.

President Conger in a brief speech thanked the members for the honor, and promised with their help to make his administration a success.

P. H. Jacobs nominated G. O. Brown for secretary and treasurer. J. H. Drevenstedt moved that Mr. Brown be elected by acclamation. Carried.

Judge Brown's speech was a marvel of brevity, and both Brown and Conger will go down in history as the laconic talkers of the American Poultry Association.

H. A. Bridge moved that a committee of five be appointed to nominate the rest of the officers. Objected to by Mr. Jacobs, but objection was lost.

A vote of thanks was passed to retiring officers.

Messrs. Bicknell, Pierce, Butterfield, Knapp and Brown were appointed a committee to revise glossary.

cations are apt to corrupt good morals, prefer not to give it." The meeting then adjourned to Thursday evening 7 P. M., when the work of Standard revision was begun, and reports of committees were read. Important changes were made in the Cochin, Wyandotte and Leghorn breeds. The meeting then adjourned to meet again Friday evening to take up charges against a member of the American Poultry Association. This resulted in a sensational expulsion of the member who virtually killed his own defense (?) by bringing counter charges against his accusers of such a filthy nature that indignation in the hearts of every man present prompted the action. We will be charitable enough to suppose that the party is not entirely responsible for his words. It is a pity that the minutes of the American Poultry Association meeting must be encumbered with such fowl matter, but there is no help for it. After hearing more committee reports on Standard revision, the meeting adjourned until Saturday night, when the work of revision of the Standard was completed. The meeting broke up with good feeling among members and everyone was satisfied with the work accomplished.

An article on Buff Wyandottes by Irving Crocker, which should have appeared in connection with the beautiful illustration on our first page is unavoidably crowded out of this issue and will appear next week.

PIGEONS.

Pen Pictures of Prominent Fanciers.

BY SENEX.

ANDREW MUEHLIG.

Far north, up in Ann Arbor, Michigan, lives the fancier above noted and no man stands higher in the fancy than he. Mr. Muehlig is a prosperous merchant and an ideal fancier. In person he is a blonde, with a nice sweeping moustache, short, heavy set, and with a good honest face that gives one confidence in him. He is quiet, and unobtrusive, and as honest as the day is long. He is one of the kind whose simple word is as good as a bond, and when he tells you a thing, you may well say to yourself that it is reliable. He breeds Pouters and Fantails and by systematic care, and the most painstaking perseverance, he has bred up his Pouters to a high standard. I noted some of them at the shows that will be hard to down in the keenest of competition. His Fantails I have never noticed, and for that reason I presume he cares more for the King O'Doos. If you have never met Andrew, you have failed to meet one of the nicest gentlemen the Almighty ever put on earth, and I, who say it, am not apt to jump at conclusions, for I am slow and sure.

JOHN D. ABEL.

One of the worst abused men in the fancy is this same John D. Who has not seen him at the shows? Rather slender, rather pale, but with a clean cut face and rather good looking. Naturally his glasses do not help his looks, but unless you catch his arm and hold him, you never get time to see his blue eyes. Here, there, everywhere, now joking, now going all to pieces in a hot argument, now looking at a Turbit and two seconds later, clear off in another corner looking at the Jacks. He has every man's record and his birds at his finger ends, and if he don't like him can "gie him a de'il's blast" in hot shape. He is not, strictly speaking, a fancier, yet he has done a world of good for the fancy in the States. I'm fair to say, I'm not close friends with John, for he makes me nervous with his eternal bickering. If ever there's a fuss he is sure to be in it, and this is partly due to his habit of blurting out what he thinks.

But, gie the de'il his due—there are many worse men than John D. Abel, and as I said the fanciers of this country owe much to him. It is unfortunate that his paper was compelled to give up the ghost, and I would remark *en passant* that if he had not been so radical it would still be going. One cannot continually keep prodding people and still retain their favor.

A. A. HEROUX.

Where is the fancier who knows not the genial Heroux, the "Pouter King"? For many long years he has stood at the head of the long list of Pouter breeders. Many another one has a few fine birds, but Heroux has them by the hundred. He was at the top when I came over and I can't gainsay but he's still there. In person Mr. Heroux is small, and slender. He is hardly a blonde, nor yet a brunette. Has a good square face, and a wonderfully animated one. Like many of the other leaders, he is a fascinating talker, and draws one to him instead of repelling. He is noted among the pigeon men for

the elegance of his language, and surely he has the most choice of the Queen's English at his tongue's end. Talk to him and he listens politely, but should he disagree with you, he does it in so nice a way as to be charming.

Yet, withal, he is very decided in his opinions, and surely he has a right to be, especially on Pouters, for he has made them a life study.

His home is at Lawrence, Mass., and, while he never entertained me, I hear from good authority that it is indeed the home of a typical fancier, in that all pigeondom is welcome there. Mr. Heroux is another of the kind whose simple word is as strong as his bond. He is a modest, unassuming gentleman, and when I say gentleman, I mean it in the fullest sense of the word. I do not feel that a show can be a success in this land, unless Mr. Heroux is there with his string of Pouters. I will now leave the east and journey west again, and take up one who is surely one of the best known men in the fancy.

JOHN H. KUHN.

And now I hear them all say "watch him give it to Kuhn." Nay, not so. Too many have "given it to Kuhn", and the most of them with never a cause. He has made mistakes, but where is the one of you who has not?

It came my lot to study Kuhn well (and ne'er a bit did he know it) and surely if I have described the others aright (and where is the one who can deny it) I can do him equal justice. Mr. Kuhn lives at Louisville, Ky., and is certainly the most general fancier there. He has birds by the score and there's the rub, for he has too many to make much of a success of any one variety. He is liberal to a fault, and over enthusiastic with it. Go to him for anything to help along the fancy and you get it. He is a good judge of a bird but he errs in this point, that he sees all the good points of his own birds, but ne'er a bad one can he see, even with a telescope.

He is short and thick set, a German by birth and a brunette. He has a jolly round face and a keen black eye, and a general well to do air and his chief fault is this, he listens to others too much. If left to himself, and if he would curb some of his ambition, he would be one of the greatest men in the fancy to-day, but he has suffered himself to be led by others and he has been the sufferer. I'm fain to say he does too much "blowing" in his advertisements of stock, to suit me, and many others, but when I see the way the chicken men and the dog men, aye even the horse and cattle men draw the long bow, I don't know that Mr. Kuhn's idea is half a bad one.

All these strictures are the result of what others say. As stated I made him a study, and I thought him a tip-top good fellow, with a big warm heart. Were I to get in hard lines and wanting a friend, I don't know a man in this country I would quicker approach than John H. Kuhn, and I'll lay pounds to pence he ne'er would turn me the cold ear.

T. A. HAVEMEYER, JR.

I'll lay odds that the party who is hunting for a true "fancier" could never find a man to whom the term is more applicable than to the gentleman above.

He is blessed with plenty of this world's goods to allow his fancy full sway, too. He is a son of Havemeyer the great sugar refiner and it is at their elegant country seat at Mahwah, N. J., that the birds of Mr. Havemeyer and his brother are kept.

Personally Mr. Havemeyer is an elegant gentleman, refined and polished in the extreme, yet with not a bit of hauteur. He is a handsome man and dresses in exquisite taste, save when he is in the lofts with his many lovely birds and he has a rare lot too. He it was who picked up a fine lot of birds sent over by an English breeder, last winter. He has many varieties, but from the fact that I see he is an officer in the Fantail Club, and I hear he gave a grand "silver cup" for a prize, I take it his chief fancy is in that direction. Naturally such a man is in the fancy from the pure love of it, for little cares he what his birds bring, and I take it he'd far rather give away a bird than sell it. It is a rare good thing to have in the fancy, such men as Mr. Havemeyer for it lies within his power to get the best stock that money will buy, and naturally that same stock will find its way into the hands of others who lack the means, perhaps, to import as they would wish.

GEORGE W. ECKERT

is a fancier who is perhaps better known than any in the States, from the fact that he is so constantly called on to serve as judge at the various shows. He lives at Allentown, Pa., and has one of the best collections of owls in this country. I never saw him but once, and then did not have the honor of meeting him personally. He is a small man, and quick and active in every movement. He is a blonde, with a heavy drooping moustache, which he carefully watches and fondles—whenever he is still long enough. He has a keen eye that takes in a bird at a glance, and woe to the poor bird if it has a cutting point, for that keen eye takes note of it and down goes the cut. He is a most convincing talker, for he has the rare faculty of never talking till he knows what he has to say. And more than that, he never "breaks in," as is too much the case with most of the American fanciers I have met. Mr. Eckert is always polite enough to wait till the other man is through, and then what he has to say is full of sound sense. He is a thorough gentleman, the soul of honor, and none stands higher in the fancy. He has a charming home and a lovely family, and is a devoted husband and father. In fact, I hear well of him everywhere and in every way, and hope some day to know him myself. I might further say that he is a business man of fine qualifications, and his birds are kept purely as a fancy and not for the purpose of a financial venture.

The African Owl.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

Of all varieties of foreign pigeons no bird holds a place with American fanciers like the lovely and saucy little African Owl. Breeding of the highest type can be seen in every curve of their graceful body, and in no variety of high class fancy pigeons is there more room for study or more fine points to breed for. When it comes to beauty, there is no bird which so strongly rivals the Fantail as the White African Owl.

Now that the American Owl Club is organized, a great improvement both in the quality of stock and number of breeders will be noticed in the near future. Watch the exhibit of the Owl Club at the first show with which we meet, and note, too, that there will be more Owls entered than in any other class of birds. But we are wandering

from our subject. In weight the African Owl should not weigh over 10 oz., the smaller the better, although it is noticed when bred too small that these birds are more delicate and not as good breeders.

When these birds were first introduced into America they were rather delicate (the first birds being brought from Africa), but in the length of time they have been in this country they have become acclimatized, and are now no harder to rear than English or Chinese Owls. All that is said about their being delicate and poor feeders is nothing but bosh, and anyone will be convinced by breeding them a season.

The main points to breed for are head, *not beak alone*, as some breeders are doing, sacrificing everything else for beak. Shortness and thickness of beak we must have, but not at the expense of all other properties. The skull must be round and as wide as possible; beware of flatness on top. The more gullet you can get the better. If you have a bird with a scant frill try crossing with a small Chinese, but we would not advise this if it can be avoided. One of the main beauties of the African Owls lies in having plenty of frill. After five years of constant work we have established a strain of birds that for frill and head properties cannot be beaten.

In providing a classification for Owls, of any variety, six classes should be given, as follows: Cocks, blue, silver, white, red, black, yellow; hens, ditto.

The club has not yet decided where to meet this year, and will meet at no place where proper classification is not provided. This I have from several prominent members of the club.

The Executive Committee are busy at work on the constitution and by-laws, which will soon be ready for the public.

Those who have offered cash and specials should remit to the secretary at once, so that we can know just how many cups to figure on.

C. W. BUTTLES,
President American Owl Club.

The Owl Club.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

As the Owl Club has formed, officers elected, and the show season is about on us, there are a few questions to be decided by the members: First, where shall the American Owl Club hold its meeting? Second, on what day and at what time should this meeting take place? and thirdly, shall the said club procure a judge at its own expense to judge owls at their meeting, or leave all to the show?

If it is the club's desire to meet with the show offering the best inducements, then Baltimore up to date is the place, as they have, besides the usual inducements, added a young bird class to the list; also given, I understand, a room to meet in for the use of the specialty clubs during their show week. Suggestions and views of the members on the above can be advanced through THE AMERICAN FANCIER or secretary direct.

The American Owl Club extends its usual invitation to anyone interested in its objects to join. The initiation fee is one dollar, with one dollar yearly dues, and can have a copy of the constitution and by-laws by addressing the secretary after November 1.

H. T. KLUSMEYER, JR.,
Secretary.

Easton, Pa.

Comments on the pigeon awards at Chicago failed to reach us in time for this issue.

The White Fantail Pigeon.

A Monograph.

BY JESSE M. RUTTER.

[Written for THE AMERICAN FANCIER.]

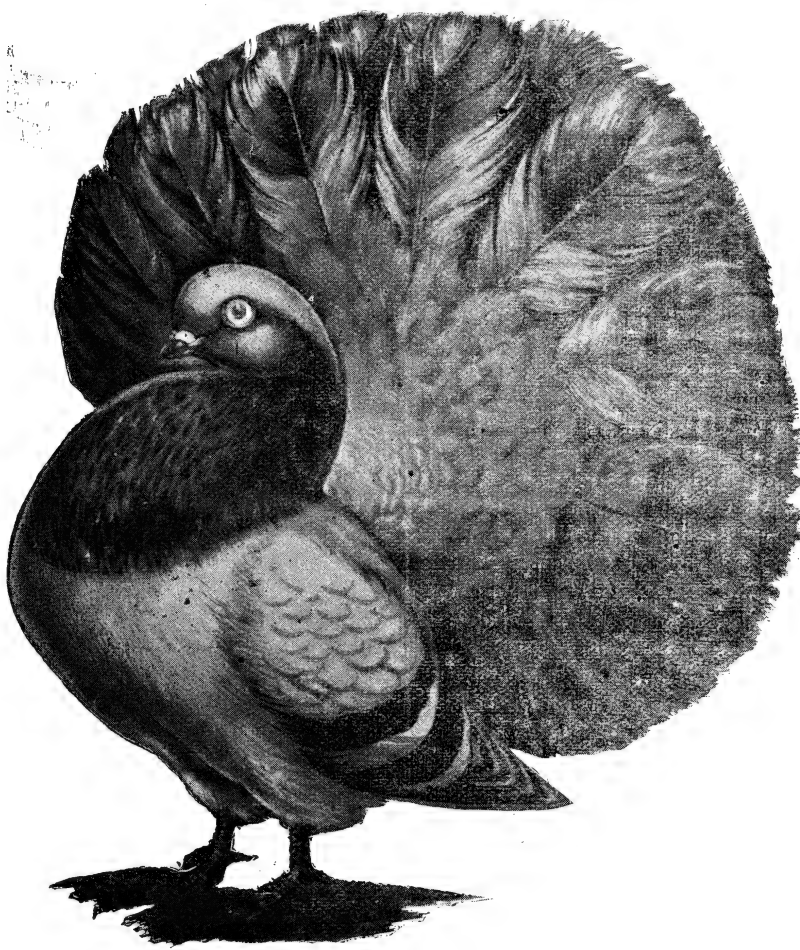
Upon the floor, in one corner of each room, stands a shallow box, ten inches square and one inch deep. This contains a generous lump of rock-salt, surrounded by finely broken oyster shell. Formerly this salt lay loose on the floor, but it attracted so much moisture that the sand was kept damp over an area of several square feet. The box restricts this wetness to its own limits. A sanded floor and an adequate supply of salted shells is a satisfactory substitute for the old-fashioned, conventional "salt cat."

During winter, my nest boxes (described further on) are removed, and narrow perches fastened along the wooden dividing fences. Each perch is ten feet long and three inches wide. The top edges are beveled, and the ends smoothly rounded. In every pen, two of these face each other from opposite sides, and are raised eighteen inches above the floor. Two iron brackets hold each perch six inches out from the side, to prevent the pigeons brushing their tails against the partition. One foot from either end of every perch, a wire guard is inserted across the width. Between these two end guards, three more are erected at even intervals of two feet. The length is thus broken into six sections by five separating wire loops. This scheme hinders some blustering, feathered bully from sweeping the roost, as is quite often the case when no obstructions exist. My father suggested this loop protector, which is preferable to wooden pegs or blocks. The rounded tops reduce the danger of injury to almost nothing if a Fantail happens to fly violently against the upright guard; and the wire does not break the view, the eye sweeping down the long perches unconscious of any barrier to clear vision. This perch is the sole winter fixture, but the breeding season sees even this removed to leave space for movable nest boxes.

For aught I know, similar boxes may be used by scores of fanciers, but I have seen such in just one other loft, and in this special case they were copied directly from mine. Their present perfected form passed through a slow process of evolution. The box has two parts.

Perhaps my enthusiasm is excessive, but this really seems the most practical Fantail breeding box yet used. The first box had no base, but stood right upon the floor. Although a complete cover to the sitting pigeon, it served as a catch-all for feathers and dust whirled up by every flying Fantail. Next season, a base board lifted the whole concern three inches above the floor level. This elevation proved a partial remedy, the loose stuff drifting beneath the open front of the base. For two summers the box was used in this state, but being so near the floor, frequent quarrels arose between pigeons standing in their open doors and occasional passers by. A cock Fantail quietly musing at his threshold would be approached, and boldly defied by some saucy idler, just then off duty. As no bird of spirit could calmly take an affront at his own house, the insulted one would promptly join battle, and a sharp conflict would ensue. These frequent fights were decidedly detrimental to

steady incubation, and furthermore the floor area was seriously curtailed by such roomy boxes. Then the plan of still higher elevation seemed feasible, and the base was supported upon four stilt-like legs. The foundation then resembled a miniature table upon which the cover-box rested. The box is not fastened but held by gravity upon its base. A rim one inch square, with its inside edges beveled, runs around the top of each base, and fits tightly inside the lower edges of the box. The platform inside the box is kept covered by a layer of sharp sand. An edge one inch high borders the outside top, and strewn with sand each roof thus offers a lofty promenade to the pigeons. This box is three feet long, fifteen inches wide, and seventeen inches high, with a central door ten inches wide, and fourteen inches up to the centre of its arched top. These boxes are without backs and are set against the partitions so as to leave an inch opening between the boards and their rear edges.



Blue Fantail Cock,

Winner at the World's Fair, Chicago, 1893. Bred and owned by Andrew Muehlig, Ann Arbor, Mich.

So placed a steady current of air circulates gently through their interior, and the offal dries quickly without perceptible odor. Throat canker and kindred ills peculiar to tender squabs are almost banished under this airy system. The round legs supporting the platform present little obstruction to free passage beneath. The Fantails start about, paying no heed to the overhanging boxes, although they were rather shy when these innovations were first set up. This system leaves the floor area entire, and quarrels are at a discount. If a pugnacious pigeon tries to make trouble by parading pertly before a box, the defied party scornfully looks down from his high door-step, and coolly ignores the meddlesome fellow so far below him. If the aggressor essays to fly into the other fellow's premises, he is instantly tackled at the doorway, and knocked back by a sudden wing-blow. Few intruders care

to hazard a second trial, and scrimmage stops right there.

The elevation of this box also hinders an unlucky squeaker from scrambling up if it happens to tumble out. It may scuttle about the floor, but being in no one's special territory, escapes harm until the fancier comes to secure the wanderer. When the boxes were low down, a youngster after blundering out of its own nest, would often heedlessly run into a neighbor's domicile. War would be at once declared, and the bewildered baby would crouch in a corner until half killed. I have seen hapless squeakers fairly scalped, the feathers being so fearfully picked out that ever afterward the victim actually had a bald spot on its crown. The aerial breeding box is a specific remedy for such needless mutilation. These boxes are built of half-inch white wood, which makes them amply strong, and moderately light in weight.

[To be continued.]

The Pigeon Awards at the World's Fair.

CARRIERS.—Black cock, 1 and 2 H. B. Donovan, Toronto, Ont. Dun cock, 1 Donovan. Any other color cock, 1 and 2 Donovan. Black hen, 1 Donovan. Dun hen, 1 Donovan. Any other color hen, 1 and 2 Donovan. Black cock or hen, bred in 1893, 1 and 2 Donovan. Dun cock or hen, bred in 1893, 1 and 2 Donovan. Any other cock or hen, bred in 1893, 1 and 2 Donovan.

POUTERS.—Black pied cock, 1 and 2 Christian Wagner, Detroit, Mich. Yellow pied cock, 1 Christian Wagner. Red pied cock, 1 Andrew Muehlig, Ann Arbor, Mich. Blue pied cock, 1 and 2 Andrew Muehlig. White cock, 1 and 2 Muehlig. Black pied hen, 1 and 2 Christian Wagner. Yellow pied hen, 1 Christian Wagner. Red pied hen, 1 Muehlig. Blue pied hen, 1 Muehlig. White hen, 1 and 2 Muehlig.

BARBS.—Black cock, 1 Christian Wagner, Detroit, Mich. Red cock, 1 Wagner; 2, H. B. Donovan, Toronto, Ont. Dun cock, 1 Wagner. Any other color cock, 1 Donovan. Red cock, bred in 1893, 1 Donovan. Any color cock, bred in 1893, 1 Donovan. Black hens, 1 and 2 Donovan. Yellow hen, 1 and 2 Donovan. Red hen, 1 Donovan; 2 Wagner. Any other color hen, 1 and 2 Donovan. Black hen, bred in 1893, 1 Donovan. Yellow hen, bred in 1893, 1 Donovan. Red hen, bred in 1893, 1 Donovan. Any other color hen, bred in 1893, 1 Donovan.

SHORT FACED TUMBLERS.—Almond cock, 1 and 2 Donovan. Agate cock, 1 Donovan; 2 Jas. Hill, Jr., Cleveland, Ohio. Mottle cock, 1 Hill, Jr. Kite cock, 1 Hill, Jr.; 2 Donovan. Solid cock, 1 Donovan; 2 Hill, Jr. Any other color cock, 1 Donovan; 2 Oscar Seifert, Newark, N. J. Almond hen, 1 Hill, Jr.; 2 Donovan. Agate hen, 1 Donovan; 2 H. T. Smith, River View, Ala. Mottled hen, 1 Hill, Jr.; 2 Kite hen, 1 and 2 Donovan. Solid hen, 1 Donovan; 2 Seifert. Any other color hen, 1 Donovan.

LONG FACED TUMBLERS.—Mottled, 1 J. H. Whitman, Chicago. Saddle, 1 Frank Gorse, Chicago; 2 Ray Sturtevant, Chicago. Badge, 1 and 2 Gorse. Solid black, white, red or yellow, 1 and 2 John F. Carter, Highlandville, Mass. Bell Neck, 1 Whitman; 2 Sturtevant. Rosewing, 1 Donovan. Beard, 1 and 2 Donovan. Bald, 1 Ingram; 2 Donovan. Any other variety, 1 Carter; 2 Whitman.

JACOBS.—Black cock, 1 and 2 Whitman. Yellow cock, 1 Whitman. Red cock, 1 and 2 Whitman. White cock, 1 Woodward & Benjamin, Chicago. Any other color cock, 1 Quartes; 2 Whitman. Black hen, 1 Whitman. Yellow hen, 1 Whitman. Red hen, 1 and 2 Whitman. White hen, 1 Woodward & Benjamin. Any other color hen, 1 Whitman.

ENGLISH OWLS.—Black cock, 1 and 2 Donovan. Blue cock, 1 George W. Eckert, Allentown, Pa.; 2 George Feather, Dorchester, Mass. Silver cock, 1 Donovan; 2 Eckert. Any other color cock, 1 and 2 Donovan. Black hen, 1 and 2 Donovan. Blue hen, 1 Eckert. Silver hen, 1 Donovan; 2 Feather. Any other color hen, 1 Donovan; 2 Eckert.

AFRICAN OWLS.—Black cock, 1 Donovan; 2 Eckert. Blue cock, 1 Eckert. White cock, 1 and 2 Eckert. Any other color cock, 1 Eckert; 2 Donovan. Black hen, 1 Eckert; 2 Donovan. Blue hen, 1 Donovan; 2 Eckert. White hen, 1 Eckert; 2 Donovan. Any other color hen, 1 Eckert; 2 Donovan.

CHINESE OWLS.—All to Eckert.

TRUMPETERS.—All to A. L. Love, St. Louis, Mo.

FANTAILS.—White cock, plain, 1 and 2 F. M. Gilbert, Evansville, Ind. Blue cock, plain, 1 and 2 Andrew Muehlig, Ann Arbor, Mich. Yellow cock, plain, 1 R. A. Quartes, St. Louis, Mo.; 2 C. J. Baron, Louisville, Ky. Any other color cock, plain, 1 Fred C. Weiss, Evansville, Ind.; 2 C. J. Baron. White cock, crested and booted, 1 and 2 Andrew Muehlig. Yellow cock, saddle back, 2 Oscar Seifert, Newark, N. J. White hens, plain, 1 and 2 F. M. Gilbert, Jr., Evansville, Ind. Blue hens, plain, 1 and 2 C. J. Baron. Yellow hen, plain, 1 R. A. Quartes; 2 C. J. Baron. Any other color hen, plain, 1 Fred C. Weiss; 2 C. J. Baron. White hen, crested and booted, 1 and 2 Andrew Muehlig. Yellow hen, saddle back, 1 Oscar Seifert. White crested cock and hen, 1 and 2 Fred C. Weiss.

ORIENTAL FRILLS.—Barred blondinette cock, 1 and 2 R. S. Groves, Philadelphia, Pa. Laced blondinette cock, 1 and 2 R. S. Groves. Satinette cock, 1 and 2 R. S. Groves. Bluette cock, 1 and 2 R. S. Groves. Barred blondinette hens, 1 and 2 R. S. Groves. Laced blondinette hen, 1 and 2 R. S. Groves. Satinette hen, 1 and 2 R. S. Groves. Bluette hen, 1 and 2 R. S. Groves.

TURBITS.—Blue winged cock, 1 Donovan; 2 Whitman. Black winged cock, 1 and 2 Donovan. Yellow winged cock, 1 Geo. Feather; 2 Donovan. Red winged cock, 1 Whitman; 2 C. E. Ford, Quincy, Mass. Any other color cock, 1 C. E. Ford; 2 Donovan. Blue wing hen, 1 and 2 Donovan. Black winged hen, 1 C. E. Ford; 2 Donovan. Yellow winged hen, 1 Feather; 2 Donovan. Red winged hen, 1 and 2 Donovan. Any other color hen, 1 Feather; 2 Whitman. Solid Turbit white hen, 1 Feather.

MAGPIES.—Black cock, 1 A. M. Ingram; 2 Robt. Joos, Peoria, Ill. Yellow cock, 1 A. M. Ingram; 2 Donovan. Any other color cock, 1 Ingram; 2 Donovan. Black hen, 1 Robert Joos; 2 Ingram. Yellow hen, 1 Joos; 2 Donovan. Any other color hen, 1 Joos; 2 Ingram.

SWALLOWS.—Black cock, 1 C. E. Ford, Quincy, Mass.; 2 C. E. Twombly, Boston, Mass. Blue cock, 1 C. E. Twombly; 2 Donovan. Red cock, 1 Oscar Seifert; 2 C. E. Twombly. Yellow cock, 1 C. E. Twombly; 2 Oscar Seifert. Black, with white bars, cock, 1 Oscar Seifert. Blue, with white bars, cock, 1 Oscar Seifert. Red, with white bars, cock, 1 Oscar Seifert. Yellow, with white bars, cock, 1 Oscar Seifert. Black hens, 1 C. E. Ford; 2 C. E. Twombly. Blue hens, C. E. Twombly. Red hens, 1 C. E. Twombly. Yellow hens, 1 Oscar Seifert; 2 C. E. Twombly. Any other color hen, 1 Oscar Seifert. Blue, with white bars, hen, 1 Oscar Seifert; 2 Woodward & Benjamin, Chicago.

NUNS.—Black cock, 1 A. M. Ingram, Quincy, Mass. Black hen, 1 A. M. Ingram.

DRAGONS.—1 Blue cocks, 1 H. B. Donovan; 2 Donovan. Chequer cocks, 1 Donovan; 2 Donovan. Blue hen, 1 Donovan; 2 Donovan. Chequer hens, 1 Donovan; 2 Donovan.

VARIOUS.—Antwerp, short faced, any color cocks, 1 J. B. Burnes, Chicago. Archangel,

Baltimore Show.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

At a meeting of the show committee of the Baltimore Columbarian society the following were elected as officers of the show to be held Dec. 28 to Jan. 3, 1894, inclusive: W. J. Robertson, secretary and superintendent; Wm. T. Levering, treasurer; Executive committee, W. T. Levering, G. A. Fick, Fred A. Rommell, Henry Tiemann, W. I. Robertson,

Signed W. I. ROBERTSON, Secy.

Barb Club Rules.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

The rules of the American Barb Club will soon be printed. Fanciers who are not members of the club will be furnished with a copy upon application to the secretary,

J. S. RITTENHOUSE.
Reading, Pa.

bronze cocks, 1 Dofiovani; 2 Woodward & Benjamin, Chicago. Helmet, any color cocks, 1 and 2 Fritz Maass, Hagenbeck's, Midway Plaisance; 2 Fritz Maass. Spangled ice, any color cocks, 1 Woodward & Benjamin. Plain ice, any color cock, 1 Woodward & Benjamin. Hen Pigeon, any color cocks, 1 Oscar Seifert. Antwerp, short faced, any color hens, 1 J. B. Burns. Archangel, any color hens, 1 Woodward & Benjamin; 2 Woodward & Benjamin. Helmet, any color hens, 1 Fritz Maass; 2 Fritz Maass. Plain ice, any color, hen, 1 Woodward & Benjamin. Hen Pigeon, any color hen, 1 Oscar Seifert.

HOMERS (OPEN CLASS).—Blue cock, 1 J. B. Burns; 2 H. B. Donovan. Red, or red chequered cock, 1 J. B. Burns. Any other color cock, 1 J. B. Burns; 2 H. B. Donovan.

Pigeons at the World's Fair.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

And so this is the World's Fair pigeon show! Surely such a lot of rubbish was never together before. Not a little show in my country that couldn't cast it far in the shade, both as regards quantity and quality.

I didn't bide long in the building—a little old shed fit for sheep or swine, perhaps, but never for a decent bird. It is a beastly place, where a bird sits in a draught all day, and it's good there were so many fit just for the pot, for they are the ones that never get unfit.

There were a few good Frills and a few good Pouters and mayhap half a dozen good Fans, and I saw a Turbit and a Mag or two that were fairish birds, but when I saw ribbon after ribbon hanging on a lot of pot birds I didn't bide long, but went off to the poultry. Surely the judges must have been told that every coop must have a ribbon, from the string of them I saw on those pigeons. If that is a World's Fair show, God save the mark. In England the judges would have passed nine out of ten in the lot, but it seems that in this good country they pass nothing. Mind ye, I don't say there were no good birds, but take the ruck of them, and in my country they would have gone to pot long ago. Where's the use of my writing it up as I promised? They were not fit.

Such shows as that do more harm than good, for you'll have "World's Fair winners" all over the land, and I pity the poor covey that buys them, for he'll get rubbish of the worst sort.

I did not stay beyond a half hour, and it was time well nigh wasted. If my friend who is writing up so many of the fanciers for me could see it, he might speak well of it, as he seems to run that way, but as for me, I'm a blunt man who says what he thinks when he sees what's plain as your hand, so where's the use of trying to make "a silk purse out of a sow's ear" and saying it was a great show when it was far below the mark?

SENEX.

Chicago, Ill., Oct. 20, 1893.

Prizes at the Baltimore Show.

To the Pigeon Fanciers of the Country:

I beg to announce that arrangements have been perfected to have a show in Baltimore commencing December 28th to January 3d, 1894, inclusive. As this show will be given on strictly business principles with very liberal classifications it cannot help but be a big success. To show my appreciation of the efforts of fanciers to raise the standard of the fancy pigeon in this country, I will give at this show the following specials: Say for the best cock or hen any color, bred in this country in 1893 and wearing a band of that date, in the following varieties, viz: Best Carrier, \$10; best Barb, \$10; best Pouter, \$10; best Short Face Tumbler, \$10; best Long Face Tumbler, \$10; best Jacobin, \$10; best Owl, \$10; best Oriental Frill, \$10; best Fantail, \$10; best Trumpeter, \$10; best Swallow, \$10; best Magpie, \$10; best Archangel, \$10; best Black Turbit, \$20; best Blue Turbit, \$20; best Red Turbit, \$20; best Yellow Turbit, \$20.

Asking the kind consideration and patronage of the different specialty clubs and fanciers of the country, and with a hearty invitation to meet with us at our show, I am yours truly,

WILLIAM T. LEVERING,
President American Columbarian Association.

Pigeon Flying.

Notice to Subscribers.

Our subscribers are informed that we have arranged that all inquiries relating to the breeding, training and management of homing pigeons, and upon all questions bearing upon the history of pigeon flying, both at home and abroad, will be answered by "Fritz" through his columns in THE AMERICAN FANCIER weekly, and at the earliest possible opportunity, and should be addressed to

MR. T. FRED. GOLDMAN,
832 Herkimer Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

[All matter that he deems of general and practical interest, or of value to the young and inexperienced fancier, will be embodied in his weekly notes, while other matter will be sent direct by mail.—ED. A. F.]

Points in the Flying Fancy.

A Weekly Review of Events in the Homing World.

BY FRITZ.

I desire to correct several type setting errors which appeared in my last notes, more or less important, and perhaps puzzling to some readers. In speaking of the flying club secretary, "glare horse" should read *slave horse*. In the accounts of Belgian Grand Nationals flown from "Dat" and "St. Jean de Huz" should read Dax and St. Jean de Luz. The errors no doubt may be attributed to my poor chirography.

My unfavorable criticism of late hatched youngsters has brought me promptly a number of letters from flying fanciers who claim to have obtained excellent results from such birds. This was not unexpected by me, for I well knew the practice of late breeding has long ago been common with many flying men here, and furthermore there were many who could produce valuable birds so bred.

But such successes are merely exceptional and not in line with a prescribed course for young fanciers to follow, nor can such practice of late breeding be advocated with any hope of good general results to the young fancier in regular season. In later years, when the young fancier has become fully intimate with the material he is handling in his lofts, and has established some excellent *hits* in his breeding, then he can indulge in more or less experiments without fear of serious handicap or possible weakening in the regular flying concourse of his club.

In other words, when a regular and reliable team of workers has been established to fully and reliably represent a loft in work from all distances, then the fancier may strengthen such material by any light reproduction out of season rendered necessary by losses or proven errors of breeding, but further than this there can be no possible need for such production, and the proven young of March, April and May hatch will undoubtedly more fitly represent the loft in future flying campaigns, or breeding work.

My opposition to late hatched youngsters was advanced mainly on account of erroneous ideas existing with some upon the question of moult, and also in consequence of the unnecessary and unreasonable strain upon the breeding and flying stock at a period when nature demanded the entire vitality of the stock to the energies of moult and recuperation, a far more serious and telling question than any advantages to be granted by the possession of a few additional birds.

I touched, in my last notes, upon instances afforded of lost birds returning to their old homes after long absences, and in the last issue of *The Feathered World*, now before me, I read of an interesting item quoted from "Chasse et Pêche" of a homing pigeon belonging to a M. Verdussen of Heyst-op-den-Berg, which was tossed and lost in a flight from Orleans in July, 1885. This bird, then aged three

years and now therefore eleven, has just returned to its old loft.

It is supposed either that the faithful messenger took the first opportunity of escaping from a captivity of eight years' duration, or that before dying it wished to revisit the country which gave it birth.

This is unquestionably an extreme test of our birds' splendid mental capacity, and but an oft occurring instance as eloquent argument for the true fancier's love and devotion to his pets and hobby, which many non-fanciers look upon with surprise, amusement and in many cases mere amazement and non-comprehension.

Germany, France, Italy, Russia and others have, as we all know, devoted considerable labor and expense of late years to the cultivation and advancement of the homing pigeon for messenger service and war purposes.

Spain, I now learn from foreign Journals just received, has determined to at once push forward the important question and utilization of the pigeons also. But little in this direction has been heretofore done by this country, but homing clubs are commencing to spring up there now, and aided by government interest the fancy is taking firm root in Spain, and no doubt ere long she will be classed among those European governments who have made the study and cultivation of our workers a specialty, and for valuable service in times of both war and peace. With such continuous evidences of the value and deep interests attached to the flying fancy, the whole colombophile world is to be congratulated, and is also a sure means of constantly increasing its already splendid mass of notaries.

From the German *Zeitschrift für Brief-taubenkunde* of last issue I read of further interesting and practical uses made of our birds that can be readily and advantageously copied by our large fleets of fishing and other vessels engaged in sea service, and by this means a new and important demand arises for the surplus flying stock of our fanciers. New uses seem to be constantly arising. A Mr. Robert Dohrmann of Cuxhaven, engaged in the wholesale oyster business, has long ago felt the growing need of communication with the oyster fleet engaged, who frequently remain out for weeks and with communication quite cut off, as to the success or non-success of the fisheries.

By the aid of our homers the fishing fleet is now kept in constant communication with the dealers, and the service seems to afford considerable satisfaction. There really appears to be no limit to the many uses our birds can be put to and I am of the opinion that the flying fancy might with considerable advantage to itself push forward with a little more energy this question of messenger service apart from its legitimate and enjoyable one of breeding and racing.

Very many necessarily idle birds would then not alone annually be engaged at one thing and another, but many a fancier would perhaps be thus better enabled to reduce his stock and in the sales of such contribute considerably to the growing interest and demands of his sport with a consequent cutting down of his expenses of feed, training, club dues, equipment, &c.

I think the idea well worthy of all engaged in the pastime of breeding and flying homing pigeons.

From the same German journal I learn of an important and special race in prospect for July, 1894, by the members of the "Bochum Flying Club," to be from Königsberg to Bochum, air line distance some 968 kilometres, say in the neighborhood of 600 miles. This would indicate that our brethren of the flying fancy in Germany are progressive and enterprising and thoroughly alive to the development of the flying sport and their stock, and on sound lines.

We are far more exacting in our demands upon our birds so far as the time limit is concerned in these races from 500 miles distances, than are our German cousins.

Birds deemed of the first-class there include all such as may cover such journeys within 4 days or thereabouts. Whereas with us arrivals after the second day, if the flying conditions have been favorable, are scarcely tolerated.

I sometimes think the time limit in over 400 and 500 mile races might in cases of club competition for prizes be extended to the expiration of the second and third day, but limit the time for National Association honors in diplomas to the first and second days. By this means the value and quality of National honors and the birds would be fully sustained, and yet ensure to the fanciers many a well earned prize of his club, that frequently reverts to the donor, owing to the journey accomplished not coming within the prescribed limit of time which is frequently the case from bad weather met. I have in the past been opposed more or less to recognition of 400 and 500 mile work beyond the first and second day, but general results would now seem to warrant an extension of time, so far as club and personal prizes are concerned.

I have listened to a number of complaints in this direction during the past year or two.

Some of the Philadelphia flying lofts have been accomplishing great things recently in the way of big velocities from the 200 miles distances, and Saturday, October 14th, will stand out long in the future as one of the most remarkable dates of speedy pigeon flying on record. One liberation took place at Orange C. H., Va., at 8:11 A. M., engaging twenty-two youngsters of the Messrs. Munro, Torkington, DeHart, Shull and Sparks of the Belmont Homing Club.

First return to the Munro loft, whose watcher not having arrived reported by telegram, certifying at 11:24 A. M. which, allowing for 369 yards running distance to telegraph office and one minute for catching bird, the actual time on the wing was 3 hours 13 minutes and 20 seconds, representing an average velocity of 1805.4 yards per minute, a truly grand performance and far eclipsing all past records.

The Shull loft certified at 11:28; DeHart at 11:30; Torkington at 11:30 2-3 and Sparks at 11:46, all doing phenomenal work.

A second liberation took place at Montreal, Va., at 8:35 A. M., air line distance 250 miles and engaging the birds of Warren Geary and Paul Krouse of the Quaker City Club in a match race. First returns to Mr. Krouse and according to special agreement he wins the prize, although the bird remained on the roof for half an hour and does not get official record as having returned until 1:04, average velocity 1620 yards, while Mr. Geary's bird went in at once at 12:43 and gets credit on the books for speed of 1825 yards per minute, thus outdoing the performance of the best Belmont Club arrival earlier in the day.

The third and most sensational liberation was that of the birds of Messrs. P. C. Clark and George Connell from Gordonsville, Va., at 10:49 A. M., distance 203½ miles.

First arrivals to the Clark loft at 1:58 P. M., certified at 2:02 P. M., and deducting allowance for running distance, etc., making time occupied in flight 3 hours, 11 minutes, with average velocity of 1875½ yards per minute.

Of course these flights were aided by the most favorable atmospheric conditions and a perfect day for speed, in fact all that could be desired. Accomplished by three entirely different liberations the verification is therefore complete and placing the question of the marvellous speed attained beyond question and dispute. The wind, I learn, from the southwest gained velocity in the early hours of the day and which no doubt accounts for the better velocities the later they were tossed.

I extend my hearty congratulations to these successful fanciers, and I am sorely afraid they have set us flying men a task that may take years to excel if at all equalled.

At the special meeting of the League of American Homing Club held in Philadelphia on Thursday evening, Oct. 19, it was arranged to hold the League annual meeting in the N. Y. vicinity on Thursday, Dec. 21, next, and owing to the somewhat disorganized and divided condition of the flying fancy to forego the pleasures of an annual exhibit of record birds until some more fitting opportunity. This was

mainly the objects to be considered at the special meeting of delegates to the league, many of whom from the far west and south-west being unable to attend sent the verdicts of their respective clubs by mail and the several questions thus determined.

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In the absence of the League Sec'y, Mr. Geo. H. Bowerman, Mr. Arthur M. Wood, of the Belmont Club of Philadelphia, was appointed secretary pro tem., and will so continue until the annual meeting in December, and the office filled permanently.

The *Item* of Philadelphia, of the 19th inst remarks: "Geo. H. Bowerman is in hard luck, his neglect of league matters has hurt the league badly, but it is with regret his misfortunes are heard of, as he has done much good for the sport in his time."

I desire to couple my extreme regrets with that of the *Item's* pigeon flying editor at Mr. Bowerman's misfortunes, and while I cannot conscientiously nor consistently attempt to explain away much of his neglect and indifference as league secretary during the past year, yet I know from close correspondence with him that he has been sorely tried, thoroughly broken in spirit by business reverses and family sicknesses, and in his contention against a disastrous and continuous flow of hard luck, it would indeed be remarkable had he retained a will and desire to give a full and satisfactory attention to the pigeon interests of the League.

This appears to be Mr. Bowerman's defense of his actions, and I am sure the charitably inclined will not be too harsh in their judgment of him. He has all papers and equipment of the League in safe keeping, which he will turn over to the president, Mr. Goldman, at as early an opportunity as possible, and prompt steps will be taken to straighten out matters at once and in ample time for the annual meetings.

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After the business of the League had been adjusted at the special meeting held in Early Hall, Philadelphia, on Thursday evening, October 19, there was a full gathering of representative Pennsylvania flying men. Nearly, if not all, the flying clubs of that prominent flying section were represented, more or less, and the object of the gathering was to discuss informally the possibility of a speedy reunion and consolidation of the two national organizations—the League of American Homing Clubs and the Federation of American Homing Pigeon Fanciers.

That the feeling was warm and ripe for such a movement was clearly apparent to all present and I listened patiently to much argument and talk upon the subject, pro and con.

Of course the meeting can scarcely be termed representative, owing to the absence of so very many League and Federation members, neither was it so intended, from the fact that but very few outside the local interests were aware, or had been notified, of such intended discussion.

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In former notes I have briefly touched upon this question of a national union of American flying interests, and from my prominent and active co-operation in connection with the movement started two years ago, and which resulted in the establishment of the League of American Homing Clubs, I could scarcely have been expected to endorse any further movements of the kind, nor from the practical illustration of the work and bearing of the League during the two years of its existence, would such further efforts for a national organization be deemed necessary, and I have so argued.

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Whatever color or inconsistency my presence may have given at this informal gathering of prominent flying fanciers in Philadelphia on the evening of 19th inst., can be explained by my having always been willing and desirous to advance American pigeon flying interests, and with a complete disregard to personal or local advantages whenever approached.

And now, despite my former opposition to a renewal of negotiations for a unity of all American flying fanciers into a National union, I felt convinced at the recent Philadelphia meeting that the best interests of the sport can only be furthered

and rendered thoroughly enjoyable and representative by further negotiations towards a unity of the two organizations—there really should be but one. Concessions on both sides will unquestionably have to be made, and I am sure all sections will respond in the true spirit and to preserve the best points of each organization. I beg, therefore, that a deep and careful consideration be extended to this proposed unity of flying interests, and a prompt notification be sent to the proper authorities deputed to ascertain the exact feelings of all sections upon the subject, in order that a practical and perfect understanding may be arrived at for the dismemberment of the two organizations, and the perfecting and prompt establishing of the proposed new one for the 1894 season.

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It was mutually agreed that Mr. C. H. Jones, of 10 South Broad Street, Philadelphia, ascertain fully and completely the feelings of all Federation members upon the proposed unity, and Mr. T. Fred Goldman, 837 Herkimer Street, Brooklyn, N. Y., that of the League members.

Representative men of each organization to then come together in case the feeling for uniting both was in favor, and arrange for a general gathering of representatives early in December, for the purpose of completing arrangements and the launching of the new national organization with officers and an executive taken from all sections interested, and the prompt and early appointment of one national seamless band for 1894.

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The Philadelphia *Item* in a recent issue remarked in announcing the recent League special meeting: "It seems a great pity that the few representative flying fanciers there are now cannot get together and fly under one banner."

There is really not the slightest reason for the continuance of two organizations and no foolish veneration of a name should be allowed to stand in the way of a general union.

Two years ago the effort to bring about such a union resulted in the formation of the League of American Homing Clubs, but at the last moment the Federation members were not satisfied with the result of the meeting of the conference committee and there still remained a split, which owing to the bitter speeches on both sides gradually widened. The bitterness has now passed, and by a few concessions on each side an amalgamation of forces might be arranged.

The plan the *Item* would suggest would be for the vacancy of the secretaryship of the league to be filled by the election of C. H. Jones, who would become its only salaried officer, also giving the other Federation members a part in the government and taking in the Federation books and records and giving same proper recognition. The whole country would then fly in one league and there would be a sufficient sum in the treasury to fully recompense a man to thoroughly fulfil the duties of the secretaryship.

I am sure the foregoing cannot but commend itself to all our flying men who are really desirous of furthering and strengthening our sport.

A majority vote of the members of the Federation, and a two-thirds vote of the League membership, must now determine whether one National organization shall protect and develop all American flying interests, or whether there shall be a continuance of divided League and Federation forces as during the past two years.

Birds of the Belmont Club Break the Record.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

Saturday, October 14, 1893, will be remembered by the Philadelphia fanciers as a "record breaker." Wednesday evening, October 11, the birds of the Belmont Homing Club, of West Philadelphia, were countermarked and shipped by Race Secretary of the Federation of American Homing Pigeon Fanciers, Charles H. Jones, to Orange Court House, Va., distance 200 miles. The race was scheduled for Friday, October 13, but owing to unfavorable weather, was postponed. Following will be found the entry:

J. D. Munro, 7; W. S. Torkington, Jr., 6; A. B. Shull, 2; D. De Hart, 6; John Sparks, 1.

The start was at 8:11 A. M., under very favorable conditions. The following letter, in addition to the telegram announcing start, was received by Race Secretary Jones:

MR. CHAS. H. JONES, PHILADELPHIA, PA.:

Dear Sir:—The weather yesterday was as bad as it could possibly be, heavy rain all day, and one of the worst wind storms we have had for years.

The Belmont birds were liberated at 8:11 this morning, weather very clear with a stiff south-west wind. They made an excellent start, going straight from the basket without a turn.

The telegraph wires are all down. I left message at the office for Mr. Munro, with instructions not to send unless he could get it through by 10:30.

The birds ought to make a quick trip, for everything was favorable for it.

Yours truly,

A. F. STOFER.

The winner, Mr. J. D. Munro, made the remarkable time of 3 hours, 13 minutes and 20 seconds, being the certified time at the telegraph office; allowing him 2 minutes and 25 seconds off for catching his bird and running to the telegraph office, brings his actual flying time to 3 hours, 10 minutes and 55 seconds. The air line distance by official measurement is 196.03 miles.

The following summary shows that not only Mr. Munro's bird but all of the birds made a phenomenal flight:

	Reg. No.	Reported	Average speed
J. D. Munro.....	L. 5,883	11:24.30	1,806 yds
A. B. Shull.....	L. 6,467	11:28.10	1,762 yds
W. S. Torkington...	S. 3,688	11:30.40	1,755 yds
D. De Hart.....	L. 6,167	11:30.....
John Sparks.....	11:46.....

Although the birds of the Belmont Club made a remarkable flight, yet it was beaten by Messrs. P. W. Krouse and W. C. Geary, but not from the same distance. The above named gentlemen flew a match race, one bird each, from Montreal, Va., distance 250 miles. Telegram announcing start read as follows:

Birds liberated 8:35 A. M.; clear, south-west wind.

J. R. STEVENS.

It is believed that Mr. Krouse made over 2,000 yards per minute. He was unfortunate in not being home when his bird arrived. The following are the returns:

	Reported.	Average speed.
W. C. Geary.....	12:36.40	1,825 yds
P. W. Krouse.....	1:04.02	1,635 yds

Last but not least comes the top record from any distance, made by the birds of Messrs. P. C. Clark and Geo. Cornell, from Gordonville, Va., air line distance 203.52 miles. It has always been the custom of the liberator at Gordonville to send a letter to Secretary Jones, signed by witnesses, announcing time of start, etc., which he did on this occasion, of which the following is a copy:

C. H. JONES, ESQ.,

Dear Sir:—Birds liberated 10:49; clear, wind south-west. Birds made a good start. Cloudy at 8 o'clock reason did not liberate as requested. J. C. KEESER. Witnesses: F. G. Hansford, B. M. Daventport, S. G. Schlosser.

The returns were as follows:

	Reg. No.	Reported.	Average speed.
Clarke & Connell. }	S. 4,965 }	2:02	1,884 yds
	S. 4,950 }		

The remainder of the birds were all reported at 2:35 P. M. The above record is the best American record ever made from any distance, by either old or young birds, and is one that will stand for a long time, as days for pigeon flying such as Saturday, October 14, was, are few and far between.

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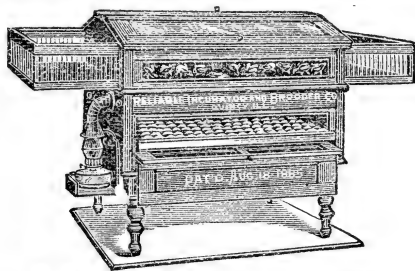
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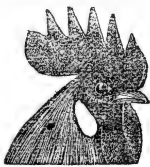
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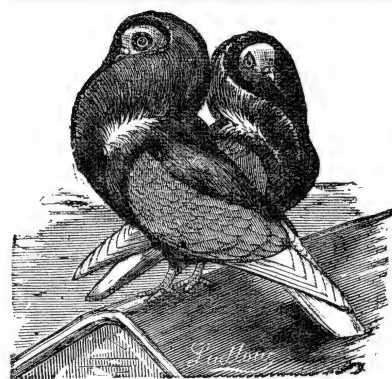


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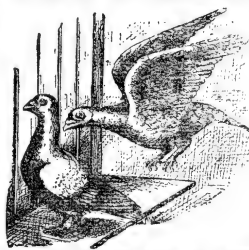
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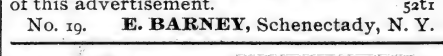
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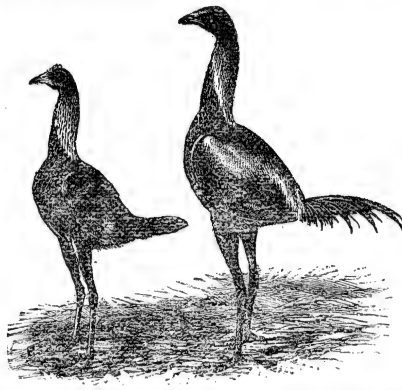
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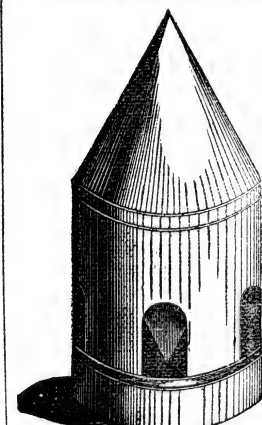
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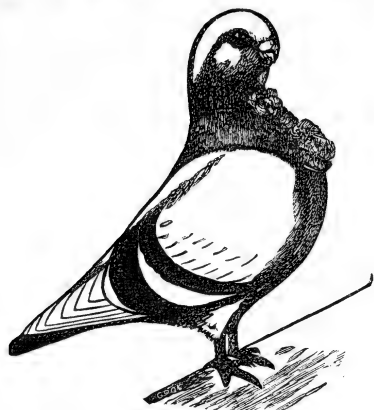
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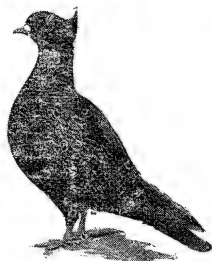
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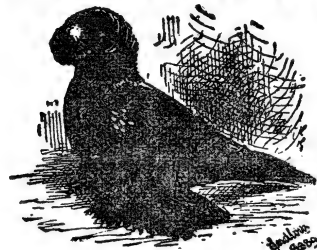


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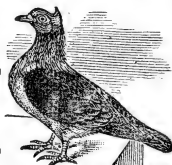
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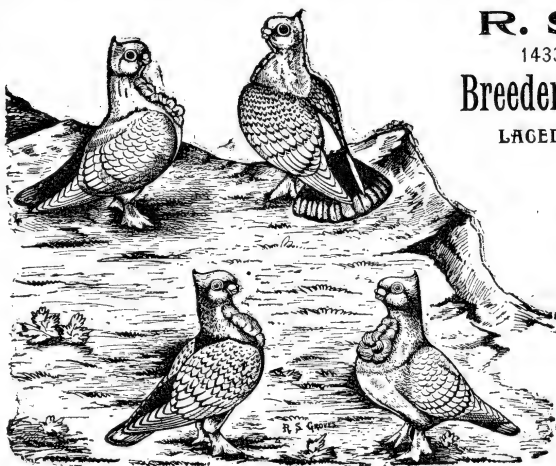
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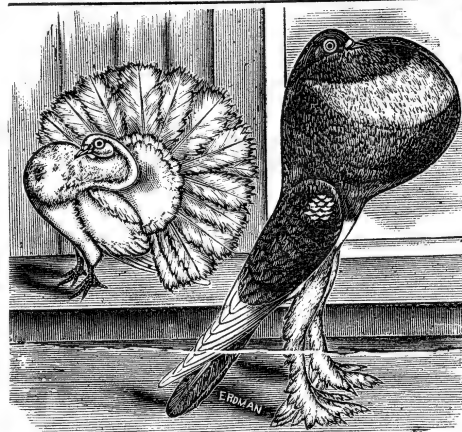
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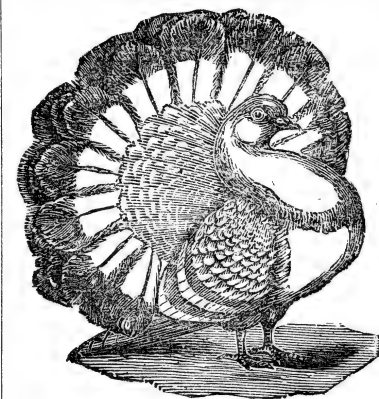
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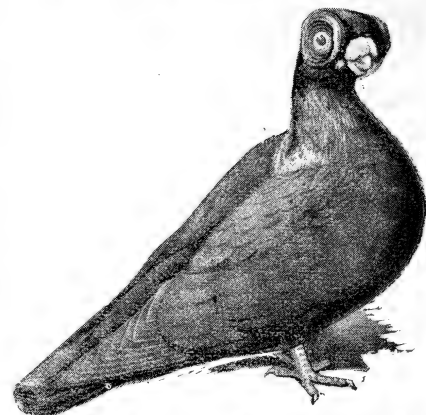
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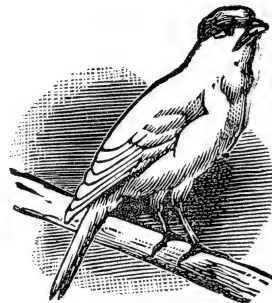
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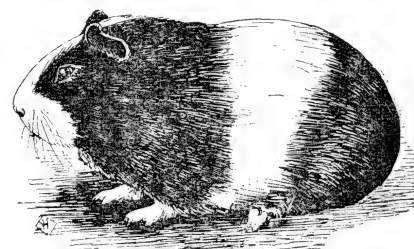
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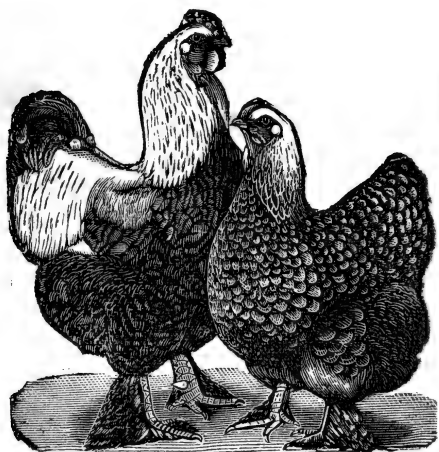
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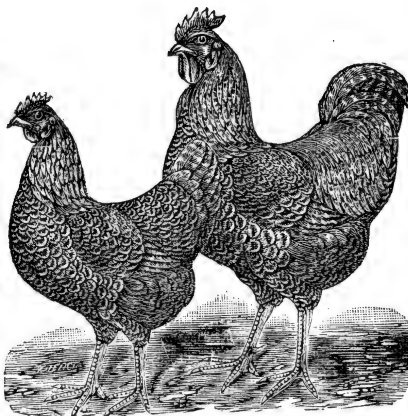
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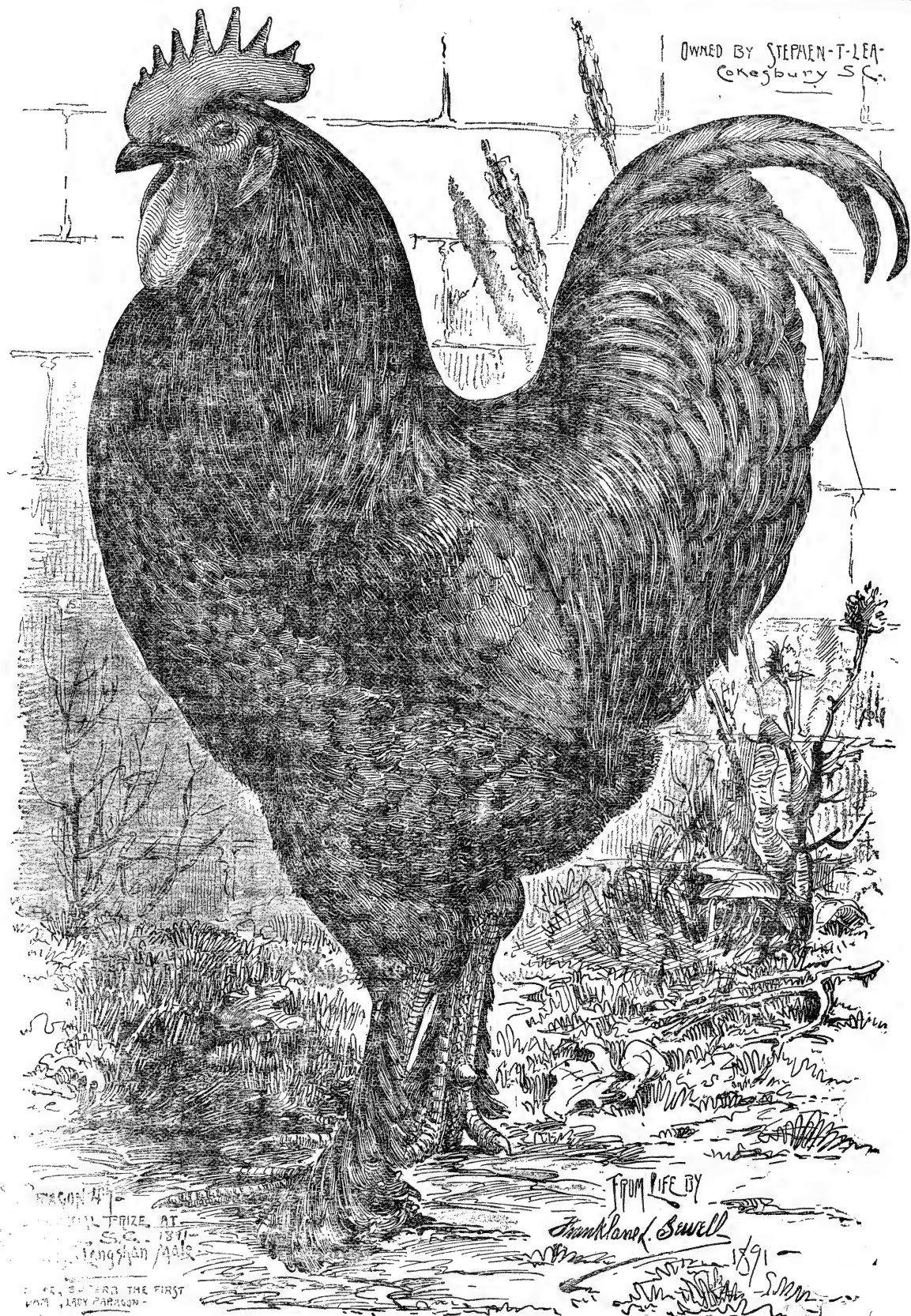
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- Dec. 11-16.—Omaha Fanciers' Association, Omaha, Nebraska.
- Dec. 11-16.—Southern Kansas Poultry Association, Wichita, Kansas. F. D. Munn, secretary.
- Dec. 12-15.—Missouri State Poultry Association, Sedalia, Mo. M. L. Andrews, secretary.
- Dec. 14-20.—Cleveland, Ohio. H. J. Shaff, secretary, Brooklyn, Ohio.
- Dec. 18-22.—Ottumwa, Iowa. W. S. Russell, secretary.
- Dec. 18-23.—Washington C. H. Ohio. W. R. Dalbey secretary.
- Dec. 19-22.—Southern Illinois Poultry Association, Albion, Ill. Edward Craig, sec'y.
- Dec. 19-22.—Teko Poultry Association, Mohawk Opera House, Canajoharie, N. Y. J. A. Miller, secretary.
- Dec. 12-15.—Rhode Island Poultry Association, Music Hall, Providence, R. I. H. S. Babcock, president; Samuel Cushman, secretary pro tem.
- Dec. 19-21.—Nemaha Valley Poultry Association, Auburn, Neb. H. J. F. Wert, secretary.
- Jan. 23-26.—Pittston Poultry and Pet Stock Association, Amory Hall, Pittston, Pa. J. J. Bryden, secretary.
- Jan. 9-13.—Southern Poultry and Pigeon Association, Atlanta, Ga. Dr. T. W. Tuggle, president; Geo. M. Downs, secretary.
- Jan. 10-13.—Northwestern Ohio Poultry and Pet Stock Company, Tiffin, Ohio. D. S. Biller, secretary.
- Jan. 18-21.—East Tennessee Poultry Association, Knoxville, Tenn. Jno. W. Flenniken, secretary.
- Jan. 2-8.—North Kansas Poultry Show, Atchison Kansas. S. G. Sprague, secretary.
- Jan. 3-5.—Huntington and Shelton Poultry Association, Shelton, Conn. H. D. Hendrick, secretary.
- Jan. 8-12.—Ohio State Poultry Association, Columbus, Ohio. Dr. M. F. Lee, secretary.
- Jan. 8-13.—Kansas State Poultry Show, Topeka, Kansas. C. H. Rhodes, secretary, North Topeka, Kansas.
- Jan. 9-12.—Rochester Poultry and Pigeon Association, Rochester, N. Y. J. F. Tallinger, secretary.
- Jan. 14-20.—Denver, Colorado. J. L. McDowell secretary.
- Jan. 16-19.—Nebraska State Poultry Show, Lincoln, Nebraska. A. Lemen, secretary.
- Jan. 16-19.—Saratoga Poultry and Kennel Club, Saratoga Springs, N. Y. D. G. Eddy, secretary.
- Jan. 16-20.—Piedmont Poultry and Pet Stock Association, Greenville, S. C. R. Y. Hellams, secretary.
- Jan. 22-28.—Connecticut State Poultry Society, Hartford, Conn. R. G. Bailey, secretary.
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POULTRY.

From the Editor's Perch.

We learn that John Glasgow has
imported several nice Red Pile
Game Bantam breeding pens and also
one of Birchens from England. He is
also expecting to arrive shortly a pen of
B. B. Red Game Bantams and also a pen
of B. B. Red Games. This looks as if
"Honest John" intends to make matters
lively for the boys at the next New York
show, and we wish him all the good luck
possible, for fanciers of Mr. Glasgow's
calibre are a decided benefit to the
fraternity.

From a recent letter of Mr. Glasgow's
we are informed that the above birds are
intended for Messrs. Havemeyer's yards,
of which he is manager. He also states
that the imported Red Pile Bantam cock
is a winner of twenty-two prizes in
England. Well, we shall see what the
little fellow can do at New York next
winter.

Speaking of Red Pile Bantams, reminds
us of a very good cock shown at Hager-
stown by Bernard Mohan. He was a very
prime specimen, and will make a strong
bid for the blue ribbon; but C. P.
Earle's fine bird shown at Chicago is not
to be overlooked. Although taking
second place there, he was by far the
best bird in the class in color, the winner
being a White instead of a Red Pile.

Mr. Earle has also made remarkable
progress in Brown Red Game Bantams,
and will make it very hot for his com-
petitors next winter with this, one of the
handsomest of all Game Bantams.

Birchen Games and Bantams promise
to loom up at New York in great shape
from what we can hear, and deservedly
so, for they are very handsome fowls.

The Rhode Island Poultry Association
will hold an exhibition of poultry and
dogs at the Music Hall, Providence, R. I.,
December 12 to 15. In addition to the
usual premiums, a \$25.00 first and a
\$10.00 second premium is offered for the
best display of incubators and brooders
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R. I.

W. J. Andrus, who had been confined
to his house a long time with a serious
attack of rheumatism, was well enough
to hobble up to Johnstown a week ago,
and in the bracing air of this mountainous
section has recovered his usual good
health and spirits, and his activity in

hunting around for chicken farms and
fanciers shows he has lost none of his
interest in the fancy. He purchased a
large number of fowls for his breeding
pens and to help out his other birds in
producing fresh eggs for the city markets.

Carl Heimerle, once a great Dane, but
now a great Leghorn breeder, is pre-
paring for an active winter campaign in
the chicken business, having given up
the breeding of dogs altogether. He is
also nursing a new variety of ducks,
which were exhibited for the first time at
Hagerstown. Heimerle calls them "Dee
ducks," and no doubt they will be the
ducks of the future to hear him say it.

We regret to learn that Milton S.
Sprout died of apoplexy at his home at
Monmouth, Ill., on the 3rd ult. Mr.
Sprout formerly resided at Carlisle, Pa.,
where he carried on an extensive poultry
business, being especially identified with
Buff Cochins. He was highly respected
by all who knew him, and the fraternity
loses in him an honorable gentleman and
thorough fancier.

The Lancaster County Poultry and
Pigeon Association will hold its next
show about the third week in January,
1894. Comparison judging will be used
instead of the score card. This shows
what a great change has taken place in
a section where the score card was once
the idol of all breeders. The association
is fortunate in having such thorough
fanciers as George W. Nitrauer for
president and George M. Woods for
secretary, and there can be no doubt of
the success of the show.

By referring to the Hagerstown awards
in this issue, it will be noticed that G. M.
Woods & Bro., G. W. Nitrauer, and J.
Frank Park exhibited Indian Games at
that great show, and carried many prizes
back to the Keystone State. Had the
Indian Game entries at Hagerstown been
caged singly and in one row, they would
have surpassed any exhibit of this famous
breed seen this season. There is no
question of the popularity of the Indian
Game in Pennsylvania, Maryland, and
Virginia, for it seems to thrive wonder-
fully in those States.

The fine display of Narragansett
turkeys by D. C. Hoff, Jr., at the New
Jersey State Fair in September and at
the last New York show has given that
handsome bird quite a boom. Mr., or
rather Master Hoff is not old enough to
vote, but has already surprised the
veteran breeders by showing the best
turkeys and also springing on the un-
suspecting exhibitors first class Buff
Leghorns. His success is due to breeding
only from the best stock obtainable and
furnishing his customers with eggs from
yards which he uses himself for hatching
purposes.

We don't hear as much of the immense
fortunes to be made in the broiler busi-
ness as we used to. It seems very much
as if practical poultrymen are beginning
to realize that raising chickens on paper
is poor business, and much of the
practical poultry keeping preached in the
market poultry papers is a lead pencil,
white paper combination, where facts
are skipped over to suit the aims and
purposes of interested writers. W. H.
Ordway of Pine Tree Farm, re raising
broilers, writes: "I had the broiler fever

some years ago and had six thousand at
one time, but the expenses ran away
with the profits, though we sold some as
high as \$1.50 a pair for chicks weighing
three-quarters of a pound each." This
is the experience of hundreds of others.

A subscriber in Bridgeport, Conn.,
writes: "In choosing a location for a
poultry farm, must one avoid necessarily
the seashore? I would prefer to locate
near Long Island Sound." If the soil is
good and there is abundant vegetable
food and shade in summer, we see no
objection to the seashore for poultry
raising, although in some places on
Long Island Sound which are located too
close to the ocean the strong winds and
briny moisture are not conducive to the
best results in raising

The Status of the Buff Wyandotte.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

Not long since I received a letter of inquiry in relation to Buff Wyandottes, in which the writer informed me that he had bred them for several years and had been troubled greatly by the cropping out of Cochin and Hamburg characteristics. He then described the type of Buff Wyandotte that he wanted to buy. As a matter of course, he pictured an almost perfect buff fowl, and was, apparently, unwilling to make any allowance for the variety being new, but, on the contrary, seemed to be even more particular in his demands than most buyers would have been if ordering a pen of Plymouth Rocks or Buff Cochins.

Replying to this letter, I told the gentleman that I thought his ideas concerning Buff Wyandottes were several years ahead of the breed; that while he might find occasionally a specimen that would suit his requirements, he would also find that they were not for sale, and that his surest way was to buy the best he could find and develop them himself.

It is a misfortune in some cases, which the solid colored varieties have to contend against, that more perfect plumage is required of them than of parti-colored fowls. Defects in the latter, which would give the breeder endless trouble to breed out, are often overlooked or slightly cut, while lesser faults in black, white, or buff fowls might be sufficient to disqualify the specimen.

For example, at one of the leading shows last winter I saw a wonderfully fine White Wyandotte thrown out because three or four feathers were slightly speckled with black. The bird was an easy winner but for this insignificant defect. At the same show one of the first prize Plymouth Rocks had that smoky tinge which is the bane of all Plymouth Rock breeders. While this is only one case, every exhibitor of fancy fowls can recall similar ones. It is all very well to be particular in every detail, but it is still better to be consistent in all things.

The Buff Wyandottes at the present time are all that any reasonable person could expect. Each successive year sees improvement that is very encouraging to the breeders of this variety. They have not been written up with the view of organizing a boom for them, because those most interested thought it better to keep them in the background for a year or two yet. This may be good policy, but, for my part, I believe with careful selection the variety can hold its own with the older breeds from this on if given a chance.

It does not disturb me in the least that Mr. Felch omitted them in his decimal "skedule" classification, or that he delights to pass them by as mongrels or scrubs. It will be remembered that he said meaner things of the Indian Games when they were new, and afterwards fairly begged the Indian Game Club to give the standard to the A. P. A. It would be nothing surprising if Mr. Felch shall be found advertising them in his string within two years. At all events, his present hostility is a good advertisement for the new comers.

Every new breed or variety, every departure from the old lines, has to run the gauntlet of criticism, honest, perhaps, but often mistaken.

The Buff Wyandottes have faults which

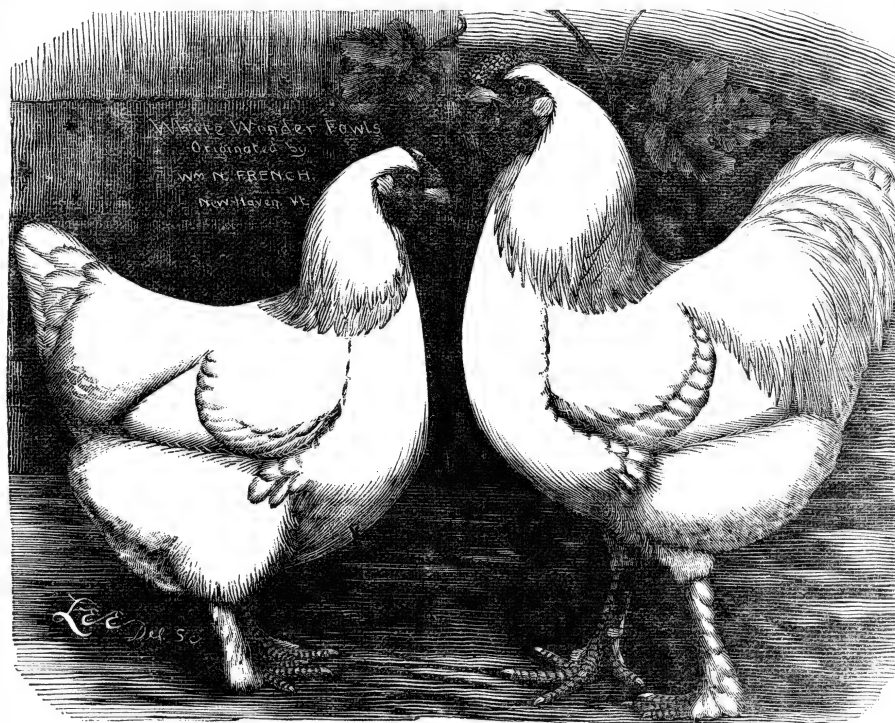
it will take care, experience, and patience to eradicate. In this they do not differ very much from other breeds and varieties. None are perfect. Why demand perfection in them? The standard recognizes breeds which at the time they were admitted did not breed as true as the Buffs do to-day. It is true, we find misplaced black in their plumage, as a rule. It is also true that there are specimens having a clear, even buff that a Buff Cochin breeder might envy. I do not claim that such specimens are numerous. The wonder is that there are any, and that fact speaks volumes for what has already been done towards developing this variety and gives the strongest encouragement for future effort.

It will be observed that the foregoing relates to the plumage of the Buff Wyandotte only, and does not refer to type, and right here let me say that many of us are too apt to lose sight of egg production, shape, and size while

was made by crossing the Rhode Island Reds and the Silver Wyandotte, and the other by crossing the Buff Cochin and Golden Wyandotte. The former resulted in giving us a fowl somewhat smaller than the Silver Wyandotte, having nice rose combs and clean yellow legs, very plump bodies, and great layers. The latter cross produced fowls fully up to the Wyandotte standard in weight, having fine surface color, but showing considerable white in under color, primaries, and tail, together with single combs and feathered legs.

It will be seen by this that the Cochin cross has to father the greater number of defects, while it has to its credit larger size, better shape, and a more even surface color. By combining the two strains I have been able to secure very gratifying results. I believe the coming Buff Wyandotte will be a combination of this kind, using as little of the Cochin blood as possible.

IRVING CRÖCKER.



White Wonder Fowls.

Originated and Bred by W. N. FRENCH, New Haven, Vt.

trying to breed out imperfections in plumage. It is this mad purenit after perfect feathers, this striving for a show-room record, that has given rise to the impression that the useful qualities of all breeds degenerate in the hands of the fancier. It is better to build up a well-balanced strain than to secure perfection in two or three sections at the expense of utility. Many of us are breeders having but one idea. With some the determination is to produce a perfect comb, while others are equally zealous in breeding a fine wing, a perfect hackle, or a tail of right proportions and carried at the proper angle.

All these points are good and should receive careful attention at the hands of the breeder, but not to the exclusion of more important considerations. We should not select for a breeder a small ill-shaped bird because it happens to have fine plumage or a perfect comb. Remember this: In building up and improving a variety there is much to consider besides the breeding out of a few off-colored feathers. This applies particularly to all new varieties.

But to return to my correspondent and his complaint of Cochin characteristics in his Wyandottes. It may not be generally understood that there are two distinct strains of Buff Wyandottes. One

Joseph L. Riday Dead.

As we go to press we learn of the death of Joseph L. Riday at his home in Coatesville, Pa., on November 1. This will be sad news to his many friends, and he will be greatly missed at all our leading poultry shows. Mr. Riday was proprietor of Gordon's Food Co., and was the firm representing that staple cattle, horse and poultry food. He made a fine exhibit at the World's Fair, and his generous treatment of all the visiting poultrymen will never be forgotten. He was a very sick man during the poultry show at Chicago, and left before its close. Gordon's Food, although less extensively advertised than other like preparations, was slowly but surely working its way to the front, and just as Mr. Riday made the hit of his life by exhibiting it at Chicago, the grim Reaper cut him down. We shall always bear the kindest remembrances of the clever and enterprising little gentleman, and sincerely deplore the loss the fraternity has sustained by his death.

Public Opinion.

CAN'T SUPPLY ORDERS FAST ENOUGH.

I am getting letters calling for Belgian Hares much faster than I can fill orders through your paper alone.
G. W. FELTON,
Oct. 24, 1893. Barre, Mass.

Official Awards at Hagers-town, Md.

BRAHMAS.

Light.—Cock, 1 Jas. S. Hollinger, Mastersonville, Pa.; 2 H. M. Thomas, Camden, Del. Hen, 1 Thomas; 2 Hollinger. Cockerel 1 and 2, pullet 1 and 2, pen 1 and 2 Hollinger.
Dark.—Cock, 1 A. Eckert, Carlisle, Pa.; 2 Thomas. Hen, 1 and 2 Eckert. Cockerel, 1 Eckert; 2 Frank Kellar, Elizabethtown, Pa. Pullet, 1 Eckert; 2 Kellar. Pen, 1 Eckert; 2 J. & P. T. Spahr, Carlisle, Pa.
White.—Pen, 1 and 2 Heimerle.

COCHINS.

Buff.—Cock, 1 Spahr; 2 N. G. Temple, Pocopson, Pa. Hen, 1 W. A. Smith, Whitney's Point, N. Y.; 2 W. E. Griswold, Montrose, Pa. Cockerel, 1 and 2 R. C. Clark, Hurfville, N. J. Pullet 1 and 2, pen 1 and 2 Clark.
Partridge.—Cock, 1 Thomas; 2 Spahr. Hen, 1 Thomas; 2 Spahr. Cockerel, 1 Thomas; 2 Clark. Pullet, 1 and 2 Clark. Pen, 1 Clark; 2 Spahr.
Black.—Cock, 1 Spahr; 2 Como Poultry Yards, Vermillion, N. Y. Hen, 1 Spahr; 2 Como Poultry Yards. Cockerel 1 and 2, pullet 1 and 2 Como Poultry Yards. Pen, 1 Spahr; 2 Como Poultry Yards.
White.—All to Harry Strickler, Greencastle, Pa.

LANGSHANS.

Black.—Cock, 1 Temple; 2 Norman Rice, Hen, 1 F. G. Bean, Fairview Village, Pa.; 2 Temple. Cockerel, 1 Rice; 2 Bean. Pullet, 1 and 2 Rice. Pen, 1 Rice; 2 Temple.
White.—Cock, 1 Bean; 2 W. A. Smith. Hen, 1 Bean; 2 W. A. Smith. Cockerel, 1 Bean; 2 W. A. Smith. Pullet, 1 Bean; 2 W. A. Smith. Pen, 1 Bean; 2 W. A. Smith.
Blue.—All to W. A. Smith.

AMERICAN DOMINQUES.

Cock, 1 E. J. Chandler, Kennet's Square, Pa.; 2 Bean. Hen, 1 Bean; 2 Chandler. Cockerel, 1 Chandler; 2 Como Poultry Yards. Pullet, 1 Bean; 2 Chandler. Pen, 1 Chandler; 2 Bean.

BARRED PLYMOUTH ROCKS.

Cock, 1 Kinter & Co., Dillsburg, Pa.; 2 A. E. Boileau, Middletown, Md. Hen, 1 Anna E. Brennen, Baltimore, Md.; 2 Spahr. Cockerel, 1 Brennen; 2 B. A. Garlinger, Hagersstown, Md. Pullet, 1 Brennen; 2 Bean. Pen, 1 Brennen; 2 John Ridgley, Towson, Md.

WHITE PLYMOUTH ROCKS.

Cock, 1 D. L. Stauffer, Spring City, Md.; 2 Carl Heimerle, Hen, 1 Heimerle; 2 Stauffer. Cockerel, 1 and 2 Stauffer. Pullet, 1 and 2 Stauffer. Pen, 1 Stauffer; 2 W. A. Smith.

PEA COMB BARRED PLYMOUTH ROCKS.

Cock, 1 and 2 W. A. Smith. Hen, 1 and 2 Smith. Cockerel, 1 and 2 Strickler. Pullet, 1 Strickler; 2 Smith. Pen, 1 Strickler; 2 Smith.

WYANDOTTES.

Silver.—Cock, 1 Griswold; 2 G. M. Melberger, Glenola, Pa. Hen, 1 and 2 W. A. Smith. Cockerel, 1 and 2 Spahr. Pullet, 1 Griswold; 2 Smith. Pen, 1 Spahr; 2 Smith.
Golden.—Cock, 1 Griswold; 2 John N. Duke, Troy, N. Y. Hen, 1 Bean; 2 W. A. Smith. Cockerel, 1 and 2 Duke. Pullet, 1 Duke; 2 W. A. Smith. Pen, 1 Duke; 2 Bean.
White.—Cock, 1 W. A. Smith; 2 Griswold. Hen, 1 Griswold; 2 Chandler. Cockerel, 1 Spahr; 2 W. A. Smith. Pullet, 1 and 2 Spahr. Pen, 1 W. A. Smith; 2 Spahr.
Black.—Hen, 1 and 2 Chandler. Cockerel, 1 Chandler; 2 W. A. Smith.

JAVAS.

Black.—Cock, 1 W. A. Smith; 2 Como Poultry Yards. Hen, 1 Como Poultry Yards; 2 Smith. Cockerel 1 and 2, pullet 1 and 2 Smith. Pen, 1 Smith; 2 Como Poultry Yards.
White.—Cock, 1 Smith; 2 Como Poultry Yards. Hen, 1 Smith; 2 Como Poultry Yards. Cockerel, 1 Como Poultry Yards; 2 Smith. Pullet 1 and 2, pen 1 and 2 Smith.
Mottled.—Cock, 1 Como Poultry Yards; 2 Hollinger. Hen, 1 Como Poultry Yards; 2 Hollinger. Cockerel 1 and 2, pullet 1 and 2, pen 1 and 2 Hollinger.

JERSEY BLUES.

Cock 1 and 2, hen 1 and 2, cockerel 1, Como Poultry Yards; 2 Smith. Pullet, 1 Smith; 2 Como Poultry Yards.
W. F. B. SPANISH.
All to Spahr.

ANDALUSIANS.

Cock, 1 Como Poultry Yards; 2 A. C. Keyser, Lower Providence, Pa. Hen, 1 Como Poultry Yards; 2 Keyser. Cockerel, 1 Keyser; 2 Como Poultry Yards. Pullet, 1 and 2 Keyser. Pen, 1 Keyser; 2 Como Poultry Yards.

ANCONAS.

Cock 1 and 2, hen 1 and 2 Chandler. Cockerel 1 and 2, pullet 1 and 2 Stauffer.

LEGHORNS.

S. C. White.—Cock, 1 Spahr; 2 Griswold. Hen, 1 Griswold; 2 Spahr. Cockerel, 1 Heimerle; 2 Spahr. Pullet, 1 Heimerle; 2 Spahr. Pen, 1 Spahr; 2 Griswold.
R. C. White.—Cock, 1 Bean; 2 Gunagan & Cathers, Doylestown, Pa. Hen, 1 Bean; 2 Griswold. Cockerel 1 and 2, pullet 1 and 2 Smith. Pen, 1 Bean; 2 Smith.
S. C. Brown.—Cock, 1 and 2 H. W. Dorsey, New Market, Md. Hen, 1 Dorsey; 2 Heimerle. Cockerel, 1 Dorsey; 2 Heimerle. Pullet, 1 Heimerle; 2 Dorsey. Pen, 1 Dorsey; 2 Heimerle.
R. C. Brown.—Cock, 1 Heimerle; 2 Gunagan & Cathers. Hen, 1 J. M. Mellinger; 2 Smith. Cockerel, 1 Griswold; 2 Smith. Pullet, 1 Mellinger; 2 James Koons. Pen, 1 Smith; 2 Griswold.

Buff.—Cock, 2 Bean. Hen, 1 and 2 Bean. Cockerel 1 and 2, pullet 1 and 2 Strickler.
Black.—Cock, 1 Smith; 2 Como Poultry Yards. Hen, 1 Smith; 2 Como Poultry Yards. Cockerel, 1 Como Poultry Yards; 2 Smith. Pullet, 1 Smith; 2 Griswold. Pen, 1 Smith; 2 Como Poultry Yards.
Dominiques.—Cock, 1 Bean; 2 Smith. Hen, 1 Smith; 2 Bean. Cockerel, 1 Smith; 2 Como Poultry Yards. Pullet, 1 Smith; 2 Bean. Pen, 1 Smith; 2 Bean.

MINORCAS.

Black.—Cock 1 and 2, hen 1 and 2. Bean. Cockerel, 1 Kinter & Co.; 2 Bean. Pullet 1 and 2, pen 1 and 2. Bean.
White.—Cock, 1 Smith; 2 Spahr. Hen, 1 and 2. Como Poultry Yards. Cockerel, 1 Smith; 2 Spahr. Pullet, 1 and 2 Smith. Pen, 1 Smith; 2 Griswold.

POLISH.

White Crested Black.—Cock, 1 Griswold; 2 Spahr. Hen, 1 Como Poultry Yards; 2 Spahr. Cockerel, 1 Thomas; 2 F. E. Bay. Pullet, 1 and 2. Spahr. Pen, 1 and 2 Spahr.
White Crested, White Plain.—Cock, 2 Smith. Hen, 1 Smith. Cockerel, 1 Smith; 2 Thomas. Pullet, 1 Smith.
Golden Bearded.—All to Spahr.
Silver Bearded.—All to Spahr.
Buff Laced.—Cock, 1 Griswold; 2 Thomas. Hen 1 and 2, cockerel 1, pen 1 and 2. Griswold.
White Crested, White Bearded.—Cock, 1 Spahr; 2 Smith. All the rest to Spahr.

HAMBURG.

Golden Spangled.—Cock, 1 Griswold; 2 Heimerle. Hen, 1 and 2. J. F. Ryder. Cockerel, 1 H. A. Beyer; 2 Griswold. Pullet, 1 and 2 Heimerle. Pen, 1 Ryder; 2 Heimerle.
Silver Spangled.—Cock, 1 Jas. Mayo; 2 Heimerle. Hen, 1 Mayo; 2 Beyer. Cockerel 1 and 2, pullet 1 and 2 Mayo. Pen, 1 Mayo; 2 Beyer.
Golden Pencilled.—Cock, 1 and 2 Beyer. Hen, 1 Beyer; 2 Como Poultry Yards. Cockerel, 1 Beyer. Pullet, 1 Beyer; 2 Griswold. Pen, 1 Como Poultry Yards; 2 Griswold.
Silver Pencilled.—Cock 1 and 2, hen 1 and 2, Cockerel 1 and 2, pullet 1, pen 1, Como Poultry Yards; 2 W. A. Smith.
White.—Cock, 1 Como Poultry Yards; 2 Smith. Hen, 1 Como Poultry Yards; 2 Beyer. Cockerel, 1 Como Poultry Yards; 2 Smith. Pullet, 1 Como Poultry Yards; 2 Smith. Pen, 1 and 2 Como Poultry Yards.
Black.—Cock, 1 Beyer; 2 Spahr. Hen, 1 Beyer; 2 Smith. Cockerel, 1 Como Poultry Yards; 2 Griswold. Pullet, 1 Como Poultry Yards; 2 Griswold.

MAREDS CAPS.

Cock 1, hen 2, Heimerle. Cockerel 1, pullet 2, Como Poultry Yards. Pen, 1 Heimerle; 2 Smith.

DORKINGS.

Colored.—Hen, 1 Smith. Cockerel, 1 Smith; 2 Como Poultry Yards. Pullet, 1 Smith; 2 Griswold. Pen, 1 Smith; 2 Griswold.
Silver Grey.—Cock, 1 and 2 Smith. Hen, 1, pullet 1 and 2 Smith.
White.—Cock, 1 Smith; 2 Como Poultry Yards. Hen, 1 Como Poultry Yards; 2 Thomas. Cockerel 1 and 2, pullet 1 and 2 Como Poultry Yards. Pen, 1 Como Poultry Yards; 2 Smith.

HOUDANS.

Cock, 1 Spahr; 2 Como Poultry Yards. Hen, 1 J. G. Bogner; 2 Spahr. Cockerel, 1 Temple; 2 Spahr. Pullet, 1 Temple; 2 Spahr. Pen, 1 Spahr; 2 Bogner.

LA FLECHE.

All to Como Poultry Yards.

GAMES.

B. B. Red.—Cock, 1 Rhinehart; 2 J. F. Morrison. Hen, 1 Spahr; 2 Morrison. Cockerel 1 and 2, pullet 1 and 2, pen 1 and 2 Morrison.
Brown Red.—Cock, 1 Harmes & Bro.; 2 Spahr. Hen, 1 Harmes & Bro.; 2 Spahr. Cockerel, 1 Harmes & Bro. Pullet, 1 and 2 Spahr. Pen, 1 Harmes & Bro.; 2 Spahr.
Silver Duckwing.—Cock 1, hen 1 Spahr.
Golden Duckwing.—Cock, 1 Spahr; 2 Como Poultry Yards. Hen, 1 Spahr; 2 Como Poultry Yards.
Red Pile.—All to Spahr.
Black.—Cock, 1 Harmes; 2 Spahr. Hen, 1 and 2 Harmes. Pullet, 1 and 2 Spahr. Pen, 1 Harmes; 2 Spahr.
White.—Cock, 1 Harmes; 2 Como Poultry Yards. Hen, 1 Harmes; 2 Como Poultry Yards. Cockerel, 1 Harmes; 2 Smith. Pullet, 1 Harmes; 2 Como Poultry Yards.

PIT GAMES.

Cock, 1 and 2 Spahr. Hen, 1 Spahr; 2 Heimerle. Cockerel, 1 and 2 R. Beeler. Pullet, 1 Beeler; 2 Spahr. Pen, 1 Spahr; 2 Eckert.

INDIAN GAMES.

Cock, 1 James; 2 Geo. M. Woods & Bro. Hen, 1 Woods; 2 Nitrauer & Park. Cockerel, 1 Kinter & Co.; 2 Woods. Pullet, 1 Woods; 2 Kinter & Co. Pen, 1 Woods; 2 Kinter & Co.

MALAYS.

All to Kinter & Co.

SUMATRAS.

All to Spahr.

GAME BANTAMS.

B. B. Red.—Cock, 1 A. W. Smith; 2 Haywood & Co. Hen 1 and 2, cockerel 1 and 2, pullet 1, Smith; pullet 2, Bernard Mohan. Pen 1 and 2, Smith.
Brown Red.—Cock, 1 Westervelt Haywood & Co.; 2 A. W. Smith. Hen, 1 Smith; 2 Haywood & Co. Cockerel, 1 Smith; 2 Haywood & Co. Pullet, 1 and 2 Haywood & Co. Pen, 1 Haywood & Co.; 2 Smith.
Red Pile.—Cock, 1 Bernard Mohan; 2 A. W. Smith. Hen 1 and 2, cockerel 1 and 2, pullet 1 and 2, pen 1 and 2, Smith.
Golden Duckwing.—All to Smith.
Silver Duckwing.—Cock, 1 Smith; 2 Dr. J. C. Maple. Hen, 1 Smith; 2 Maple. Cockerel, 1 Smith; 2 Chas. T. Corriman. Pullet 1 and 2, pen 1 and 2 Smith.
Red Pile Malay.—Cock, 1 Smith; 2 Haywood & Co. Hen, 1 Smith; 2 Haywood & Co.
White.—Cock, 1 Smith; 2 Haywood & Co. Hen, 1 Smith; 2 Haywood & Co. Cockerel 1 and 2, pullet 1 and 2, pen 1 and 2, Smith.
White Pile.—Cock, 1 Dr. Maple; 2 Smith. Cockerel 1, pullet 1, P. M. Orth & Bro.; cockerel 2, pullet 2, Smith.
White Malay.—All to A. W. Smith.
Black.—Cock 2, hen 1, cockerel 1, pullet 1, Smith; hen, 2 Corriman.
BANTAMS OTHER THAN GAME.
Golden Sebright.—Cock, 1 A. W. Smith; 2 Haywood & Co. Hen, 1 and 2 Dr. Maple. Cockerel 1, pullet 1 and 2, Smith. Pen, 1 Dr. Maple; 2 Smith.
Silver Sebright.—Cock, 1 A. W. Smith; 2 Dr.

Maple. Hen, 1 Maple; 2 Haywood & Co. Cockerel 1 and 2, pullet 1 and 2, Smith. Pen, 1 Smith.

Buff Pekin.—Cock, 1 Haywood & Co.; 2 A. W. Smith. Hen, 1 Smith; 2 Maple. Cockerel, 1 Smith; 2 N. G. Temple. Pen, 1 Smith; 2 Temple.

White Pekin.—Cock, 1 Haywood; 2 Corriman. Hen, 1 Corriman; 2 Haywood. Cockerel, 1 Temple; 2 Haywood. Pullet, 1 Temple; 2 Haywood. Pen, 1 and 2 Corriman.

Black Pekin.—Cock, 1 A. W. Smith; 2 Dr. Maple. Hen, 1 Maple; 2 Smith. Cockerel 1, pullet 1 and 2, Dr. B. H. Witmer. Pen, 1 Witmer; 2 Maple.

R. C. Black.—Cock, 1 Dr. Maple; 2 A. W. Smith. Hen, 1 Haywood; 2 Maple. Cockerel, 1 Haywood; 2 Smith. Pullet, 1 Haywood; 2 Smith. Pen, 1 Maple; 2 Haywood.

R. C. White.—Cock, 1 Haywood; 2 Maple. Hen, 1 Haywood; 2 Maple. Cockerel 1 and 2, pullet 1 and 2, A. W. Smith.

White Japanese.—All to Witmer.

Black Tail Japanese.—Cock, 1 and 2 Spahr. Hen, 1 Spahr; 2 Kinter & Co. Cockerel, 1 Spahr; 2 Kinter & Co. Pullet, 1 Spahr; 2 Kinter & Co. Pen, 1 Spahr; 2 Kinter & Co.

White Booted.—Cock, 1 Maple; 2 A. W. Smith. Hen, 1 Smith; 2 Maple. Cockerel, 1 and 2 Maple. Pullet, 1 Smith; 2 Maple. Pen, 1 Maple.

White Polish Plain.—Cock, 1 Faywood; 2 Maple. Hen, 1 Haywood; 2 Maple. Cockerel, 1 Haywood; 2 A. W. Smith. Pullet, 1 Haywood; 2 Smith. Pen, 1 Haywood; 2 Maple.

White Bearded Polish.—All to Haywood, except pullet 2 to Smith.

Dominique.—Cock 2, hen 1 and 2 Maple.

S. C. White.—All to Maple.

S. C. Black.—Cock 1, hen 1 Haywood & Co. White Silkies.—All to Maple.

Black Silkies.—All to Maple.

Madras.—All to Maple.

MISCELLANEOUS.

White Brahmas.—All to Carl Heimerle.

Mottled Langshans.—All to F. G. Bean.

Buff Plymouth Rocks.—All to G. M. Wood and Bro.

Sherwoods.—All to W. A. Smith, except pen 2 to Gunigan & Cathers.

Sicilians.—All to W. A. Smith.

Erminettes.—Pullet, 1 Smith.

White Frizzles.—All to H. M. Thomas, except cock 1, pullet 1 to E. J. Chandler.

Dominique Creeper.—Cock 1, hen 1 Smith.

Colored Frizzles.—Cockerel 1 and 2, pullet 2 W. A. Smith.

BEST PAIR.

Asiatics.—White Cochins, H. Strickler; Games, B. B. Red, J. F. Morrison; Hamburgs, Golden Pencilled, H. A. Beyer; Spanish, S. C. Brown Leghorns, H. W. Dorsey; American, B. Plymouth Rocks, Miss Anna E. Brennan; Polish, H. M. Thomas; French, Norris G. Temple; Dorkings, Como Poultry Yards; Game Bantams, A. W. Smith; Bantams, Haywood & Co.

TURKEYS.

Wild.—1 and 2 W. A. Smith.

White.—1 Griswold; 2 Como Poultry Yards.

Bronze.—1 and 2 Kinter & Co.

Naragansett.—1 and 2 W. A. Smith.

DUCKS.

Aylesbury.—2 Griswold.

Pekins.—1 Griswold; 2 W. A. Smith.

Rouens.—1 and 2 Griswold.

White Call.—1 Griswold; 2 Smith.

Grey Call.—1 and 2 Smith.

Colored Muscovy.—1 Smith; 2 Como Poultry Yards.

White Muscovy.—1 Griswold; 2 Smith.

White Crested White.—1 Jesse Reifsnider; 2 Como Poultry Yards.

Dee Ducks.—1 and 2 Heimerle.

Black East India.—1 Griswold; 2 Smith.

Cayuga.—1 Griswold; 2 Heimerle.

GEES.

White China.—1 Griswold; 2 Smith.

Brown China.—1 and 2 Griswold.

Egyptian.—2 Alice Mentzer.

Toulouse.—1 O. W. Zahn; 2 Griswold.

Wild.—1 and 2 Griswold.

African.—1 and 2 Griswold.

GUINEAS.

Emblen.—1 and 2 Heimerle.

PEA FOWLS.

Pearl.—1 Jenny Mentzer; 2 Gertie C. Lehman.

White.—1 J. Harry Bausman; 2 Smith.

PIGEONS.

Nuns.—2 Henry Tiemann.

Magpies.—1 Tiemann; 2 W. B. Betts.

Homers.—1 A. C. Seippert; 2 Tiemann.

Capped White Booted Fantail.—1 Gunagan & Carthers.

Black Fantail.—2 Gunagan & Carthers.

Dun Dragon.—1 Betts; 2 Gunagan & Carthers.

Yellow Turbits.—1 Gunagan & Carthers.

White Turbits.—2 Gunagan & Carthers.

Blue Muffed Owls 2, White Owls 1, White Barbs 1 and 2, Black Jacobins 1 and 2, Gunagan & Carthers.

Black Bald Headed Tumblers, plain.—1 W. A. Smith; 2 Geo. Butts.

Pair of Agate Booted Tumblers.—1 Russell Beiler.

Blue Pied Booted Pouters 1, Ring Doves 1 and 2, Smith.

Mottled Tumblers.—1 E. C. Frownfelter; 2 W. B. Betts.

Black High Fliers.—1 and 2 Betts.

Mottled Trumpeters.—1 and 2 Frownfelter.

Best Brooder.—W. C. Minium.

Best Drinking Fountain.—1 Maple; 2 J. S. Mott.

Best Exhibition Coop.—1 H. W. Dorsey; 2 Como Poultry Yards.

The Egg Ration.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

The specimen copy of your promising young sheet duly arrived, and when yet hardly in sight of the "Editor's Perch" it was plainly seen to be alive with ideas. For the field has long been open to a poultry paper which should appear at least weekly, and at the same time vie with the monthlies in general interest. A paper without representation of the general public in the form of communications would be dull reading enough; but how much more deplorable is a weekly in which the editorial column retires into the background or disappears altogether, giving place to trade or publishers' notes. Again, we have seen a weekly devoted mainly to the answering of juvenile correspondents' inquiries as to the best breed, etc., etc., and invariably answered by the astute editor, himself a novice, to the effect that the *Barred Pilgrims* will fill all requirements, of which breed, by the way, he always keeps his backyard well filled. And so it goes.

The proper food for hens is a topic of vital importance to both the fancy and practical raiser. And the able treatment of it editorially in the issue of September 30 strongly appeals to the breeder. The point that handling and surroundings are as important a factor as the diet itself, whether carbonaceous or introgenous elements preponderates, is certainly well taken. Like the editor, I am a believer in heavy feeding, but it might be well to preface this record of my experience by saying that all my feeding looks to the production of eggs rather than carcass, and to the development of the egg trait in my flocks, which are Leghorns of the several varieties.

The chemistry of the egg is at best a faulty basis upon which to establish an egg ration, for the reason that the hen has not only the egg to produce but has the wastes of the system to sustain, with the variations incident to hot or cold weather. A science so youthful as chemistry may have future surprises in store for us in regard to digestion and assimilation, as, for instance, the transformation within the fowl's body of heating or fattening elements into others of a muscle-forming nature. Without something of this sort, it seems hard to believe in an exclusive diet of corn as an egg ration. Although corn is theoretically a poor grain from which to build the white of the egg, but may answer better for the yolk, it is a valuable auxiliary to such foods as are wanting in carbonaceous matter, as the waste products in the manufacture of wheat flour. And further, corn is an ideal food to sustain bodily warmth in cold weather. But there is a wide difference between corn as an adjunct to other unbalanced foods and corn as an exclusive diet. Experiments have shown that hens kept on a strictly nitrogenous diet produce eggs both smaller and deficient in quality as compared with those furnished a reasonable amount of carbonaceous matter. On the other hand, probably every reader of this article can recall instances of some neighbor who feeds a liberal exclusive corn diet and yet gets no eggs. And accordingly a mean between these two extremes would seem quite reasonable. And it is my custom, backed by plenty of breeders of experience, to supplement the theoretical laying ration, evolved

from egg analysis, with a considerable amount of corn. I never feed corn whole, as this creates a distaste for small grains, but always in the form of meal, which makes a necessary appetizer to a morning mash comprised largely of bran and shorts. I mix equal parts, by weight, of bran, corn meal, and animal meal with milk, or, in winter, scalding the mass with boiling water and then reducing with milk to the proper consistency. To the amount sufficient for 50 hens, I add a heaped teaspoonful of cayenne; also a good handful of fine oyster shell dust. Occasionally when the latter element is omitted, I receive warning that the ration has become unbalanced by finding soft eggs among the droppings. Wheat forms the staple grain for a night feed, and a wheat that will not yield a good amount of gum when chewed I have no use for. My laying flocks in summer invariably have sufficient yard room so as to find plenty of grass. In winter cabbages and chopped rowen form the only vegetable supply, and oats or buckwheat are thrown into the floor litter to busy them. With this ration I am never without eggs, even during the moulting period. A supply of granular bone and oyster shell is kept constantly before them, and in winter boiling water is poured into their troughs twice a day, for I give them no hothouse treatment. They are descended from stock that have long withstood the extreme cold of winter, their combs are low rose combs, and a majority of the pullets begin laying during November and December, despite their cold quarters. As I can already hear the foreman of the composing room saying "Chop it off," I will tell how I grow chickens in a vegetable garden in some future paper.

FRED. W. PROCTOR.

Spencer, Mass.

The Atlanta Show.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

We beg to inform you that the Southern Poultry and Pigeon Association has been reorganized as a stock company with sufficient funds to guarantee the success in every particular of its show to be held in Atlanta, Ga., January 9th to 13th, 1894. The officers of this association are all more or less experienced in the show business, and purpose to run this show on business principles, so as to guarantee its successful management, inasmuch that all exhibitors receive equal justice. That no fowl will be allowed to compete for premiums unless entered on secretaries' book five days prior to opening day of show.

That fowls be shown in coops of the best design and patent.

That the cooping, feeding, and management of fowls be in the charge of a man of practical experience.

That judges of national reputation be employed.

That judging be completed and premiums announced on second day of show.

That all birds entered for competition be scored.

That premiums be paid promptly on last day (13th) of show.

That the attendance of all exhibitors be made agreeable and profitable.

We desire the cooperation of the fraternity in our efforts to carry out the above program.

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Tennessee in Line.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

The East Tennessee Poultry Association was organized May 1st, and now numbers 30 members. At our last meeting we decided to give our first annual exhibit January 18, 19, 20, and 21, and have offered some \$500 in premiums. Breeders from other States are invited to exhibit.

JNO. W. FLENNIKEN, Secretary.

Knoxville, Tenn., Oct. 18, 1893.

Production of Turkeys.

BY SAMUEL CUSHMAN.

[From Bulletin No. 25 of the Rhode Island Experiment Station.]

The production of turkeys in this State has been on the decline for a number of years. Rhode Island turkeys have long been famous and still hold their reputation in the markets of the country as the best that are produced, but they are becoming more scarce each season.

In many sections where large flocks were formerly raised no turkeys are now kept, and there are now but few towns from which any number are shipped to market. Mr. Horace Vose, of Westerly, who has long been one of the principal shippers of produce from that section, informs us that not many years ago as many as twenty-eight tons of dressed turkeys were shipped from that place in one season, while the amount shipped last season was not much over thirteen tons. In his opinion the turkey stock of that section has depreciated very much in the last five years. A great many farmers in this and adjoining States who used to pay their taxes every year with the income derived from their turkeys, have of late years had such poor success that they have given up keeping them. This fact is a source of regret, not only to those who are now unable to raise turkeys as formerly, but to every public spirited citizen who considers the matter. Marketmen and consumers of all classes everywhere who appreciate the finest quality in a Thanksgiving turkey, are interested in this matter, as well as the farmer to whom turkeys have been an important source of income.

In response to a quite general demand this division was authorized by the Board of Managers, in January, 1892, to attempt to aid this industry; to do, if possible, something to restore the former large turkey crop of this State.

Many have given up turkey raising, simply because their flocks roam over their neighbor's farms and damage certain crops. In other cases foxes and other enemies are so numerous that it is impossible to raise any number to maturity. The greatest obstacle, however, seems to be a disease that carries off the young turkeys at a certain age. Whether this disease is such an unavoidable and incurable contagious malady, as it is supposed to be, we will not discuss in this bulletin. We know that men, animals, and fowls that are vigorous are able to ward off, resist, or entirely escape diseases to which feeble or degenerate individuals quickly succumb. Certain diseases of fowls which work such havoc in the poultry yards of the country where the stock is not properly bred or cared for have no terrors to the best poultry men. By careful breeding, feeding, and attention to sanitary conditions, they maintain a hardy and vigorous stock. If a bird is affected by disease, it is discovered immediately, removed from the others at once, and contamination is thus avoided. Overcrowding in yards or in roosting quarters is guarded against, and constant vigilance is exercised to keep stock free from lice. By observing a hundred and one such precautions, disease is almost entirely avoided, and should it occur, it is soon stamped out. Such management is not generally followed by farmers, but it is necessary when fowls are closely confined or when large numbers are kept. The application of principles that insure success among

poultry men will doubtless be of equal importance in the production of turkeys. The management, followed by experienced poultry men, would hardly insure success, if sickly, degenerate stock, run out by injudicious breeding and poor feeding, was the only available material. Hardiness and vigor is of the first importance in rearing any stock for market.

TURKEY RAISING AT THE STATION, FIRST SEASON.

Believing that lack of vitality and hardiness in the stock used was one of the greatest difficulties in the way of success with turkeys, our first move was to procure a pure American wild gobbler, for crossing with the domestic turkey.

As Bronze turkeys, which are the largest and hardiest of all domestic varieties, are the result of such a cross, it was reasonably expected that by introducing the original wild blood into the turkey stock of the State, much greater vigor and thrift would be secured as well as their table qualities improved. A

stock was therefore procured of another successful raiser, and a small flock of turkeys was raised.

A shed for experimental use as sitting and roosting quarters for turkeys had been built early in the spring. It was made similar to a carriage shed but with slats over the front. Its dimensions are 20 feet long by 12 wide. The posts are 8 feet high at the front and 10 feet high at the rear. Roosts were provided and placed high enough to be out of the wind and above the eaves. Two large coops for temporary confinement were built against one end, and beneath them secluded compartments for sitting turkeys. One gable was fitted with a ventilating shutter which was left open in warm weather. The flock was driven to this shed to roost at night, and when about to lay were confined every morning until each had selected a nest and deposited an egg therein. The eggs were very fertile, fifteen out of sixteen having hatched in each instance. The young

lot was allowed perfect freedom to roost on fences or trees as they chose, and as they did not come up to the poultry yards they secured less feed. At the same time another lot was driven to the large turkey house to roost, and compelled to roost under cover the whole season. Our first season's experience convinced us that although confining little turkeys at night and when the dew is on prevents their being dragged and lost in the wet grass, it is detrimental to their welfare, and should not be continued too long. If possible, they should have full liberty where the grass is short. Their nature is such that they need cool, free air, and a great deal of exercise.

Young turkeys cannot thrive on the quality or quantity of food that is desirable for a young chicken. Restricted liberty, even with light feeding, soon puts them out of condition, while full feeding, even with liberty, prevents their taking sufficient exercise, causes disease of the digestive organs and they are lost or do



WHITE LANGSHANS,

Owned by Glenwood Poultry Yards, Lloyd Hallenbeck, Proprietor, Catskill Station, N. Y.

gobbler raised from wild turkey eggs found in the woods was procured from Maryland but was not received until the latter part of March. Although usually very tame and fearless, his wild nature was so thoroughly aroused by the journey that he was unmanageable and could not be kept on the place for a long time without confinement. As the excitement and change of climate affected him so unfavorably that it was thought he would die, he was given his liberty, when he immediately went to the woods. Weeks afterwards he took up quarters in a neighboring farm yard, became so tame as to eat from the hand and gradually improved in condition. After being caught, brought back and confined a few times, he became reconciled to the Experiment Station farm, and has since stayed about the poultry division grounds.

A number of domestic hen turkeys had been bought of one of the most extensive turkey raisers of this State, (Mr. Tucker of Prudence Island), for crossing, but we were unable to mate them or even get the wild gobbler to associate with them. He avoided them, drove them away from him, and did not strut or gobble that season. A domestic gobbler of different

turkeys seemed frail and tender but did well until several weeks old. Each hen with her young was confined for two or three days to a movable wired-in shed, after which they were allowed their liberty on pleasant days after the dew was off the grass. They were confined during stormy weather and at night. The shed was frequently moved to fresh ground. They were fed four times daily for a few days with bread crumbs moistened with milk, hard boiled eggs, and scalded meal, and then with corn meal dough mixed with milk, crackers soaked in milk, and cracked corn, making three feeds each day. When three months old they were only given cracked corn at night. One or two young turkeys gave out the second or third week, being, apparently, not strong enough to keep up with the wanderings of the rest. A number were lost when about the size of quails, by being caught by a heavy shower while foraging in the high grass. In August, several died within a few days of each other. After this one occasionally died until they were full grown. Roosts were put up in the small sheds as soon as they were large enough to use them. When about one-third grown one

not thrive. The young turkeys while confined in the morning and in stormy weather were very restless and fretful and their growth was consequently retarded, but the liberty to get wet in the heavy grass would at that age have been a greater evil.

Although the turkey house was airy and high, the young turkeys that were compelled to roost therein did not thrive. The slat door was opened after dark that they might leave in the morning as early as they chose, but they seemed to be affected unfavorably. Those allowed full liberty and out door roosts looked much more thrifty. During the winter it was the same with the old turkeys that roosted in the house. Young and old were out of condition and had colds with swelled faces, while those in the trees seemed bright and healthy. The contrast was so great that in mid-winter during the coldest weather those roosting in the building were shut out and compelled to roost in the trees, and in a few days their condition had greatly improved and many of them were soon as well as ever. The shed was kept perfectly clean and they were not overcrowded.—[To be Continued.]

PIGEONS.

Queries and Answers.

[All reasonable questions of interest to the fancy, pertaining to the care, management and health of fancy Pigeons will be answered in this column. The department is conducted by C. W. Buttles, 1070 Madison Avenue, Columbus, Ohio, to whom all communications should be addressed.—ED.]

Editorial Squibs.

John Howry, one of the first members of the American Fantail club, met a horrible death two weeks ago. He fell from a roof fifty feet high and was killed instantly. Mr. Howry enjoyed an excellent reputation as a fancier, was honest in all his dealings and popular with his associates.

The first annual meeting of the American Barb club will be held in Baltimore January 1, 1894.

It has been suggested that "Senex" write himself up. He seems so clever in touching up the rest of the boys, that everyone is aching to learn what kind of a looking chap "ma-nex" is.

John Glasgow is also aching to meet "Senex," and from what Major Gilbert told us at Chicago, there will be a fight to a finish or a sword contest when he meets that "arrogant foreigner."

Our pigeon correspondent at Chicago evidently got lost in the Midway or sent his copy of the report on pigeons to some foreign clime, for it never reached us.

This is a pity as there was much to praise at the Chicago Barn Show, "Senex" and his bilious attempts to the contrary. Gilbert showed a beautiful string of White Fans, as sweet as the white daisies in a wavy field of green. Andrew Muehlig with his colored Fans did not propose to give way to the Major and had birds that were "fine as a fiddle."

We must not forget R. S. Groves and his Frills. They were features in the pigeon angle and notwithstanding the cruel offer of John Jones to buy his best pair for one dollar if Mr. Groves paid the express, it would have taken many one dollar bills to purchase even a single bird.

It is however believed that Major Gilbert was the author of the "Jones" letter, for he enjoyed Mr. Groves, facial expression when reading the letter, altogether too much to be innocent of its contents.

Good natured George Ewald spent several days among the pigeons and had his say as usual on all current topics of interest to the Columbian or rather Columbarian cranks.

E. C. Vahle one of the judges was very unhappy when writing out his reasons for awarding prizes, and glad to get back to Quaker city. Judging rabbits and Guinea pigs with a "red tape" measure was not to his liking.

Dr. T. W. Tuggle however seemed to enjoy the judging of pigeons and kept his associate, George E. Peer, in good humor, when writing up the awards. George had "that tired feeling" which many of the poultry judges shared with him.

The sun cast a great big shadow in the

doorway of the pigeon barn one morning and some one exclaimed: "Here comes Oscar Seifert!" This was a false alarm however. It was only a fat Columbian guard watching Gilbert to see if he was smoking a cigarette.

H. B. Donovan spent much time around his exhibits and impressed everybody by his modesty and good looks. We saw "Senex" watching him intently and Mr. Donovan may expect a notice from that gentleman sooner or later. There are also several rods in pickle for "Senex."

Christian Wagner and Andrew Muehlig both from the Wolverine state, had the Pouter show to themselves and divided the honors nicely. They are a pair of genuine, straight and enthusiastic fanciers.

Robert Joos spent most of his time with the Magpies. Why so few of this grand pigeon were exhibited is a mystery, as Magpie fanciers have of late given it a decided boom. At Baltimore we expect to see a grand collection of Magpies.

Pigeon Notes.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

At our large fall poultry exhibitions, pigeons are taking a prominent position in the poultry department, but care in preparing the exhibits is not much heeded. Exhibitors are generally allowed to show in their own cages, and consequently the varieties are so much separated as to make correct comparison almost impossible, and the distance a judge has to travel when there is a large exhibit, is something fearful, as to make a proper estimate of qualities he must visit each cage (if the quality of all specimens is good) three or four times, and where there are six, eight and ten cages of the variety, as sometimes happens, before he can finish up a large exhibit, he must travel a number of miles. Now were all the specimens of one variety arranged together, no matter what the style and quality of the cages, comparisons could be easily made by both judge, exhibitor and visitor, and the real objects of the exhibition subserved. As matters generally are, the interest that might be taken in pigeons is killed by the scattered positions of the several specimens of a variety. If each society would provide safe and convenient cages, and then require each exhibitor to place his birds in these cages, the aim and end of the exhibition would be accomplished. These cages made substantially of wire, would not cost much, and would be durable and useful as long as the society continued to offer premiums for pigeons. They could be securely fastened and the keys placed at the disposal of the judge until after his work was done, when they could be turned over to the superintendent of the department. Progressive societies are doing this and the more the plan is followed the more satisfactory our pigeon exhibits will be.

There are quite a number of parasites that infest pigeons, and are engendered by dirty ill kept lofts, and when they get the mastery they make a pigeon's life very miserable. Lice are small insects that breed on the body, particularly about the neck, head and vent, and remain with the pigeon all the time. Mites are smaller insects, that breed in the cracks of the pigeon house, coming

out to attack the pigeon at night, and usually retiring to their haunts when they have got their fill of the pigeon's blood.

There is also another species of louse that is found on the web of the feathers, they are long flat and slender, and look like little grey lines on the web of the feather. These do not seem to give the pigeon any annoyance, but still are detrimental to its health, and when abundant give the feathers a dead, lustreless appearance. They are supposed to feed on the down of the quills and pile of the feather. Birds flying at large are little troubled by any of these pests, and those confined can be kept free from them by supplying plenty of chances for bathing, and keeping the loft clean by white-washing and frequently removing the offal. All these pests seem to attack the weakest pigeons first. Should any single bird be noticed to be drooping, continually picking itself, and more or less restless, catch it and examine it for lice; ten chances to one you will find abundant evidences of its affliction. Give it at once a thorough cleansing with Persian insect powder. This will clean out all insects; then allow it a chance for a good bath, and you will soon observe a great change in the pigeon. Cleanliness in the loft is absolutely necessary to keep birds free from lice, especially in the summer time.

Sometimes a pigeon will be found napping and dull; examine for lice and if none are found, then conclude it is some other trouble, perhaps a chill, perhaps indigestion. A pill the size of a pea made of equal parts butter and cayenne pepper or 4 to 6 black peppercorns will often straighten it out and make a well bird of it.

I notice that Long's atrophy lozenges are recommended for birds going light. I can heartily second the recommendation, as I have used them, and cured many a good pigeon with them. For birds going light I usually, at the time of giving the pills, pulled out the tail of the bird treated. A new tail would come in about six weeks, and with it new vigor and life in the pigeon.

Regarding the love of pigeons for green food, not until I had ocular demonstration of it, would I ever believe they would eat anything but grain. But one spring I planted several long rows of peas, hoping to have an abundance of early green peas. They came up nicely, but as soon as they got to be about an inch in height they would be eaten off nearly to the ground. Of course I charged it to woodchucks and rabbits, and, gun in hand, resolved one day to have revenge on the despoiler of my vines. At that time I was breeding a fine lot of swallows, which with my Tumblers and Turbits, were allowed to fly at will. What was my surprise while watching for "varmints," to see my pets settle on the pea patch and begin at once to pick of the tender pea sprouts. As soon as I was convinced of the fact that they were eating my peas, I frightened them away, laid up my gun and made preparations to imprison the pigeons. I kept them confined until the vines were too tough for them to enjoy, and my vines were not again molested. I notice a correspondent advises to sow corn in boxes and I would say try peas sown in the same way for green food.

Every well kept loft should have a "landing net" for the purpose of catching pigeons, and thus save chasing them about the room, and frightening the others. This is a sort of bag net on the end of a three or four foot pole, similar to a minnow net. Wishing to catch any particular bird, approach him cautiously, clap your net over him, and he is then easily caught by the hand. This is very convenient if the bird is perched higher than one can reach by the arm alone.

JOHN HOPEWELL.

The White Fantail Pigeon.

A Monograph.

BY JESSE M. RUTTER.

[Written for THE AMERICAN FANCIER.]

For the nests my preference favors earthen, or stoneware pans. Stoneware, if obtainable, is more durable and easier to clean. My pans are unglazed stone ware, measuring inside nine inches across, and three inches in depth. The glazed pans are not very practical, as they retain so much moisture that the squabs fairly reek with damp perspiration. The bottom of each pan is first covered by an inch of coarse sawdust, and this dust is overlaid with fine hay, shaped roughly into a shallow lining. By renewing the hay at intervals of ten days after each hatch, no trouble from insects need be feared. Tobacco stems cut into short pieces are advocated strongly by some fanciers, because the odor is offensive to pigeon parasites. Although I have used these stems, their advantage over hay was not specially marked. The hay packs more evenly in the pan, and if kept reasonably neat does not attract tiny vermin. The sawdust serves to keep the hay in place and prevents the eggs from striking the pan, if the top layer becomes displaced. Some uneasy hens spend considerable time in twisting around, and trying to burrow down into the nesting material. Such restless pigeons should have a little extra inspection during incubation.

Fresh water is an imperative need, and the stoneware barrel fountain is equal to any. The fountain must be freshly filled once a day, and every few weeks a handful of sand shaken up inside to scour out the slime. During the heat of summer, select a shady spot for the fountain, as lukewarm, vapid water is hurtful to growing pigeons.

An outside flight helps ensure hard feather, and furnishes a proper place for the indispensable bath pan. My bathing pans are round, measuring eighteen inches in diameter, and four inches in depth. They are made of galvanized iron, and have small iron handles at the sides. Twice a week the Fantails are permitted to take a refreshing dip. If ever a Fantail is perfectly happy, surely the time comes when, under the rays of a hot sun, it plunges into the sparkling water, and with loosened feather shakes the shining drops high above its head. The misty spray falls in rainy particles over its ruffled plumage, and as it settles down into the bath a dreamy content beams from its dark brown eyes. Shake follows shake, until with a final shrug the dripping bather scrambles out and seeks some sunny corner. Here it lies in steamy laziness, vigorously preening its wet raiment and stretching its sopping wings to the genial sun. When wholly dry, the spotless purity of its self-laundered plumage rivals the driven snow.

To ensure the proper pairing of selected specimens, a mating-cage is required. No posted fancier permits his Fantails to contract alliances at will. Such irregular matrimony might possibly result in a prodigy, but steady progress cannot lean upon the frail crutch of chance. Careful study of individual points, and thoughtful blending of blood lines, are both potent factors in strain building. So the pairing-pen acts as a mute agent to confirm "marriages of convenience," planned by trained insight. My cage is three feet long, fifteen inches wide, and fifteen inches high. The front is of straight, upright wires, and the sliding, central partition is wired in like fashion. At each end of the front a narrow wired door is arranged to slide upwards, permitting free access to the interior. Within these limits, checked by the wire barrier, the gallant male first makes his wooing bow to his future consort. When the twain agree, as mutual actions plainly declare, the dividing screen is drawn out, and two beating hearts become one.

Some may perhaps laugh at the notion of hanging in the loft a picture of the ideal Fantail. My loft boasts of two plates, the English and Scottish types, taken from Fulton's book. Comparing living pigeons with their printed counterparts is certainly a great help towards correct judgment. The eye is easily misled by blemishes common to a strain, and needs the warning presence of a corrective standard. Frequent reference to an exacting model fully posts the studious fancier upon minor points, trifles which make Fantail perfection.

While writing upon luxuries like pictures, reference may include a couple more of this class. A thermometer pendant on a convenient hook is sometimes handy to consult. This heat measure is not a crying want, but if one is curious to see how the mercury can caper in our lively climate, the desire can be gratified at a trifling outlay. My loft thermometer daily gives valuable hints about properly increasing or decreasing the fresh air supply.

[To be continued.]

The Baltimore Show.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

The B. C. A. had its regular semi-monthly meeting on October 16th, with a good attendance. The following members were present: W. J. Robertson, W. W. White, C. H. A. Meyer, G. A. Pick, W. T. Levering, J. D. Abel, G. B. Hart, Louis G. Muller, F. A. Rommel, and H. Tiemann. President Rommel in the chair.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The members present had a good talk on the prospects of our coming show, and all are working hard to make the show a success. After this it was moved to adjourn. The next meeting will take place Nov. 5th, 1893.

After the regular meeting, the show committee met, in conjunction with the other members, to fix up the classification. All the classes are fixed with the exception of a few, which will be done yet this week. Some of the members proposed a few names for judges, but it has not been decided yet who will be selected. After this it was getting rather late, and it was moved to adjourn until some future time the committee may select.

H. TIEMANN, Sec. B. C. A.
Baltimore, Md., Oct. 16, 1893.

Pigeon Flying.

Notice to Subscribers.

Our subscribers are informed that we have arranged that all inquiries relating to the breeding, training and management of homing pigeons, and upon all questions bearing upon the history of pigeon flying, both at home and abroad, will be answered by "Fritz" through his columns in THE AMERICAN FANCIER weekly, and at the earliest possible opportunity, and should be addressed to

Mr. T. FRED. GOLDMAN,
832 Herkimer Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

[All matter that he deems of general and practical interest, or of value to the young and inexperienced fancier, will be embodied in his weekly notes, while other matter will be sent direct by mail. —ED. A. F.]

Points in the Flying Fancy.

A Weekly Review of Events in the Homing World.

BY FRITZ.

What's in a name?

Much, I might answer, when applied to things colombophile.

This old and oft repeated saying finds deep significance when used in connection with the Homing world, be it the name of the fancier, or that of any particular and noteworthy claimed champion of the air and breeding loft. How frequent is the request, "I want a youngster from so and so?" *Nothing else will satisfy.*

There is a peculiar charm and attraction in the possession of a lineal descendant from celebrated birds to the young fancier, aye and to many old ones too, and also in the possession of stock from a loft that has become famous in the flying world, even if not directly representative of any of its world renowned champions. And yet, I'll be bound there are very many such purchasers at fancy prices in the Homing fancy who can look back with regrets at their investments.

So very many noteworthy birds have become famous, as it were in a single night, and owing to a stiff tail wind scoring a phenomenal velocity—solitary it is true—yet sufficient to become famous. Very many such have at once been relegated to the stock breeding loft, with nothing to so mark their special fitness as reproducers beyond such phenomenal velocity scored perhaps on a single occasion.

They are at once dubbed, "Sir Sky Scrapper," "Lightning Charlie," "Flying Dutchman," or some such high sounding and suggestive name. The novice in the flying world reads of the exploit and his heart at once yearns for some of it, no matter what the price, although generally very distinctive from the remainder of the loft's occupants.

There is decidedly much in a name in the flying fancy, frequently deserving, and equally frequent undeserving. It is a very pleasant and neat custom for our Homing fanciers to name their birds, but many do so with all the publicity possible and at their command, upon every slight opportunity, and no matter whatever the distance travelled, or the quality of the work accomplished. This is apt to produce much misleading inference. It has long been the custom with very many of our best flying men, both here and abroad, to withhold giving any names to their celebrated workers publicly, until they have really acquitted themselves thoroughly and creditably.

The young and rising generation of pigeon flyers will do well to bear this in mind.

Now I wish to particularly caution the young novice in making his selection of young stock at fancy prices from any of

our loudly advertised champions of the air. Don't purchase for flying purposes solely. My long experience and observation has taught me that a very large percentage of young bred direct from many prominent birds, of loudly advertised and well known name, rarely equal or approach the flying work of their sire or dam, and in very many cases prove absolute failures on the road. My breeding experience would seem to point to far better results with young bred from such purchased young, and this leads to the old question of "should purchased young birds be flown?"

I emphatically say no. If such young is the foundation of the young fancier's flying loft, and his entire material for work, and if bred direct from crack birds of well-known name and records. It is no uncommon occurrence for flying men to score wins and splendid work with young bred from young of their crack birds, and also to score a general better average flying work with them over those young bred direct from such crack birds and in competition the same season, and under equal flying conditions. In fact I may safely say such is very frequently the case, and the same superior work also frequently applies to young bred from a sister or brother of such crack birds even when such sister or brother has never seen the inside of a training basket.

I have had many such valuable breeders.

Now my object in penning these notes is two-fold. Firstly, to caution the young fancier not to place too much reliance upon young as flyers and purchased at fancy prices from this or that renowned champion; and secondly, to not so completely ignore the young bred from young of such champions, or from a sister or brother of the crack representatives of the loft, which can invariably be purchased at far less figures, and which my experience has taught me, renders a far better percentage of success.

I will not attempt to explain the why and wherefore of this, or the apparent inconsistency of such theory, for perhaps I could not convince the sceptical and inexperienced, and it is also possible that a close adherence to my arguments might have opposite results, owing to the purchased young from so claimed champion worker of well-known name, being young of no deserving champion at all. Such celebrity being but the result of a hard wind astern, and exceptionally favorable flying conditions, and made in the company of deserving champions who mapped his homeward journey out for him, and the pace was not too hot for him.

It's dollars against doughnuts that we have many such champions scattered throughout this wide land of ours, and whose only safety from downfall lies in the owner's determination never to risk him on the road again, but keep him as a breeder for the reproduction of future champions (?) at perhaps 5, 10, and 15 dollars a head, and many a young novice catches on, and invests, and lo, and behold! when he puts them on the road, the other youngsters raised in his loft from cheap stock and far more plebian birth, distances them, and leaves them behind at the 100 mile station, perhaps they only get home after many days.

This is a true pen picture, my young fancier friend, and if you stick at the game long enough you will find it out for yourself.

There is indeed a great deal in a name in the Homing fancy, and with some 'tis but a name.

Apropos of names in the flying fancy, champion birds, and champion fanciers, deserving and undeserving, the fancy soon learns the distinction. From English journals recently at hand I learn of the sale of the birds of the Elmcroft loft of Mr. T. H. Hall, a gentleman for many years a prominent member of the Midland Flying Club and the owner of a really grand stud of pigeons. Each of the nineteen birds sold bore a deserving name, and after doing deserving work.

A very representative body of English flying men attended the sale at the auction room in Birmingham and the prices realized were very good indeed.

The average price was over forty dollars per bird, some bringing as high as sixty and seventy dollars each, and the lowest figure was twenty dollars.

This only goes to illustrate that really good and proven birds of a deserving and thorough fancier are highly appreciated abroad, and it cost money to get such stock.

Craig Royston in his "Flying Homer Notes" in a recent issue of the *British Fancier* remarks: "The present seems a really good time for picking up some really good working Homers cheap. Our fancy paper advertisement columns are teeming with advertisements offering our favorites for sale. I would once more warn fanciers against fictitious performances.

Depend upon it birds which have done such marvellous velocities and flown 400 miles in one day cannot be bought for ten shillings a pair. It is possible, and those who advertise such can be nothing else but downright brazen-faced, humbugging frauds."

This is unquestionably true, and I would also warn the young fancier further against stocking up with a mass of cheap trash, and to remember that good and reliable stock from a good and reliable fancier cannot be had for a paltry few dollars, but command good prices, and yet is the cheapest in the end.

At no period in the history of American pigeon flying since the great majority of American pigeon flyers determined to dispense with the services of Mrs. E. S. Starr, which was years ago, has there been the prospect for a perfect and complete service in the general secretaryship as now exists in the opportunity to secure the services of Mr. C. H. Jones of Philadelphia in any proposed national consolidation.

During my recent visit to Philadelphia I had a long and interesting chat with Mr. Jones, and I found this official of the Federation keenly sensible of the requirements of the American pigeon flying fancy. In Mr. Jones I think the fancy can find all the embodiments of a perfect secretary. He has both the necessary leisure, experience and capacity, the absolute requirements for a perfect and disinterested service, and by renouncing all personal competition, using his loft for messenger service only, I think American pigeon flyers will find in him a valuable and efficient official, a veritable E. S. Starr, but of the *genius homo*—unquestionably a great point gained.

To the Philadelphia section he is particularly valuable, assuming a direct and personal supervision and handling of all local competition, and to the sections outside of Philadelphia he will prove a prompt and complete recorder of their work, and other service as now required from the League secretary, in all the essential detail.

I have at this writing a number of letters from prominent pigeon flying sections favoring the proposed consolidation of League and Federation interests, and I am personally inclined to look with considerable favor upon such proposed unity.

In viewing this amalgamation of the League and Federation, I would call special attention to an important and interesting item that needs a first and more than passing thought. It is that of a seamless band to be used on all young birds of 1894. This in itself demands an early and prompt adjustment.

In connection with this leading question I would say that despite many complaints that have come to my notice upon the indistinctness and illegibility of the markings on aluminum seamless bands of the past year's issue after a certain use, I am warmly in favor of a continuance of these bands.

They need but a little extra care in the cutting and marking of the numbers or device to illustrate the year of issue.

Many have, I admit, been imperfectly so marked, but this in no way should influence against the continued use of this valuable and desirable material.

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I could cite many instances where this valuable metal has replaced, with its much lighter and cleaner properties, those of others in common use.

At the recent manoeuvres of the German 16th Army Corps, under General von Haeseler, experiments were made with aluminum cooking utensils. Much objection had previously been raised against the weight of these essentials to the kit of a German soldier, and the introduction of aluminum cooking utensils has now considerably lightened his burden by several pounds. They wear well and answer admirably, just the same as our seamless bands do, and the consequence is that at no distant date this metal will be generally adopted throughout the army.

As a further illustration of the valuable services our favorites can be put to, I glean from the last issue of the chief German Homing pigeon journal, *Zeitschrift für Briefanbenkunde*, that an American bark a short time ago, the Abana, was, through a succession of storms and contrary winds, blown towards the German coast, with the serious loss of many sails and the imperfect working of her rudder. She dragged her anchors, that had at once been cast, and had it not been for the fortunate proximity of a German fire boat, or patrol tug, she would unquestionably have gone ashore and become a total wreck.

This patrol boat, having Homing pigeons on board, at once despatched a trusty pigeon messenger to Touning, and steam tugs from Hamburg and vicinity promptly came to the bark's assistance with a friendly tow to safety.

I am asked by a correspondent where he can purchase white Homing pigeons, birds of a complete and pure white color, and must be the Simon pure article, capable of doing long distance flying work and speedy. Now, this is a puzzler, for while I have known a few perfect white birds, bred and trained by a certain few flying fanciers in the Philadelphia and New York vicinity, I really have yet to learn of good long distance work accomplished by any pure white Homing pigeon, and question whether any of our flying men here can produce such.

That they have been bred and flown, perhaps a hundred miles I know, but I cannot recall anything special in their work, and I question whether any American flying fancier can supply the Simon pure article my correspondent calls for. As to color, yes, but for speedy long distance work, no.

In Belgium I believe such birds have distinguished themselves, for I recall a visit made to Brussels some four or five years ago by a prominent fancier friend of mine, who, in describing the loft of the celebrated Monsieur E. Pletinckx, remarked with surprise to see so many white birds in it, and was informed that that strain of birds had been in the loft for many years, and was considered one of the best.

I also recall a very interesting article of Charles Sibillot, published in the *Homing News* some years ago, upon certain preferences by fanciers for certain colors, etc. He wrote as follows: "One color which some fanciers seek persistently for and which others despise is white. White pigeons, then, are they to be considered good or bad? It is evident, as far as I am concerned, that on the principles I have laid down I should not hesitate a moment in putting white pigeons on the same line as others.

Who does not remember a white Homer from the North shut up in Paris for several months in 1870, and which being liberated on an intensely frosty day in January, 1871, regained its loft, 190 miles distant, at a rate of speed which astounded our oldest fanciers? But there is no use in disguising that the white pigeon possesses one serious

disadvantage. Whenever it is one of a band it serves as a mark for the deadly barrel of the unprincipled sportsman or for the bird of prey.

But even this disadvantage has its set off in the grace imparted to the bird and the brilliance reflected from its plumage.

From what I have said, it will be gathered that I hold it *unwise* for any fancier to trouble himself about the *color* of his birds."

If my correspondent is bent upon securing such stock, I would refer him to Monsieur Gustave Offermans, Rue Huybrechts, 49 Borgerhout, Antwerp, Belgium, or M. N. Barker, Rue de Fiennes, Cureghem, Brussels, Belgium, two likely gentlemen in the Belgian flying fancy who may possibly be able to secure some of the crack white stock for him; or at least assist him in that direction, for I don't believe he can secure them in the United States.

The English *Stock Keeper* of recent issue also touches upon the subject that interests my correspondent in speaking of Mr. G. P. Pointer as intending creating a strain of pure white Homers, having seven which are the result of years of careful mating, and these seven have flown in the North Middlesex races and rendered a good account of themselves. For the benefit of my correspondent and others who may be taken with the subject of white Homers, for I have frequently been approached upon the subject, I will add that Mr. G. P. Pointer is a prominent and active flying member of the North Middlesex Flying Club, and I believe a letter addressed to him at Wood Green, London, England, will reach him.

From the recent comment by the *Stock Keeper*, I should deem Mr. Pointer particularly well fitted to post my correspondent, and I regret I cannot personally serve him further.

I will say, however, that I go very little on pure white Homing pigeons when intended for long distance and speedy work, for I think there must be such a constant and close inbreeding process at work to preserve the color in its purity as to seriously impair all the essential qualities of a stout and game worker, and the percentage of super quality and correct color so small as not to pay for the labor and outlay and necessarily tedious course of breeding.

A correspondent, who signs himself as an interested reader of my weekly notes, writes me that he finds much of his pleasure as a Homing pigeon fancier marred by the fact of his birds being so wild, that he cannot enter his loft without seriously threatening some of them to dash their brains out against the roof and windows, and that he has done all he can to tame them down without success, that he cannot handle them without using considerable force, and asks me what he can do to subdue them.

This is very evidently a case of the fancier not knowing his birds and the birds not knowing their master, and perhaps not an uncommon one.

Personally I am very partial to such wild chaps as this fancier seems to have in his loft, and I don't believe in handling birds more than is absolutely necessary, and this only during the shipping and training season. A glance along my birds each morning tells me they are well. I have no use for the Homer who comes and eats out of your hand, perches on your shoulder and permits you to pick him up from the floor or from off his perch, or any such pet exhibits. At the same time, no fancier can possibly wish to see his birds shun him or flee from him in fear as they would from a common enemy. Both are extremes. These very tame birds and those unruffled by anything unusual in the loft may be occasionally smart birds on the road, but it has not been my experience to own such, yet I am very gentle and careful with my pets. Our birds are remarkably intelligent, and soon learn to know their master. Many doubt this, but it is nevertheless a fact.

My correspondent has evidently not acquired or practiced the soothing low whistle and occasional treat to his birds in the shape of a handful of hemp and

other small seeds so common with flying fanciers, and he has perhaps banged them about with his catch net until he has succeeded in thoroughly demoralizing them, and instead of teaching them to look forward for his entrance to the loft they have commenced to view such approach with fear. This must be avoided. There must be something radically wrong in his handling of his birds, otherwise they would not act in such an extreme manner. It is a well-known fact that with the pigeons of St. Mark's in Venice they can readily discriminate between residents and visitors in the Grand Square of that city, simply because the foreigners feed the birds, and the moment such appear in the plaza the birds gather about them in crowds, while to the native residents who may be sunning themselves there they pay no attention to.

I hope all delegates to the League of American Homing Clubs whom I have written to upon the proposed amalgamation of League and Federation will promptly send me the views and decisions of their clubs and sections, for there is much to be done to perfect such arrangements, and the time is fast approaching for the several annual meetings. Such proposed unity will at the very least produce a co-operation of over 400 of our best flying fanciers, which unquestionably will be a step in the right direction.

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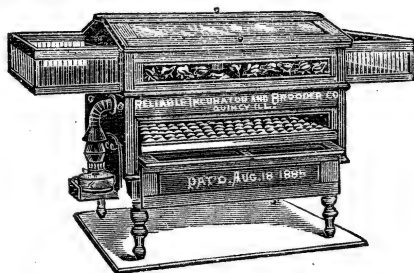
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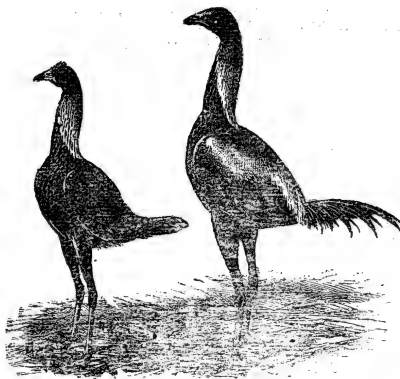
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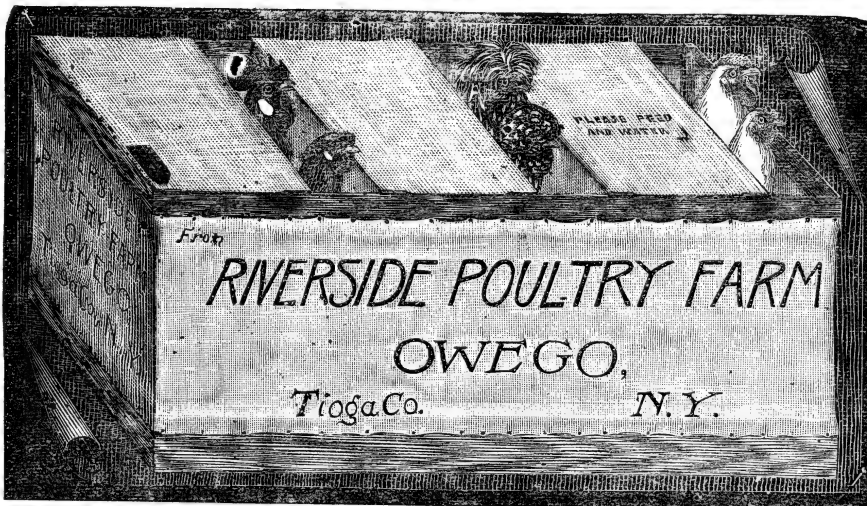
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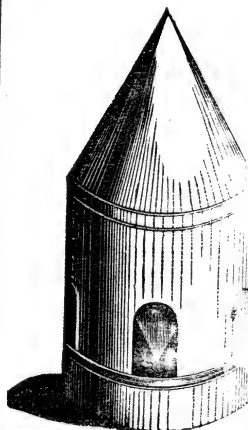
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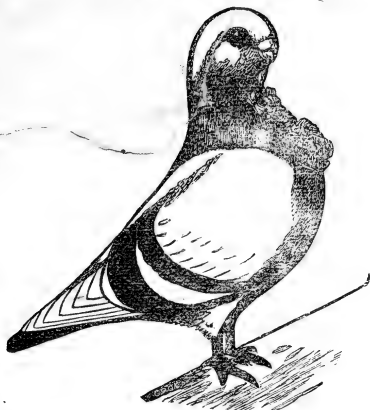
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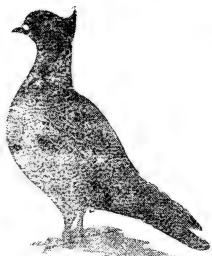
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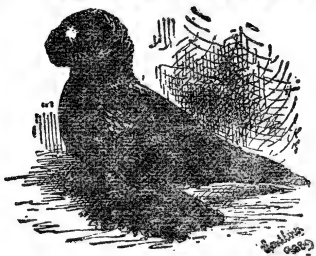
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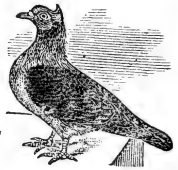
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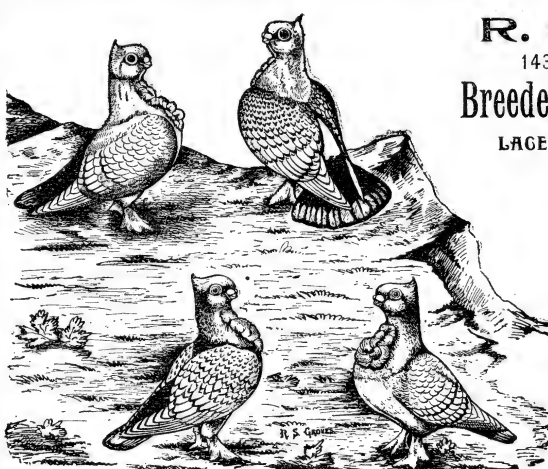
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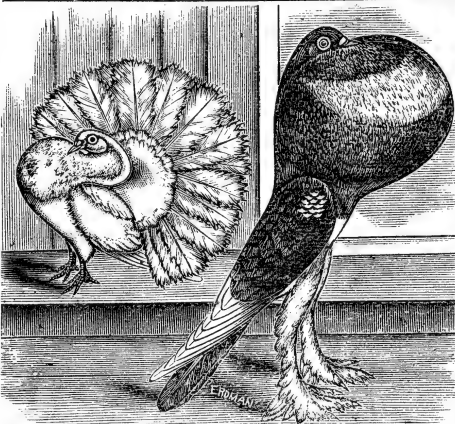
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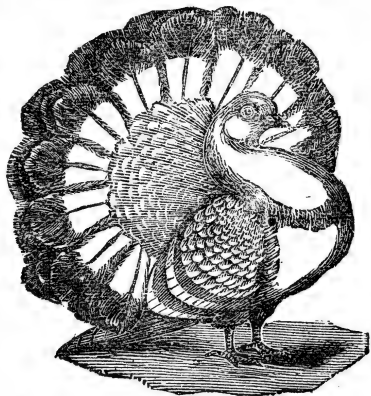
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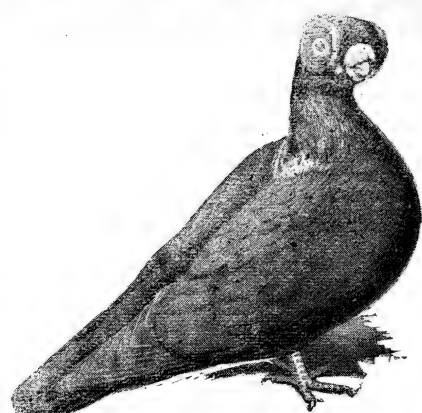
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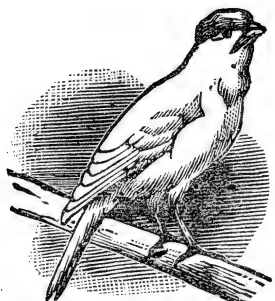
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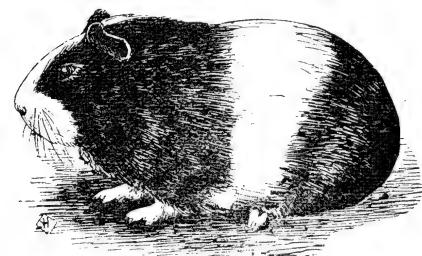
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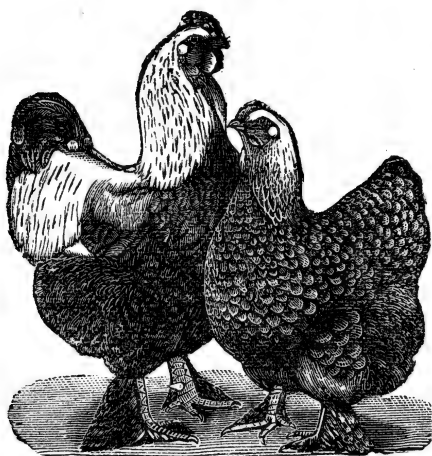
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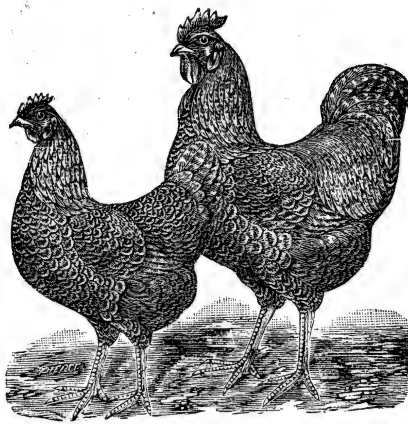
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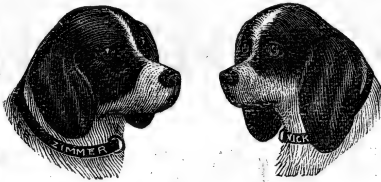
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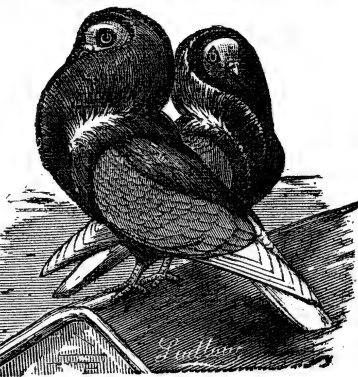


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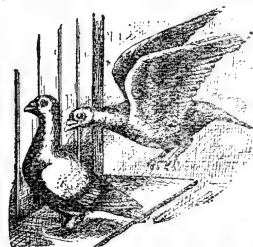
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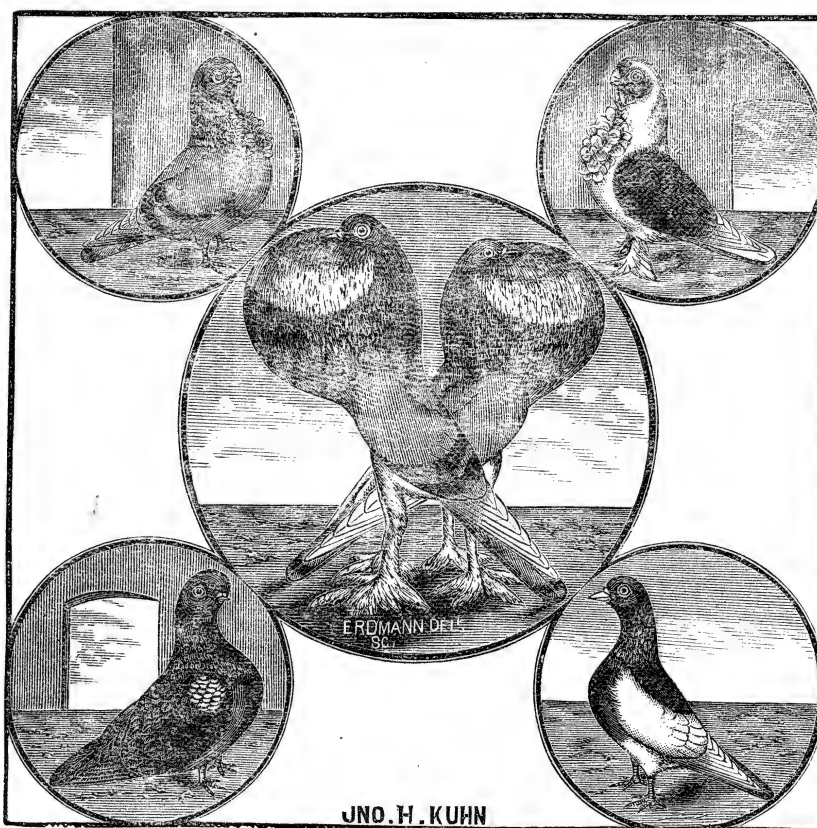
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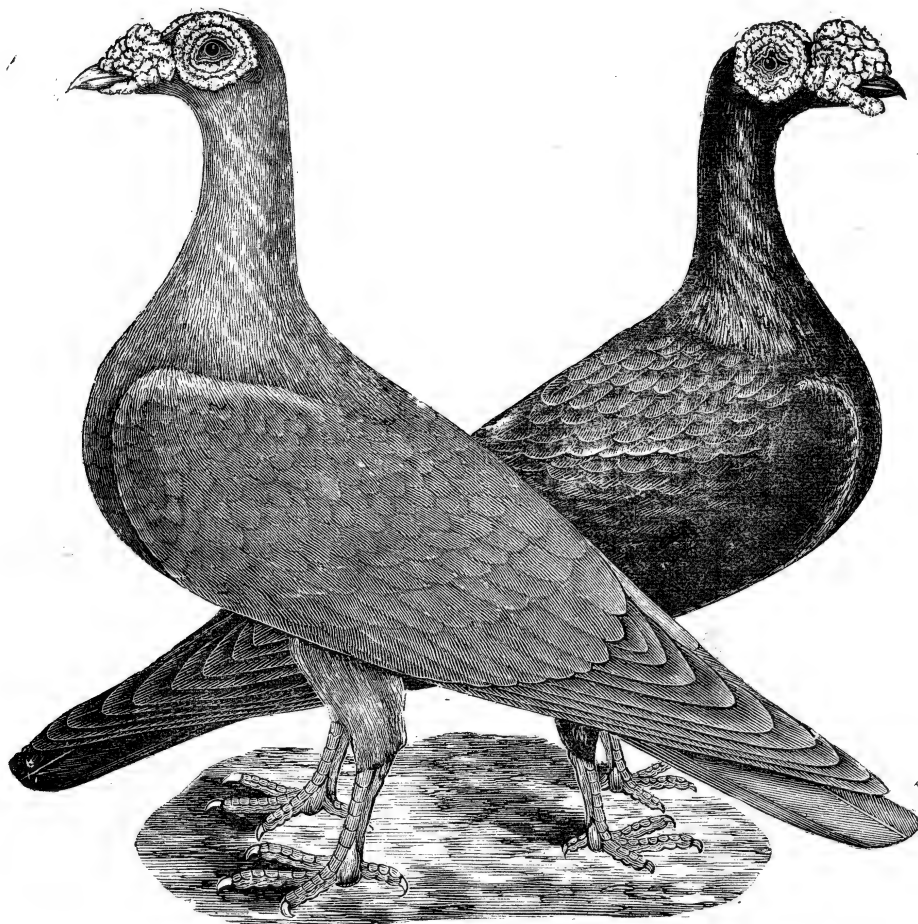
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Dec. 12-15.—Missouri State Poultry Association, Sedalia, Mo. M. L. Andrews, secretary.
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Dec. 19-22.—Teko Poultry Association, Mohawk Opera House, Canajoharie, N. Y. J. A. Miller, secretary.
Dec. 12-15.—Rhode Island Poultry Association, Music Hall, Providence, R. I. H. S. Babcock, president; Samuel Cushman, secretary pro tem.
Dec. 19-21.—Nemaha Valley Poultry Association, Auburn, Neb. H. J. F. Wert, secretary.
Jan. 23-26.—Pittston Poultry and Pet Stock Association, Amory Hall, Pittston, Pa. J. J. Bryden, secretary.
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POULTRY.

From the Editor's Perch.

Our October 28th issue was delayed
four days owing to the lateness of the
reports received from the Chicago Poul-
try and Pigeon Show. As we had prom-
ised a complete report of the Columbian
Exhibition in that issue we preferred to
delay its publication rather than disappoint
our readers. To judge by the avalanche of
letters from subscribers, THE AMERI-
CAN FANCIER was missed, and the follow-
ing from Dr. A. Lee Pennel of Leesburg,
Va., is a sample of many letters received:
"There is not a single piece of mail mat-
ter that I look forward to receiving with
more eagerness than THE AMERICAN FAN-
CIER. I have not received my copy for
October 28. Will you please send it
without delay, and I beg of you to let me
have it regularly as soon as it can be
gotten to this point."

Excepting the October 28 and Novem-
ber 3 issues of THE AMERICAN FANCIER,
all others have been and will be mailed
on Friday of each week.

O. D. Reese, Old Zionsville, Pa., one
of the shrewdest and oldest advertisers in
the country, writes under date of Novem-
ber 2: "Your paper brings results. A
classified advertisement in THE AMERICAN
FANCIER's columns sold all my surplus
stock of R. C. Black and Golden Se-
bright Bantams in three weeks and am
still receiving letters daily mentioning
THE AMERICAN FANCIER."

This simply goes to show that even
small advertisements bring quick returns
when placed in a live weekly journal,
one that circulates among fanciers. To
be brief THE AMERICAN FANCIER is read
by breeders and buyers of thoroughbred
stock. That's why advertising in its
columns pays.

Every year some startling chicken
story is born in far off Montana. The
latest fable from that state we found in
the New York Sun of November 3. It
reads as follows:

"BUTTE CITY, Mont., Nov. 2.—J. A.
McConville, who lives near here, killed
one of his chickens, and on cleaning it
found some small gold nuggets in the
crop and gizzard. Having about thirty
more chickens on hand he began killing
and examining them. In each of them
he found nuggets, the total amount
gathered from the thirty-one being
\$387.55, an average of \$12.50 a head.
The gold was sent to the State National
Bank and pronounced 18 karat fine. Mr.
McConville bought fifty more chickens
and turned them out in the gold field in
the vicinity of his hencoop. Later, as an
experiment, one of them was killed and
\$2.80 in gold was taken from it. McCon-
ville expects to be a millionaire if the
chickens hold out."

Here is a golden variety of fowls that
is bound to be immensely popular.

G. Murman of Brooklyn, N. Y., in-

forms us that he is to superintend a
Bantam Show in New York. He is try-
ing to make dates with the parties who
are to run the World's Fair Show in New
York city during December.

Practical poultry writers, i. e., men or
women who believe in market poultry
culture are often at loss for a subject to
write upon. After they have repeated
the rules for feeding, hatching and rais-
ing chickens, exhausted the lice question
and dissected the roup problem, they
branch out and tackle matters that come
within the realm of the fancy. We then
learn many startling truths heretofore
unknown. For instance we are told that
the Dorking fowl is not extensively bred
in this country, because it is not adapted
to our climate. This will make Henry
Hales of New Jersey, the Messrs. War-
ner of New York, and our Canadian
breeders of Dorkings smile. All this
talk of breeds not being adapted to our
climate is the veriest bosh. Where is
there a country on the globe that has
more climates than the United States
and Canada? Surely, we have some spots
in this glorious country of ours where
even a Dorking will thrive. Let us see.

Henry Hales has raised Dorkings for
over twenty years, and they seem to do
as well with him as other breeds. The
Messrs. Warner, living in a very cold
section of New York State, always show
fine healthy Dorkings, and everybody
that has traveled around the shows know
what the Canadian Dorkings are like.
We simply cite the above instances as
the diversity of climate is what we want
to call attention to, and if a Dorking
thrives in those three sections, it will
thrive in others. So much for the
climate.

The real reason for the Dorking's lack
of popularity is its indifferent laying
qualities, and the prejudice against white
legged and skinned fowls existing in this
country. It is a foolish prejudice no
doubt, but it takes time to educate a new
race of people that is just beginning to
learn the beauties of living by catering to
the palate. In our mad haste to ac-
cumulate wealth, the stomach is too
often neglected, and too much is taken
for granted, when it comes to buying the
necessaries of life. Because our fathers
and mothers and their fathers and
mothers thought a yellow skinned fowl
the acme of perfection, is no reason why
we should blindly accept this as a fact.
Those who have eaten Dorking, La-
Fleche, Langshan or Houdan meat know
its superb quality, and each of these
breeds has many champions across the
Atlantic.

It was no surprise to us, to learn that
the Langshan had "caught on" in France.
In that country where practical poultry
culture is an art, where the stomach and
the palate are considered worth tickling
with daintily cooked foods, the feeding,
breeding and selection of fowls for the
table is a revelation to the uninitiated,
and no doubt our practical poultry
writers would be benefited by a visit to
the land of Napoleon. That the French
poulterers have taken kindly to the Lang-
shan, should make the friends of that
prime fowl feel satisfied as to its superb
meat, notwithstanding the white skin
and black legs of the carcass.

A gentleman of wealth and with
enough leisure to give a thought to the

subject of foods, is very much interested
in raising fine poultry both for pleasure
and for the use on the table of his ex-
tensive household. He has experimented
with a number of breeds, and comes to
the conclusion that the Langshan and
the La Fleche suit his palate best. He
will make the experiment of crossing
both these breeds simply for table pur-
poses, as the sale of thoroughbred fowls
is such a profitable item, and there are so
few culls from the above breeds, that he
can select the largest fowls of the
Langshans regardless of their color or
other fancy requirements and cross them
with a La Fleche male. From this cross
he hopes to get the juiciest and best
flavored and most generously endowed
meat that ever covered the bony struc-
ture of a chicken, at a very small cost.

While on the subject of crossing fowls
we note the following paragraph in
English Stock-Keeper:

"Those of our readers who approve of
the Indian Game, pure or crossed with
the Dorking, for table purposes will, we
have no doubt, be interested to hear that
the pair of cockerels, bred from a cock of
the former variety with a hen of the
latter, which won first prize for Mr. C.
E. Brooke at the late Dairy Show, scaled
the immense weight of 17 1-2 pounds,
while the same gentleman's first-prize
pair of pure Indian pullets weighed
13lb. 12 1-4oz., which, indeed, must be
considered satisfactory. We are, we
confess, particularly pleased that Mr.
Brooke should have received these
honors, for inasmuch as he is the Prime
Warden of the Poulterers' Company, the
allegiance to the Indian Game from such
a high authority can only corroborate in
every particular all that we have from
time to time written on the subject, and
will, we trust, further stimulate others
interested in table poultry to take the
variety in hand."

This should convince even the most
skeptical and hidebound that the Indian
Game fowl is of some practical value.

We notice several comments by the
editor of Farm-Poultry re the Indian
Games sold by C. A. Sharp & Co. to the
Rhode Island Experiment Station. He
seems to approve of Mr. Cushman's
course in publishing the fact that the
Messrs. Sharp had sold cockerels that
were afflicted with the roup. In answer
to a correspondent, Editor Hunter says:

"We think the manager would have
done right to refuse them in their
diseased condition, and think you are
right, that they must have been sick
birds when shipped; and no breeder has
a right to impose sick fowls on a
customer. If he had paid for them,
however, it might not have been easy
for him to recover the money, unless the
breeder was willing to return it. You've
got to go into the United States courts to
sue a citizen of another State, and that
costs money; and it might be cheaper to
pocket the loss and be content with
giving the matter publicity, as Mr.
Cushman has done in his annual report."

This, in addition to Mr. Cushman's
grave charges in the Rhode Island
Experiment Station report, makes the
whole matter of public interest. But the
spirit of fair play should be ever upper-
most in all such cases, and the following
extracts from a letter from O. K. Sharp,
of the firm noted above, should be care-
fully read:

"We sold these cockerels to this so-
called expert at a very low price, if I
remember correctly \$5 each, when we
were importing birds at twice that price
and more. He asked for low figures,
saying the report would be published
and the advertising to us would be
extensive, which has indeed proved very
true. Six cockerels in better condition
were never sent out. What happened to
them after shipping we do not know, of

course. Suffice it to say, we knew what we shipped, and never yet allowed any man to get money or goods out of us by blackmail, and we have never refused to rectify any wrong or to help an unfortunate customer if he wrote us in a decent and fair manner. . . . If any firm has ever done an honorable business in thoroughbred fowls we have."

During our long connection with the poultry press we have never heard a word of complaint against the firm of C. A. Sharp & Co., and regret that Mr. Cushman should have been called upon to publish such charges as have been referred to in the above paragraphs. That Messrs. Sharp would send out birds afflicted with *roup* we cannot believe, for to do so would be suicidal. That birds in transit are liable to catch cold is too well known to need much attention here, but it seems absolutely necessary to distinguish common colds from genuine *roup*. We are willing to wager that nine-tenths of the so-called *roup* is nothing but distemper or catarrh. To illustrate: We bought two birds at a show last winter, and when they arrived at our yards two days after the show one of the pullets was running at the nostrils, rattling in her throat was very perceptible, while her head and comb were very hot. That was a great (?) case of *roup* (?), yet it yielded to treatment in 48 hours. It was a severe case of cold, and while it was easy to condemn the seller of the fowls, it was very unjust. We draw this illustration to give the dealer and seller of fowls a chance for his life, for many purchasers are always too ready to condemn everything they buy. We honestly think Mr. Cushman might have settled the trouble in another way, and if what Mr. Sharp says is correct, Mr. Cushman's statement that it would prove a good advertisement for Messrs. Sharp if they sold Indian Games to the Experiment Station, should be severely condemned.

By reading the above, our readers get both sides of the question with our own comments, and Mr. Cushman is welcome to any further remarks he may wish to make by using the columns of THE AMERICAN FANCIER. We do not wish to do him any injustice, and in presenting Messrs. Sharp's side of the story, with our own comments, we simply perform what every editor and publisher should do under the circumstances.

Additional Awards.

AT WORLD'S FAIR, CHICAGO, ILL.

HOUDANS.—Cock, 1 B. W. Parks, Bourbon, Indiana; 2 Daniel Pinckney, So. Onondaga, N. Y. Hen, 1 and 2 Concord Poultry Club, Concord, Mich.; 3 Parks; 4 M. T. Burn, Tilsonburg, Ont.; 5 Canada; 6 A. Bogue, London, Ont.; 7 Canada. Cockerel, 1 Pinckney; 2 Yorgey & Rich; 3 Bogue; 4 Burn; 5 Concord Poultry Club; 6 Parks. Pullet, 1 Burn; 2 Stockwell; 3 Bogue; 4 Parks; 5 Yorgey & Rich. Pen, 1 Concord Poultry Club.

CREVE-COEURS.—All to Richard Oke, London, Canada.

LA FLECHE.—Hen 1, cockerel 1 Wm. McNeil, London, Canada; cockerel, 2 Oke; 3 Smith.

DORKINGS.—White—Cock 1 and 2, hen 2 and 3, pullet 1 and 2, Bogue; hen 1, pen 1 McNeil. Silver Grey—Cock 1 and 2, cockerel 2, pullet 2 Bogue; hen 1, cockerel 1, pullet 1, pen 1 Henry Hales, Ridgewood, New Jersey. Colored—Cock, 1 Davis; 2 Hales. Hen, 1 Bogue; 2 Davis; 3 Hales. Cockerel, 1 Bogue; 2 Davis. Pullet, 1 Bogue; 2 Davis.

AT HAGERSTOWN, MD.

GERMAN NAKED NECK FOWLS.—Cock 1, hen 1, cockerel 1, pullet 1, pen 1 to Jesse Reifsnider, Frederick, Md.

IT'S A HUMMER.

Your paper is certainly a hummer, and will take the lead in all sections. Every issue is an improvement on the previous one, and I predict that it will shortly have the largest circulation of any poultry journal in the United States. Keep up the good work.

DR. S. T. LEA.

Cokesbury, S. C.

Poultry at the Fair of Suffolk County, N. Y.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

Although held at the eastern end of Long Island, this fair is well represented in its poultry department. The society is a prosperous one, and has provided the best of accommodations for the fowls, in the shape of a well finished substantial building, with plenty of light from the roof, and large sliding doors at either end, which in inclement weather can be closed, thus protecting the birds from cold winds and draft. This year there must have been upwards of 1500 specimens on exhibition, and of a quality that would hold its own with the best, and representing all the newer varieties, as well as many old favorites, showing that the fanciers of this section, are up with the times, and in no way old "foggyish." This society believes in encouraging home industry, and therefore admits only breeders of this county for competition, which is another mark to the credit of the breeders, demonstrating as it does that there is quality enough at home, without having to call in outsiders to help make a show. Among the exhibitors we noticed the names of W. B. Sherry, Stony Brook; G. C. Morris, E. L. Miles and W. Tooker of Sag Harbor; O. W. Hubbard, Riverhead; Herbert W. Smith, Islip; Wallace Nesbitt, Riverhead; G. E. Aldrich, Mattituck; T. L. Roe, Patchogue; Tappin Bros., Islip; E. W. & W. Ferguson, Fisher's Island; E. E. Homans, Yaphank; J. Sheridan Wells, Greenpoint; Horton and Raynor, Riverhead; and others not known to me at this writing.

Of the fowls shown, I noticed a pen of White Wyandottes bred by G. C. Morris as fine specimens as we ever saw. So also were the Silver Laced Wyandottes and White Plymouth Rocks of same party, four pens of Buff Cochins shown by Wm. Tooker, were fine in color and right up in style, showing very heavily feathered feet and hock feathers. The Langshans, Dark Brahmas, Black Spanish, Black Cochins, Black Javas, Orpingtons, White Dorkings, Indian Game and Silver Laced Sebright Bantams of W. B. Sherry were in very good order for the season and of the best. The Brown Leghorns of H. W. Smith, were equal to any I ever saw, as were the Black Leghorns of E. E. Homans. A very fine pen of Golden Pencilled Hamburgs, belonging to O. W. Hubbard, attracted my attention, for the reason that this variety is not often seen so fine at a fall show. E. L. Miles carried off the honors in the Plymouth Rock line as he always does, having some beautifully colored evenly pencilled birds, both old and young. Light Brahmas were not plenty, but of good quality. Indian Games were represented by quite an assortment of excellent quality. White Plymouth Rocks were a large class and all fine, showing them to be favorites among the breeders. White Leghorns were also as usual well represented. There were some very fine Game Bantams, Golden and Silver Sebright as well as Pekin Bantams. This fair has generally had a fine display of geese and ducks, and one sees here sometimes varieties seldom seen at county fairs, but this year the display was small and in no way up to that of last year. I noted here a few specimens of the Wild Black or Dusky duck, they were hatched from eggs found along the river's bank, and there was no question as to their purity. They could not be recommended as a

practical variety to breed, but answer more as curiosities. Ferguson Bros. from Fisher's Island, showed some very handsome specimens of Bronze turkeys, the iridescence in the bronzing being beautiful. They were also heavy weights as well. I understand that these brothers have about 600 turkeys running at large on the island, and make a specialty of turkey breeding. Pigeons were few and poor in quality. A few pens of rabbits and Guinea pigs were shown, also squirrels and some fine specimens of goldfish and native birds. That poultry was counted one of the attractions of the fair, was evidenced in the crowded condition of the poultry building during the greater part of the day, and that the exhibition is having good effect, I can see in the improved quality of the poultry in the eastern end of the Island over what it was 6 or 7 years ago. The management of the poultry department was in good hands this year, and the arrangement for display far superior to that of former years. I am indebted to Supt. Reeves and Secretary Willard and his daughter, for courtesies shown, which enabled me to give this report of a fair display that I hope will not be allowed to deteriorate in the years to come. JOHN HOPEWELL.

Defects in the Light Brahma.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

I am, and for years have been, so well pleased with this magnificent breed that it is somewhat difficult for me to confess that it has any faults at all! But the fancier would be no fancier at all if delight in his pets blinded him to defects of form or color in them, though I am bound to say that a Light Brahma of a well-bred "strain," if that much-abused word may be allowed here, has as few deviations from a Standard rating of form and color as any other breed, and if I were sure that the assertion would not be laid to partiality for the breed, I should be tempted to affirm that the Light Brahma has, on the average, fewer lapses of form and plumage from the Standard than any other breed. But let that pass. It is immaterial. It is material, however, to recognize the most characteristic defects of the breed and to take measures, so far as possible, to correct them. From my experience with the Light Brahma, its most important defects to my mind are lack of fullness in breast, particularly in the males, though the females, while being rounder in profile, are too often wedge-shaped in breast—the sides falling away much too sharply from the median line of the breast—and a great lack of compactness during growth, the latter factor in their growth operating heavily against the Brahmas with those who raise poultry with practical ends in view. How much of a factor this is can be realized when one reflects that a very great element in the popularity of the Plymouth Rock and the Wyandotte rests upon the fact that their chicks are remarkably plump from the shell up to maturity.

Breeders of Brahmas have made little or no attempt to secure plumpness in their birds during growth, because they have sought to secure the largest frame possible, being apparently of the idea that unless a large frame is secured at the expense of an evenness of growth it will not be secured at all. That this idea is not altogether well founded appears when one reflects that Plymouth Rock cockerels often reach a weight of twelve pounds, which is the weight

called for by the Standard for mature Light Brahma males. I should not, perhaps, have said that Plymouth Rock cockerels *often* reach such a weight, but it is a fact that such cockerels are to be seen, and that they have been comparatively plump from start to finish. I am not prepared to assert that Light Brahmas do not reach a larger size in many cases by this unevenness of growth, but I think it perfectly safe to affirm that Brahmas could be made to reach Standard weights were they bred to secure a more even growth—something that would certainly commend the breed more strongly to general favor, strong as is that favor as matters now are. From the fanciers' standpoint alone a more even growth is desirable, for with such growth would come a better filling of the breast and therefore higher scores, for there be precious few Light Brahma males that are not cut twice for lack of a rounder, plumper breast—once in symmetry and once in the section devoted to breast.

Another common defect is twisted comb, particularly a curvature of the middle section, and this defect arises in part, I am convinced, because of a coarseness that some breeders permit in the whole comb. Coarseness of comb in any breed tends to imperfections in it, and in the case of Brahmas should be shunned on other grounds as well, for a big comb is far from attractive in the case of this breed. Good hackles in Light Brahma females are not hard to find, but the males often fail in this respect, and fail, too, in great numbers of cases I think because of a *fe*—in a great measure groundless—of having too much strength of color in the male breeding birds. A good exhibition bird is considered by many as too dark to breed from, whereas a distinctly and abundantly marked bird is just the one they need to secure well-colored chicks. In fact, the best mating for Light Brahmas is a Standard male and a Standard female, and the sooner the breeder gets rid of a fear of strong color in hackle, wings, and tail, and a dusky undercolor, the sooner will his chicks begin to improve in markings. You must *mate* exhibition birds if you wish to *raise* exhibition birds. It is probably true that nearly every breeder is especially grieved over a defect in some particular section. A bird may score high, but if it fails in the point where he likes especially to see good color, the bird will lose much of its charm for him. That defect will always be seen first, and will continually make itself disagreeably prominent. I confess that poor tail coverts are an eyesore to me, for a bird needs just this beautiful graduation of a clear black centre, distinctly laced with white, in the transition from the snowy whiteness of the back to the coal black of the tail, and the failure to secure fine tail coverts is also due in part to this fear of strong color in the breeding birds.

Bare middle toes will continue to be prevalent so long as we breed for moderately close and light feathering, and as we shall continue to breed along this line as long as we endeavor to keep the practical qualities of the breed well to the fore, bare middle toes will probably continue to be seen. I like to see the middle toe well covered, but there are other more important points.

Taking the breed as it exists in America to-day, with such defects existing as have been pointed out, I am

under the impression that well-bred Light Brahmas will, in truth, produce as large, if not indeed a larger, percentage of first-class chicks than any other breed. If not larger, what is the name of the breed that surpasses them in this respect?

WEBB DONNELL.

Evolution of the Game Fowl.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

When I wrote what I regarded as my little pleasantry on the evolution of the Game fowl, it did not occur to me that I was going to, as it were, "beard the lion in his den." Neither did it occur to me that Mr. Blunck was likely to feel the prod of my satire among the first, and that he was so ardent an admirer of the Game fowl as I now remember him to be. Perhaps if it had, I might not have sent the article to THE AMERICAN FANCIER, but now as I know by his growl, that I have roused him from his lair, I have either got to defend myself, soothe his wrath, or beat a hasty retreat, and as I have never been in the habit of running when in a tight place, I guess I shall have to fight it out. He likes my *nom de plume* of Mossback, and in that one point agrees with me. But when he says a mossback decries all progress and improvement, he is at fault. No right spirited mossback is an old fogy; the mossback tribe of which I am a member, is always willing to acknowledge improvement on any of its old favorites, but when it witnesses retrogression, instead of progression, it sighs for the things of former days. Mr. Blunck's talk of advancement, makes me think of the Irish sergeant, who was drilling a lot of new men even greener than himself. He wanted to align them on a certain point, and they in their enthusiasm had passed beyond the line before obeying the command to halt. So to get them in their proper position he gives the command "Advance backwards three paces", and that's just how I regard the position of the Exhibition Game fowl of to-day. Certainly their color is fine and they have a gamey appearance, but I do not like so much daylight under them, so much neck, and so little tail. Do not think I want so much tail as was admired by the mossbacks that preceded me, but what I do like is such birds as George Waterman, E. J. Bailey, E. R. Spaulding and others used to show five or six years ago. They were an advance on the old shake bag game certainly, but not such an extreme as we see to-day. He says "what appears ungainly to the mossback are the points of beauty to the Game fancier of to-day," but there are such things as perverted tastes, and men can become so extreme in their views and ideas as to accept anything that is fashionable. The "dude" who is considered an exponent of the extreme in fashionable ideas, wears his *pants* rolled up at the bottom and carries his cane as a "Donnybrook" man does his shillalah, but although the fashion, does it show good taste? So with the Show Game of to-day, it may be fashionable, but it is not beautiful. It may be amusing but it is not pleasing (to mossbacks). They may be attractive in the show pen, but only as oddities, not as things of beauty. Mr. Blunck also says, "the Exhibition Game is the sportsman's fowl, for he is a high stepper, the Hackney as it were of the poultry world." How he makes this out I cannot see, as no true sportsman would countenance an Exhibition Game for

practical work, and your true sportsman is practical if he is anything. He would class them as "duffers," for he knows that the first cut with the steel where the French girl wears her beads would make them "squeak" and run. Liking them to Hackneys except in matter of *tail*, rather favors my side of the question, for the Hackney is "cobbish" with round solid body, and comparatively short legs and a medium length of neck. Had he compared them to the racing thoroughbred, he would have come nearer the facts, as they have long legs, long neck and a Gamey look, and *can run too*. With these ideas, I think I have fortified and defended my position as a mossback admirer of Games, and can say with Scott's hero, "Come one, come all, this rock shall fly from its firm base as soon as I." But I hope there won't any more come, because I don't want to fight any more. MOSSBACK.

Brown Leghorn Standard.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

Inasmuch as the editor of the Standard has a right to make such changes as in his judgment was the intent of the committee, I am going to offer a scale of points for Brown Leghorns and I would like to hear from the Leghorn breeders at once through the columns of this paper. There was so much to do at Chicago, especially for the judges, that just such scale as I propose may have been acted on, if so, Mr. Editor please put me right on that subject. If not, I hope you will give this article an airing as soon as space will permit. There are three sections in a Brown Leghorn that are of great importance so far as color is concerned, and they are sections that are almost invariably cut from one-half to two points. Those sections are neck, back and wings. The wing sections with the new Standard will be of vast importance and a scale of points should be provided, giving points enough to those sections to enable judges to cut according to the defects.

The old Standard gives seven points to neck and back and eight points to wings. I wish to give ten points to neck, back and wings, six for color in each section and four for shape. In order to do this a scale of points will have to be provided for this one variety independent of the other Mediterranean varieties. My idea is this, take it for what it is worth and if you think favorable act on it at once:

Symmetry.....	8
Condition.....	6
Head shape 3, color 3.....	6
Comb.....	10
Wattles 4, earlobes 6.....	10
Neck shape 4, color 6.....	10
Back shape 4, color 6.....	10
Breast shape 6, color 4.....	10
Body and fluff shape 3, color 3.....	6
Wings shape 4, color 6.....	10
Tail shape 4, color 4.....	8
Legs and Toes.....	6

I am satisfied the above scale will be satisfactory with the Leghorn breeders, and I know the judges can give a more intelligent score by it than the old scale.

The preamble offered by Mr. Forsyth making a maximum and minimum cut for different sections on this breed is good and should have a place with the new scale of points.

THEODORE HEWES.
Trenton, Mo.

WANTS IT TO BLOOM FOR EVER.

The days for a monthly paper have passed. We want fresh pigeon news, and lots of it, too, and it is here where your paper fills the bill. May it bloom for ever!

D. PURNELL.

Oak Park, Ill.

Production of Turkeys.

BY SAMUEL CUSHMAN.

[From Bulletin No. 25 of the Rhode Island Experiment Station.]

If an old empty hay barn, having quarter inch cracks between the boards on all sides, and roosts placed in the center, had been used, we think the results might have been satisfactory. Probably this house was so small that on mild, still nights the turkeys were too warm, while in windy weather the drafts from one direction were more objectionable than exposure on all sides would have been. It will be used in the future for catching and temporarily confining turkeys and for setting turkeys.

SECOND SEASON.

Fearing to depend upon the wild gobbler for our stock, and being determined to secure wild blood for distribution about the State, four wild cross gobblers were bought, and arrangements made with several farmers, who usually raise large flocks, to use them as breeders. These birds were procured from three parties who are located in different sections of the country. Early in the winter four large bronze hens were procured from the west, for crossing with the wild gobbler, but three of them were lost before spring.

A domestic gobbler was kept on the place with the wild gobbler, to stimulate rivalry, as well as to depend upon in case the latter should again fail to mate. As the breeding season approached the former was shut up in the turkey house. The wild bird had gradually improved in appearance and at last began to strut and gobble, and mated nearly a month later than the usual time for domestic gobblers. The eggs were not so fertile as those of the previous season, but the young turkeys were very large, strong, and active.

A turkey hen and a common hen were set at the same time, the former receiving fifteen eggs and the latter ten eggs. From the first lot of twenty-five, set April 24th, three eggs were tested out the first week, and eighteen turkeys were taken off May 22d. Of twenty-five eggs set April 29th, two were infertile, and twenty-two young turkeys were taken off May 27th. A hen turkey that had stolen her nest was moved to the turkey shed, and on June 25th brought out five young turkeys. The hens and young turkeys were confined for a time as before and were at first fed lightly five times daily with either egg custard and bread crumbs or sour milk cheese. When about ten days old, corn bread soaked in milk was substituted and given three times daily. They were not so generously fed as were those raised the previous season, and were given their liberty much sooner. One or two died the first ten days. One lot strayed away and did not return to be fed for twenty days, and in that time had lost but two. When found, they were looking much better than the others. Of the late hatched birds, two of the five were soon lost and the remainder have not done as well. On July 20th, it was noticed that the earliest brood drooped and looked out of condition, and the attendant changed the feed to oats in place of cracked corn. By August 9th, five had died, and by August 15th, another had been lost. Their having had access to a field of green oats at that time may have had something to do with the trouble. At that date the feed was changed to cracked corn, scalded well, swelled, and

sprinkled with black pepper, and none have since been lost. Of the forty early turkeys, twenty-five have survived and they look well. They are about half grown and weigh from five to six pounds each. They have seemed very strong and active, and when caught have felt unusually heavy and firm in flesh and plumage. They are also more tame and fearless when treated gently, than the domestic turkey, but if frightened or caught they are as much more determined to escape. They show the wild plumage in a slight degree at this age as well as larger necks and slimmer heads. More than half of them are from the large bronze hen.

Although we had no better success raising turkeys the first season than others in this neighborhood, having lost about 50 per cent of the young and a number of the old, we have as yet seen no symptoms other than would occur from over-feeding, digestive derangements, or lack of inherited vigor. Bowel troubles seem to be more prevalent among turkeys than any other disease, and a bird that gets sick is very apt to die.

Our attention was called to a case last season where seventy-eight turkeys died in one day in September, from a flock of 150 that were large enough for the market. There are doubtless diseases affecting turkeys as well as hens, that are caused, or at least aggravated and spread, by bacteria. Some farms where a disease has played havoc may be so thickly sown with the germs that turkeys raised there are almost sure to be affected. Avoiding contaminated ground and preventing contamination is in such a case of more importance than a cure. In August, fowls that have been over-fed and that are confined in hot yards are subject to bowel trouble. When once started it is apt to be quickly fatal. There is diarrhoea, weakness, no appetite, and the face and comb change from a bright scarlet to a dark purple. As soon as this dark purple is shown, the bird soon dies unless vigorous remedies are promptly given. We have saved fowls, apparently in the last stages, by administering two or three drops of liquid camphor on bread crumbs every half hour. It is always best to watch stock so closely that the commencement of such trouble is noticed, when, in most cases, it may be easily corrected by giving in the food, ginger or black pepper and powdered chalk or charcoal.

The bodies of the young turkeys that have died were examined, and in almost every instance the livers were found to be diseased. As to whether this is caused by contagious germs, or simply by over-feeding and other unfavorable circumstances, we hope to be able to give something definite in the near future.

[To be continued.]

Public Opinion.

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Fort Edward, N. Y.

J. R. LANE.

THE BEST OF ITS KIND.

I wish to congratulate you upon THE AMERICAN FANCIER. It improves with each issue, and is the best of its kind in the United States.

F. W. GAYLOR,
Manager Woodlawn Park Poultry Yards,
Saratoga Springs, N. Y., Oct. 13, 1893.

THE VACANCY FILLED.

The AMERICAN FANCIER is just what was wanted. You have found a vacancy, and have happily taken advantage of it.

M. L. SCANLAN.

Oella, Md.

Poultry Culture in France.

Treatment of the Chick When it is Hatched.

BY DECRUE.

[Written for THE AMERICAN FANCIER.]

PART III.

Upon the care given the chick while it is hatching and during the first day of its life depends a good part of the poultry-

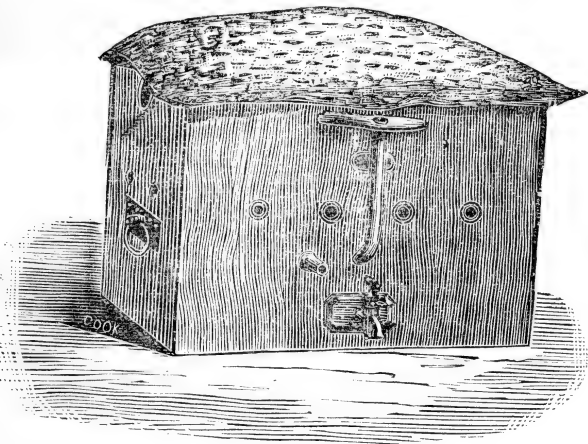


Fig. 3.

man's success. If the chick, when it is two days old, is bright and vigorous it develops visibly, whereas if it is weak and dull when hatched it wastes away from day to day, unless it receives intelligent treatment immediately. Its body becomes round and seems to diminish in size, its wings droop and it dies at the end of one or two weeks. This accident is generally due to an inflammation contracted at the time of its birth. To avoid it, care should be taken that the thermometer does not rise above 104 degs. during the last days of incubation.

Fig. 3 represents a "drying machine", such as is used in the large establishment at Mantes and which corresponds to the "nursery brooder" used in this country. It is composed of a rectangular box, furnished with a hot water tank, and is to be kept somewhat cooler than the incubator. The holes in the front of the machine freely admit the outside air to which the chicks must become accustomed. The "drier" is covered with a light eider-down coverlet, under which the chick rests as comfortably as under a hen.

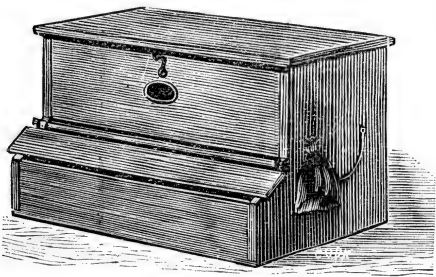


Fig. 5.

In warm weather the chicks should not be left in the "drier" more than one day. If it is possible they should be taken out ten times during the day and placed on the ground on sand, so that they can breathe pure air and take exercise, but they should not be urged to eat. Each airing should not last longer than 5 or 10 minutes, as the chicks still require a great deal of heat. For young partridges and pheasants or chickens of tender breeds a nursery brooder, as represented in Fig. 4, is used. This is furnished with a little run covered with wire netting. Delicate birds can be left two weeks in such a brooder.

In the large establishment at Nantes they cannot raise the hundredth part of the chicks they hatch, and when the latter

are only a few days old some are carried off by the farmers of the neighborhood, and others, principally the thoroughbreds, are placed in shipping boxes (Fig. 5), and sent off on the railroads to all parts of France and even foreign countries.

This box is covered on the top by a light eider-down coverlet, held over the chicks by a soft cloth. In the front is placed a trough covered by a small movable board, which is easily raised when the chicks are to be fed. After they have been put in the box on a bed of very dry, cut hay, the trough is filled with a paste made of barley meal. This is sufficient for the first day of the journey. Then there is nailed on the side of the box a little bag of millet, bearing the inscription: "Please feed the little chickens." If the journey is to last 2 or 3 days a second bag is added containing soaked bread to quench their thirst. The railroad employees take pleasure in feeding the little birds and many of them

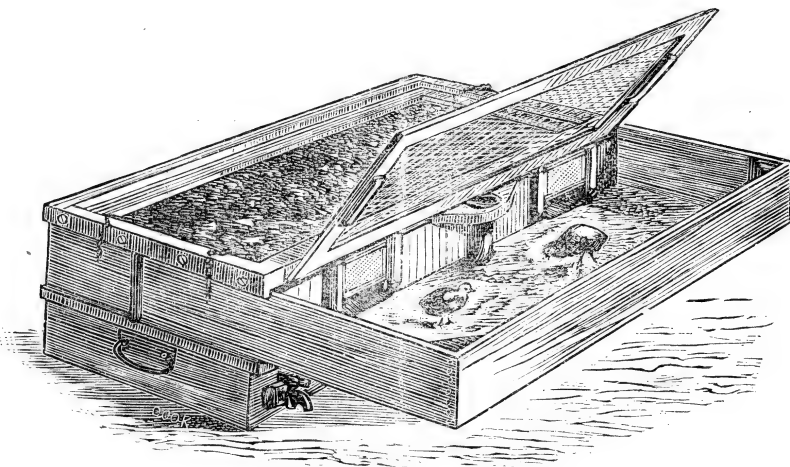


Fig. 4.

have been shipped in this way from Mantes to Munich, and as far as Vienna, and they have always arrived in good condition.

THE BROODER.

Many persons who are willing to acknowledge the value of the incubator still hold aloof when it comes to the brooder. This objection may have been justifiable in former years, but now the brooders have been so much improved, that they are fully as good as the natural mother, and are preferred by many to the latter.

The illustration (Fig. 6) represents a brooder without its surroundings of movable wire fences. It is composed of three parts. The first is a movable board, covered with a thin layer of cut straw or fine sand, which is easily cleaned. The second is a wooden enclosure which keeps the chicks on the board. It is provided with three doors, of which one is of wire netting to admit the air. The third is a zinc tank encased in a wooden box. The top and sides are covered with a thick layer of sawdust to prevent the loss of heat, and the bottom is covered with soft velvet. Passing through the little doors the chicks take shelter under the velvet, which is always warm, and which smooths their down as well as the maternal wing.

We cannot begin to enumerate the good qualities of the artificial mother, but every one will see the advantage of being able to care for 100 chicks at the same time, without bothering with ten hens,

each one of which has her particular character and faults, or to be able to distribute, indiscriminately, the same food, without caring for each separate brood, whose needs differ according to their age. To raise 300 chicks with hens the poultryman is the slave of his brooding hens the whole season; with artificial means of hatching and rearing it will suffice for him to have three hatches, and to devote three weeks of care to each lot of chicks after they are hatched. There will be no old hens to eat up the food so carefully prepared for the chickens, no hen to trample on the little chicks, when you approach her with the best of intentions, and the weaker ones of the flock find warmth and shelter, while the others go out on their little foraging expeditions.

It is not necessary to keep up a perfectly regular temperature in the brooder, and boiling water must only be added to the supply in the tank once in 24 hours. If one or two of the little doors of the brooder are left open the chicks will run in or out when in need of warmth, or if it is too hot. We would never advise adding any boiling water at night. The tank is usually warm yet at that time, and

During the first four days of its life the chick requires the most attention. It should not be fed until 24 or 30 hours after it is hatched. It must first digest the yolk of the egg, almost the whole of which is in its abdomen at the time it is hatched. If it takes any food before this is accomplished, it remains in the organs, which are not yet properly hardened, and causes an inflammation, which is very often fatal. A chicken often dies

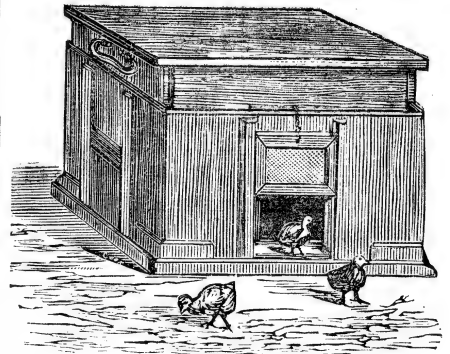


Fig. 6.

when it is one or two weeks old from the effects of this first indigestion.

The first meal should consist of a few crumbs of dry bread, to which a hard boiled egg, chopped fine, may be added after a while. The next day the chicks may have boiled milk, or rice or barley meal mixed with milk. A little millet scattered on the ground will keep them busy.

It is very important that they should be fed very little at a time in the beginning, particularly such food as they eat most greedily. The barley may be left in their trough, however, to pick at whenever they feel so inclined. During the first week the chicks get boiled milk twice and rice once a day, and clean water is always before them. After the second day the chicks must be let out, if only for a quarter of an hour. Even in bad weather it would be dangerous to keep them shut up for two days. They will soon find insects and green food. Where chicks must be raised in yards it is absolutely necessary to give them a variety of food, and they must be fed green stuff in some form or another every day.

Just as soon as the chicks begin to grow they should have barley or Indian meal mixed to a crumbly mass with buttermilk, where the latter can possibly be had. If fed in this way a chicken should be ready to be fattened in 3 or 4 months, and it will fatten more readily, the meat will be whiter and tenderer and will be better developed than if it had been fed on dry grain. Of course all thoroughbreds that are not intended for the market, should receive some dry grain.

In Fig. 7 is shown a coop with which is connected a run covered with both wire and glass, which is used principally in raising pheasants and partridges, but

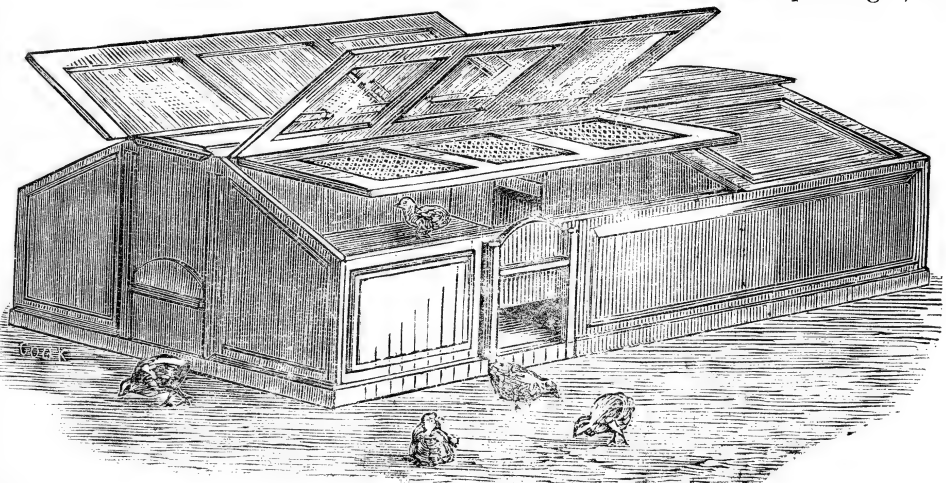


Fig. 7.

roundings vary so much, that it would be impossible to do so. Experience proves the best teacher. Common sense, close observation and punctuality are a few of the essentials of the successful poultry raiser.

which can also be used to good advantage in the winter time for chickens, for if raised in ordinary barns they are apt to die with rheumatism within six weeks and if raised in heated rooms, consumption carries them off at about the same time.

The American Buff Cochin Club.

The special meeting of the American Buff Cochin Club that was called by the president, Mr. Philander Williams, to be held at Chicago on Thursday, October 19th, was postponed by the officers, as the date conflicted with the American Poultry Association meetings, and also owing to the fact that most of the members were too busily engaged judging or seeing the fair to attend a social meeting. The following members of the club, however, were present: Philander Williams, Taunton, Mass.; George W. Mitchell, Bristol, Conn.; H. A. Bridge, Columbus, Ohio; George E. Peer, Rochester, N. Y.; George O. Brown, Baltimore, Md.; A. P. Hazard, Georgetown, S. C.; Charles H. Johnson, Rushville, Ind.; J. B. Clark, Chicago, Ill.; E. B. Easter, Detroit, Mich.; and George G. McCormick, London, Canada.

The A. P. A. Standard Committee upon the revision of the Buff Cochin standard, consisting of George E. Peer, chairman; H. A. Bridge, Charles H. Johnson, and A. P. Hazard, met frequently, and after listening to the advice of such veterans as Theo. Sternberg, George G. McCormick, Geo. O. Brown, B. N. Pierce, and others, formulated the proposed changes, which were handed in and unanimously accepted by the American Poultry Association.

The American Buff Cochin Club is evidently one of our Specialty Clubs that appear to be of some use to its members and the Cochin breeders in general, and we sincerely hope it may continue in its good career. We hear the next meeting of the club may be held at New York city.

Fattening Fowls.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

In your issue of October 21st you have inserted a piece about fattening fowls, written by Wm. Cook, in *Poultry*, England.

Mr. Cook may be right enough in his piece, but I don't think that cramming is right.

When a chicken or duck, or whatever fowl it may be, refuses to eat, it shows it by stopping, and they eat quite a little food before stopping. It is the same with a man; when he has eaten enough he stops, and to cram him when he has eaten all he can is the same as cramming fowls, therefore it is cruel.

The following is a very good way, and may benefit some of your readers for fattening fowls for the market, and besides it is not cruel: They should be closely penned and food consisting of flesh kept constantly before them, or else give them fresh, clean food different times during the day; also cornmeal made into a mash is a very good thing. They should not be fed within eleven or twelve hours before killing. If they are fed and killed right away the food is undigested and discolors the flesh. The coops must be kept clean and well aired.

JAS. S. K. HALL.

Cornwall-on-Hudson, N. Y.,

Oct. 21, 1893.

SOLD A GREAT MANY BIRDS.

We received letters from New Orleans to Ottawa, Canada, in answer to our last advertisement in your most valued paper and sold a great many birds. We are much pleased with the investment.

PAGE & SHIPPEN.

Louisville, Ky., Nov. 3d, '93.

PIGEONS.

Queries and Answers.

[All reasonable questions of interest to the fancy, pertaining to the care, management and health of fancy Pigeons will be answered in this column. The department is conducted by C. W. Butts, 1070 Madison Avenue, Columbus, Ohio, to whom all communications should be addressed.—ED.]

Pigeon Notes.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

The fall of the year is a good time to make preparations for another season's breeding. Look the old birds over and select only such as breed reasonably true to feather, and are known to be good feeders and nurses. Those that prove to be badly mated for producing clear colored birds, may be separated, and if given new mates of some variety, the new combination may prove a success the coming season. If your stock of breeders are new to you, and made up from miscellaneous selections here and there, the chances are that your matings may prove unfortunate, and their progeny unsatisfactory. But if you know their breeding then it becomes a test of your own good judgment as to whether proper selections for mating are made or not. If you follow previous advice given by me as to separating the young birds from the old as soon as able to feed themselves, if you have had reasonably good success, November of each year should see you with a fine lot of young birds to draw from for breeders. This young stock may want some weeding, and in such a case do not let any sentiment stand in the way. If a young bird has such marked deficiencies as to make it evidently unfit for a breeder, dispose of it in some way, as it is bad economy to feed or breed from such a bird. If you are breeding a variety that should have pearl eyes do not save as a breeder any of those having black or ball eyes, as these are qualities apt to reproduce themselves. Foul feathers are objectionable in breeders, but we have seen pairs of which one was a foul feathered bird. By mating a bird that shows excess of color with one that shows a slight deficiency, or one that is wholly clean, we may get splendid specimens. Never mate brother and sister together when possible to avoid it, but if you know the breeding of your stock, a cross of father and daughter, or mother and son, often proves a good one, especially when you want to strengthen some particular point or color. The fancier that loves his pets, and spends much of his spare time among them, learns to know them, their breeding and all their peculiarities, and intently makes selections that produce good results, without the need of following set rules, so while we give certain principles for the aid of the novice until he becomes experienced enough to judge for himself, we know that observation and good judgment in selection will often set rules and set principles at naught.

As winter approaches see that the pigeons are provided for in way of grit or gravel, this is just as necessary as grain, and a stock should be laid in during the fall for their use during the winter months, when the ground is covered with snow. If pigeons are kept always confined it becomes absolutely necessary that they should have a fresh stock every few weeks, and if you have not been in the

habit of providing it, throw a few shovels full of coarse sand on the floor of the loft, and see how eagerly they will gather around it. If sand from a sea beach they will be only the more eager for it as they like the salty taste of such gravel.

[Pigeon breeders should try Orr's Grit.—ED.]

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Some one asks the question. Has any other bird than the pigeon been trained to carry messages? And the English journal, *Poultry*, answers it in the following manner: "Yes, the Falcon, says *Tit-Bits*, this bird having been trained to carry messages in the place of the pigeon, over which it has several advantages. A pigeon easily flies a hundred leagues at a speed of eight to ten leagues an hour; but a Falcon can as easily cover fifteen leagues an hour for fifteen hours, whereas the pigeon can rarely accomplish such a feat. It is recorded that a Falcon sent from the Canary Islands to the Duke of Lerme, in Spain, returned from Andalusia to Teneriffe, a distance of 250 leagues, in sixteen hours. The Falcon can also support a heavier despatch, encounters fewer dangers from men or birds of prey, and is stronger against atmospheric accidents. Falcons are pre-eminent for boldness, keen sight, and muscular power. One of these birds traversed the distance between Fontainebleau and Malta, not less than 1350 miles, in twenty-four hours; and their speed when in pursuit of prey is estimated at 150 miles an hour. Crows are said in ancient times to have been employed as carriers."

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I hear no mention made now-a-days of the wild pigeon that was once so plentiful in the fall of the year, through all the Middle states. We cannot look upon it as having yet become extinct, but suppose like the Indian it has gradually given way before the advance of civilization, and is now only found in the sparsely settled sections of country covered by large tracts of timber or in the neighborhood of great swamps. When a boy I have seen them flying over in such immense flocks as to obscure the sun and in sections where "mast" was abundant, what sport there would be at nightfall, in visiting their roost and bagging them in the most convenient way possible, sometimes with a gun, and as often with nothing but a club. And what a feast when prepared and ready for the table. Stewed, roasted, fried and made into pies, it mattered not which, a hearty appetite always found them acceptable. This bird while known as a pigeon, is really a dove, being arboreal in its habits, that is building its nest in trees, a thing the true pigeon never does; they are likewise migratory, while the true pigeon prefers a fixed abode. They have sometimes been kept with other pigeons in confinement, but always retain their wild nature and will not cross with the true pigeon. The shape of the head, character of the bill, and length of tail, make another difference between them and the pigeon proper. Their food consists of all kinds of seeds, grain, berries, and they are particularly fond of beech nuts and small acorns, and where this was most abundant in the fall there they would always be found.

JOHN HOPEWELL.

PAID HIM BIG.

My small advertisement has paid me big. THE AMERICAN FANCIER gets there and no mistake.

G. S. MOORE.

Trenton Falls, N. Y., Nov. 3d, '93.

St. Louis at the World's Fair

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

Only two of our St. Louis fanciers were courageous or venturesome enough, which shall I say, to exhibit at Chicago. Twelve birds only were entered, four in Trumpeters by myself, four each in Jacobins and Fantails by Dr. R. A. Quarles.

We were none of us surprised that the White Fantails were distanced by Gilbert's dandies, but the prime object that careful breeder, Dr. Quarles, had in sending his birds was that by close comparison points of defect might be learned and the direction for special effort clearly known. This should be said, however, that there are vastly better White Fans in St. Louis, both in Dr. Quarles' and Mr. Vest's lofts, than were sent to Chicago. The best were out of condition, and even those sent were altogether passed by in the awarding of prizes at the St. Louis fair.

As to Yellow Fantails, however, we knew the case would be different, for not yet have we seen in lofts west or east any of this class superior or the equals of Dr. Quarles' strain, as to uniformity of color, freedom from ash cast, size and spread of tail, and style, exceptional for this variety. We were not surprised when each bird was returned with a blue ribbon.

Dr. Quarles' Jacobins were not unrecognized, and a splash cock second here took first in his class there.

The four Russian Bokhara Trumpeters were boldly entered that they might be recognized as second only to Mr. F. A. Rommel's latest importation, but, to our surprise, Baltimore did not send on her birds, and so those of the four brought home blue ribbons. The fourth was out of condition, and has since been added to profit and loss. It is a severe struggle for one of these enormously feathered birds to moult.

We regret very much that other birds were not entered at Chicago. A half-dozen of our fanciers would indubitably have been awarded colors. In our humble opinion, St. Louis would have had no difficulty in taking firsts in Yellow, Blue, and Red Swallow cocks and hens with the birds exhibited at her last fair. The Nuns that took first and second here would surely have taken first and second there. Our Archangels are of really high grade, though this variety has never had a special class recognition in St. Louis. In tail and wing Fans we could not have been beaten. The best Black Fantails we have ever looked upon are young ones raised in this city—magnificent in style as well as in color and size of tail.

In short, my honest conclusions are that there are much better birds in St. Louis than even her own fanciers have dared believe. Several conscientious breeders have not spared money or pains and have quietly been working away till now we compare creditably with any other city. There has been great progress in the last four years.

We rejoice over the acquisition of a half-dozen new pigeon men. Mr. Loker, of Frazer park, takes up again his hobby of some years ago and joins the race in White Fans; Rev. J. P. O'Brien lends brains to his Owls and Turbits, and we predict success in return, while four young men, A. H. Shopp, Arthur Woodruff, C. Robbins, and F. Hellman, are beginning in a determined way to raise the best, even if it does cost.

REV. A. L. LOVE.

St. Louis, Mo.

Pen Pictures of Prominent Fanciers.

BY SENEX.

R. S. GROVES.

This gentleman is from my own country, a jovial, "hail fellow well met" kind of a man, and that he is a true fancier I take it none will deny. It is love with him and not the money that's in it that keeps him pegging away on his Frills, and he has many a rare good one. In person he is a comfortable looking fellow, with nice side whiskers, a good face, a keen black eye, a brunette, and though there is a little gray coming in those fine whiskers his heart is as young as ever. Just like many of the rest, he is a man to be trusted. I'd as soon think of a man robbing his old grandmother as of Groves taking an advantage of a fancier, aye, of the rankest amateur that trusted him. He is a man it does you good to meet, though he has quite a decided way of his own. He knows what's what, but he don't pound away at it, and he's that rare bird in the fancy, a good listener. It's a couple of years since I met him, but I know he's the same true fellow. And, maybe, he's forgot me, but I'll ever have a kind thought of him. He lives in Philadelphia, where he has a fine business, something in the glass line, and he has a lot of Blondinettes, Satinettes, etc., well worth a trip to see.

H. V. CRAWFORD.

Here we have one of the best known of the fancy on this side. Long before I came over I knew of him through a friend, and when I met him I found him what he said. He is away at the top in Jacobins, and there is much due him for his success, but still we must all say he got his best stock from the old country. Mr. Crawford is a rare business man, along with his skill as a breeder. In person he is medium size and rather slender. He is a blonde, and wears a moustache, and has blue eyes. He is a quick and active man, with naught of the sluggard about him, and when he is behind a show it's pounds to pence he has everything right and every bird in its place. He has got along so well with Jacks that it's no trouble for him to sell all he breeds. I mind he went west one time with a string of Jacks, and showed them out in that country what a real Jack should be, and I hear they never got over it. Mr. Crawford has a neat place at Monclair, New Jersey, and I would say that if you are passing that way you will find a true fancier and one that will treat you right. It's well worth a trip to see how sweet he handles a bird—none better in this country. Not a Jack of his did I see at Chicago, more the pity, for there's no rubbish in his string, and they're worth the seeing.

H. B. DONOVAN.

Here is a fancier you would all like. A handsome fellow with a clean cut blonde face, and a gentleman in every part. A blonde moustache and close cut hair and a neat look all over. What does he breed? Aye that's it. He has so many, he hardly knows himself. If he sees a bird or a fowl he likes, he can't bide till he has a shy at it. I take it he's the best known pigeon man in Canada. And chickens, and mayhap dogs for aught I know, for anything that's a pet is all fair game for Donovan. He's one of the kind you can't help liking, though how he does well with so many breeds I'm sure I can't say; mayhap when he gets

older, he'll shut down on a few varieties and then we may see what's in him. He's a square man and does what he promises and out of his great variety one can surely find what he's after and once it's ordered, I'll vouch that Donovan will treat him fair.

I've not seen his place, but I hear he has a great lot of birds, and if my business takes me into Canada I can't say but that I'll hunt him up and have a look at them and also at the good looking Canadian.

F. H. SWARTZ.

A party sends to me per AMERICAN FANCIER, to know of the above gentleman, one he says, who deserves a place of honor among the fanciers of the old school. The friend on whom I have relied for so many of the descriptions had not the honor of his acquaintance. I learn however, that he was a German and a retired minister. He was located at a place in Bucks county, Pennsylvania along about '75 and '76 (when I had never thought of coming to the states); he was quite a breeder of Pouters. Had I the time I could fast find where his stock sprung from. Did he import from Scotland? (the best land on earth for the Pouter), for along about that time few came over. I may say that a shipment to America was quite an odd thing, as any of the "old uns" can well bear me out. Mr. Swartz had quite a reputation as being a careful and persistent breeder. From what little I can learn, he had his stock from Germany. If any friend can help me out with this gentleman, he may reach me per AMERICAN FANCIER, and surely I'd be glad to give due credit to the good old fancier who bred birds in this country when the common run thought a man daft who would potter along with a lot of pigeons. It is owing to the old time breeders that pigeondom is what it is to-day.

Indignant.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

I see that combination of gall and wormwood, "Senex," gives the World's Fair pigeon department a cruel roast. In bad taste, and worse grammatical construction, he leads your readers to infer that there was hardly a decent bird in the show. Under my care were the birds of Mr. R. S. Groves of Philadelphia, and Andrew Muehlig of Ann Arbor. These are two lofts that always send out crack birds, fit to show anywhere. I will let these two gentlemen speak for themselves, and speak only of the entry of my son and self. I entered two old birds and two "93." He entered four "93" birds. We won first and second on cocks, first and second on hens, and the judges gave us two complimentary V. H. C., and two complimentary H. C., on the four other birds. And best of all, and most highly appreciated, was this clause in their report to the chief of department: "We consider this the finest collection of White Fantails, for quality, ever shown in America."

If this sneering, disagreeable, arrogant and conceited ass owns a pipe, I hope he will put the above in it and smoke it.

I don't claim that every bird in the whole show was a perfect gem. There never was a pigeon show where all the entries were strictly first-class birds. But I do claim that there were plenty of good birds. Every man who took chances on sending his birds through all the crush and bustle of that enormous

World's Fair is entitled to credit, and it comes in mighty bad taste for this fellow, (who sets himself up as a kind of pigeon Jehovah,) to cry down the whole affair. Of course we know that the only good pigeons on earth are those he raised, but we don't need to be told so every month in the year and every week in the month. If he'd take a file and some sandpaper and smooth off the rough corners in the stuff he writes it would be a good thing.

F. M. GILBERT.

Evansville, Ind.

Tumbler Club.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

I was quite interested in an article by Mr. Walton, secretary of the Tumbler Club, which appeared in a recent number of your valuable paper. As there has been no move to bring about the purposes for which the club was formed, I consider Mr. Walton's suggestion as to reduction of dues for the first year to be a good one. Our fall shows will soon begin, but as there is no standard beyond the views of the judge, I have decided not to exhibit until some standard is agreed on by the Tumbler Club. As a test of how Saddles were to be judged, I entered one pair Black Saddles with solid head, rump and tail, birds perfect in formation and marking, according to standard adopted some time since by the A. C. A., but they were passed on account of the very markings and formation the American Standard requires. I also exhibited two pair perfectly marked Bell Neck, as described by W. F. Lumley, and had I not been present and presented the judge with this description they would have been disqualified on account of having dark eyes, which Lumley says is correct. From these facts I am satisfied a breeder cannot have any idea of how his birds will be judged, unless acquainted with the judges' idea of what constitutes a perfectly marked Tumbler. Other special clubs have a standard, why should not the Tumbler Club? It is perfectly agreeable to me to be governed by any standard the Tumbler Club may agree on. Even in England all breeders are not agreed as to markings of Red and Yellow Saddles. J. W. Ludlow sends to this country Red and Yellow Saddles with rump and tail same color as saddle. These birds have principally badge marked heads. They do not all have pearl eyes. Suppose a bird has one pearl and one dark eye, should he be disqualified or have a certain number of points deducted for the dark eye? Again some breeders are producing long muffed birds, should they be allowed a certain number of points for being long muffed? These and other points of interest being settled, there is no reason why the Tumbler Club should not be a grand success. To breed exhibition Tumblers without a standard might be likened to a vessel without a rudder, and the sooner a standard is agreed on, the sooner the Tumbler Club will be on the straight road to prosperity.

J. H. WHITMAN.

Chicago, Ill., Nov. 1, 1893.

World's Fair Pigeon Show.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

This exhibition of pigeons was not such as gave the fanciers of the country the pleasure they expected in a large exhibit, still there were nearly 600 entries from such noted lofts as F. M. Gilbert, G.

S. Eckert, G. S. Feather, H. B. Donovan, Andrew Muehlig, Robert Joos, C. E. Twombly, C. E. Ford, Oscar Seifert, R. S. Groves, John H. Carter, Frank Gorse, &c., and to characterize these exhibits as "rubbish of the worst sort" seems to me entirely out of character. The admission that there were a few good birds in the exhibit fails to do justice to the exhibitors generally. The gentlemen named above are known as leading fanciers in their respective classes, and did not send scrubs to this show, "Senex" to the contrary notwithstanding. Had this show had at its head a person known to the fanciers as being one who had a general knowledge of pigeons there is no doubt it could have been made one of the most attractive ever given, but for want of information regarding the requirements of the superintendent many were not only deterred from entering their birds, but even some that had entries did not send them. I do not believe in such criticism as given by "Senex."

J. H. WHITMAN.

Peoria, Ill., Fanciers Meet.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

The Peoria Columbarian Association had its regular semi-monthly meeting on Monday, October 30. The following members were present: Wm. Koch, C. Suter, H. Schimpff, J. P. Lenallen, Aug. Joos, F. Conibear, and Robert Joos. An invitation from the Baltimore Club was read and placed on file. The World's Fair pigeon show was thoroughly discussed; so were also the Baltimore and Cincinnati shows. After a late hour, the club adjourned well pleased with this very interesting meeting.

ROBERT JOOS, Secretary.

Specialty Clubs.

AMERICAN COLUMBARIAN ASSOCIATION.

President, Wm. T. Levering, Baltimore, Md. Vice-Presidents, A. B. Hoskins, H. F. Whitman, D. E. Newell, E. J. Campbell, Oscar Seifert, T. S. Gaddess. Financial Secretary, George Ewald, Cincinnati, O. Corresponding Secretary, Joseph Gavin, Boston, Mass. Treasurer, H. F. Lackman, Cincinnati, O. Executive Committee, H. V. Crawford, Wm. Onink, Thomas W. Tuggle, W. Harry Orr, Samuel Casseday, Jesse Rutter, and F. A. Rommel. Finance Committee, H. V. Crawford, F. A. Rommel, and T. W. Tuggle.

AMERICAN MAGPIE CLUB.

President, Wm. Ehinger, Jr. Vice-Presidents, Robert Joos, A. M. Ingram. Secretary and Treasurer, G. A. Fick.

NEW ENGLAND PIGEON ASSOCIATION.

President, C. F. Haven. Vice-Presidents, Joseph Gavin, W. B. Atherton, R. W. Stowell, Philander Williams, W. J. Middleton. Corresponding Secretary, C. E. Twombly. Financial Secretary and Treasurer, A. M. Ingram. Executive Committee (in addition to the above), A. E. Pratt, John Murray, J. Ferguson.

BALTIMORE COLUMBARIAN SOCIETY.

President, F. A. Rommel. Vice-Presidents, W. W. White, C. E. Meyer. Secretary, Henry Tiemann. Treasurer, G. A. Fick. Executive Committee, William Broemer, Charles Schmenner, William Wilkens.

PEORIA COLUMBARIAN ASSOCIATION.

President, H. Hardin. Vice-President, W. H. Koch. Secretary and Treasurer, Robert Joos.

LOUISVILLE COLUMBARIAN ASSOCIATION.

President, Samuel Casseday. Vice-President, C. H. Kunzman. Treasurer, J. W. Reccius. Secretary, Edw. Ormsby.

AMERICAN TURBIT CLUB.

President, Joseph Gavin. Vice-President, R. S. Ryan. Secretary, Chas. J. Tanner. Executive Committee, J. H. Whitman, C. E. Ford, J. J. Ambrose.

AMERICAN TUMBLER CLUB.

President, Joseph Gavin. Secretary and Treasurer, Frank S. Walton.

AMERICAN FANTAIL CLUB.

President, F. M. Gilbert. Vice-President, Sam. Casseday. Secretary, P. F. Hager. Executive Committee, Dr. T. W. Tuggle, T. A. Havemeyer, Jr., George E. Peer, Andrew Muehlig, John Glasgow.

A Card of Thanks.

Mr. Charles F. Roop, an old time fancier, was unfortunate enough to lose the control of his limbs in 1886 by an attack of rheumatism and cannot walk even with crutches across his room unless aided by another person. The only ray of sunshine in a life of suffering has been his pigeons, which some of his brother fanciers have cheerfully given to him. His affliction has cost him a small fortune, and we deem it a brotherly act of kindness to help Mr. Roop all we can to make him forget his suffering, and trust our pigeon fanciers who may have a few birds to spare will not hesitate to send them to the gentleman alluded to. He will gladly pay the express on all pigeons sent to him, addressed Charles F. Roop, Double Pipe Creek, Carroll Co., Md. That he appreciates the kindness shown him by fanciers is apparent by the following card of thanks he requests us to publish:

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

Please allow me space in your valuable paper to return my sincere thanks to Mr. F. M. Gilbert, Jr., for his kind sympathy for me in my unfortunate condition by his generous gift of twelve beautiful Swallows of all colors, as I am a helpless cripple from rheumatism and can only set and look upon them which affords me great satisfaction and pastime. It was very kind of him as anything of that kind aids me in passing many hours. My attention is so taken up that I do not seem to realize my great suffering. The young man is breeder of this high class bird at Evansville, Ind., and is a son of F. M. Gilbert, breeder of the peerless American Fantail birds, of the same place. I had written to his father and several other fanciers about some birds as pets to look upon to pass the weary hours of suffering away, and he showed the letters to his boy, which terminated as above stated. I also thank others who have been so kind as to send me a pair or two of birds as they were thankfully received. I must say that I find the fanciers a kind hearted and sympathizing set of gentlemen. May they have and enjoy a long, healthy and prosperous life is the desire of their remembered friend and sufferer.

CHARLES F. ROOP.

Post Office, Keysville, Md.
Oct. 31, 1893.

Magpie Club Specials.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER and Members of the Magpie Club:

Our secretary said that members should decide how the club prizes are to be placed. I think that is right, and members of the club should give expression to their views through THE AMERICAN FANCIER, and then we would understand each other better.

It seems to me that the club should not give all its specials to the Baltimore show. The member who gave those suggestions to the secretary must be very much interested in the Baltimore show when he would consent to toss every cent out of the treasury, beside the \$30 donated. This is all done for the young bird classes, for which the show only gives in return the small sum of \$6.

There are to be more shows during the coming winter, and we had better hold on to our cash. I heard that Philadelphia and New York were going to have shows this winter, and some of the members may want to show there.

Now, I will give you my views in regard to prizes. I think we should give \$5 to the best bird in each young class, which would make \$20, and Mr. Levering offers \$10 for the best pair of young birds, which would be enough.

I thought that they would make a

reduction to club members of one-half entrance fee. Another thing that I don't approve of is a prize for the best collection. If they want a prize for that, why let the show make it, as it would be to their interest to do so.

GEO. W. SPOHN.

Philadelphia, Pa., Oct. 23, 1893.

The Pottstown Homing Club.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

At a meeting of Homing pigeon fanciers, held here October 31st, the above-named club was organized, and the following officers were elected to serve one year: President, Wm. Race; vice-president, Philip Antrim; secretary, H. W. Guldin; treasurer, Brooke Davis. We have about 200 birds, and expect to put about half that number in training next spring.

H. W. GULDIN, Sec.

219 High street, Pottstown, Pa.

Pigeon Flying.

Notice to Subscribers.

Our subscribers are informed that we have arranged that all inquiries relating to the breeding, training and management of homing pigeons, and upon all questions bearing upon the history of pigeon flying, both at home and abroad, will be answered by "Fritz" through his columns in THE AMERICAN FANCIER weekly, and at the earliest possible opportunity, and should be addressed to

MR. T. FRED. GOLDMAN,

832 Herkimer Street,

Brooklyn, N. Y.

[All matter that he deems of general and practical interest, or of value to the young and inexperienced fancier, will be embodied in his weekly notes, while other matter will be sent direct by mail.—ED. A. F.]

Points in the Flying Fancie.

A Weekly Review of Events in the Homing World.

BY FRITZ.

I am in receipt of a letter from Mr. C. H. Jones of Philadelphia, Pa., upon the subject of consolidation of the Federation and League, written of course not in his official capacity as secretary of the Federation, but simply as I would write myself, and as a digest of the subject, after canvassing the opinions of various members of the organizations we serve.

Our individual efforts point unmistakably to a general desire for such proposed unity, for a large number of the members in both organizations appear to be unanimous in declaring for such unity, and the good that would accrue to the flying fancy in the consolidation.

So far so good. Mr. Jones very sensibly makes the suggestion that not more than three on each side be appointed to debate the question, for the representative six could get down to business without serious interruption, and I am quite of the opinion that if such six entered into the question with a fair spirit, the result cannot but prove mutually agreeable all round.

With this in view, I regret to note in the November issue of the *Homing Exchange*, an article titled, "In union there is strength", and saying in connection with the suggestions recently advanced by the Philadelphia *Item* towards consolidation, that Mr. Jones fill the vacant secretaryship of the League and also giving the other federation members a part in the government, and taking in the federation books and records, and giving some proper recognition, etc. "Would this plan be just to the Federation and its members, to place the League in the honored position which the Federation should occupy? To the Federation

belongs the right and privilege of taking in the League books and records, and giving some proper recognition and not *vice versa*, for the League is nothing more nor less than a split from the Federation, and as such should come in its proper form."

Now it is just such fiddle-faddle talk like this that has in the past done considerable harm to the flying fancy, and on more than one occasion completely destroyed really promising outlooks for the sport and unity. There has really been too much of this *official journal interests* pushed and ventilated, and I regret to see the *Homing Exchange* still indulging in the old cry, *not for the sport but more for itself*. But candidly, I am of the opinion that the leading and more progressive of our friends on the federation side of the house are tiring of such talk as indulged in by their official journal, and quite agree with me when I say that we have had enough of it.

"The League is nothing more or less than a split from the Federation."

This is really news to me and decidedly amusing.

The Philadelphia section of the League may be so termed, but even this enterprising section simply withdrew from Federation membership because there was really nothing in it, and as New York, Washington, Detroit and elsewhere, had long ago so determined and built independently. "To the Federation belong the right and privilege of taking in the League books and records."

Indeed! Since when? And why? Has the League ever asked for such consideration?

Was it not the leading Federation spirit, John Shepherd, *et al* that first approached the independent flying sections two years ago asking for a general unity, and a *new national organization*?

Was it not this same Federation that thus publicly confessed their own weakness, and in their open desire to unite with the independent flying sections of New York, Detroit, Chicago, Washington, St. Louis and the eastern sections? Did they not thus want to meet all on the dead level? These sections were no splits. There should have been none of this nauseating and maudlin Federation sentiment expressed *then, and much less now*.

The League and Federation must meet on the dead level.

Which ever way the thing turns the flying records of both must be preserved and respected, as they no doubt would in any case.

You cannot wipe them out.

All that is needed is to cull the best points from each organization, and start afresh, with all flying sections united in it, and let this maudlin sentiment about the Federation of which we had such a surfeit two years ago, drop.

I have no desire to reopen old wounds, but if there is anything practical to result from the proposed consolidation of the two existing national organizations of pigeon flyers, I say emphatically, there must be no sentimental preferences indulged in, nor the lauding of any one at the cost of the other.

I hope this is the last of such talk, and now let's get down to serious business.

The Federation of American Homing Pigeon fanciers has at a recent meeting of its executive committee extended an invitation to the League of American Homing Clubs to send a delegation to confer with them in Philadelphia, Pa., on Dec. 12th at 2:30 P. M. I am quite sure a full representation will be on hand, and I trust the full invitation to *all clubs in the country* to send along their representatives will be accepted in a fraternal and fair spirit.

From this assembly of flying fanciers a competent and representative committee can be selected to do the rest, and do it quickly, and to the point *nous verrous*.

I wish however to correct an erroneous impression which I know from personal correspondence exists among a certain few fanciers of both the League and Federation sides of the house. I know of a certain prominent Federation mem-

ber who is credited with such remarks during a recent western trip as "the League cannot exist another year, bound to go to pieces", and such like comment among a body of fanciers with whom he was about as intimate or influential as he would be with the natives of the west coast of Africa. And on the other hand there are a certain few in the Philadelphia and Washington sections who deem both the Federation and League as on the verge of dismemberment, of but little usefulness, and lacking in all that goes to the make up of a perfect national organization.

The flying fancy has never been entirely free from such pessimist members, and were I to call the roll of such they would present quite a formidable array, particularly when allied to the chronic kicker, grumbler, and disgruntled aspirants for office and notoriety.

Now to those few in Philadelphia and Washington of the League who seem inclined to view the continuance of the League with doubt, and regard its usefulness at an end, built entirely upon the neglect and indifference of its secretary during the past year, I would say that they are assuming entirely too much. I have been in personal communication with the flying sections of New York, Philadelphia, the east, Chicago, Detroit, St. Louis and elsewhere, and I am very pleased to find these sections entirely loyal to the continuance of the League as their national organization, yet not averse to confer with the Federation of American Homing Pigeon fanciers as to a unity of both organizations. If negotiations fail, the League continues. The Washington section of the League who has a splendid local organization and management is the only section with whom I have been in communication who as a body seem inclined to fly under their own personal management during the 1894 season, and this owing entirely to the League secretary's neglect and indifference and general short comings during the past year. They are simply disgusted on his account. It is indeed a poorly established concern that must come to a collapse, simply on account of a single officer's neglect and short comings of a season. There is still ample material of the right kind both in League and Federation that should preclude the possibility of the collapse of either.

I trust to the enthusiasm and good sound sense of our friends Wallace, Noble and others resident in the Washington section, to overcome any such determined privacy of the Washington fanciers as a body for 1894, and to induce them to fall into line and rally to the support of the proposed new National association, as the entire remainder of their co-laborers throughout are inclined to do. Now let the good work go on.

I have been asked by many in the sport from all points as to when the authorities of the Chicago World's Fair intend to award the honors gained in the various flights, and what I know official of such results, etc.

I can only say that beyond certain publications in the Chicago local press, and certain official letters sent to a certain few competitors after the flights had been accomplished, and the issue of the official circular announcing dates and conditions of the flights, know nothing absolutely further. Many weeks ago I communicated direct with Mr. Buchanan, and also his assistant, Mr. Johnston, upon the subject, being engaged in compiling an article and official records for some European journals, and in reply for official data of entries and results, received the following:

CHICAGO, Ills., Aug. 11th, 93.

MR. T. FRED. GOLDMAN,
President Empire City Flying Club, N. Y.
Dear Sir:—Replying to your letter of August 5th, I beg to advise you that I am getting out an official report of the recent pigeon flights which will be ready for distribution in a few days.

Will take pleasure in forwarding you a copy of same on its completion.

Very Respectfully,

W. I. BUCHANAN,

Per J. J. JOHNSTON.

I have several times since renewed my

request for the desired detail, but without any further response from the management, or the fulfillment of the promise. I am therefore no better informed than my many inquirers, nor in possession of any further information than the meagre detail long since published in our pigeon journals and local press.

I learned some time ago however that Mr. W. I. Buchanan, chief of the department of agriculture, and Mr. W. E. Curtis, late director of the Bureau of American Republics, had organized the Pan-American Co., to give a permanent Latin-American Commercial exhibit in New York city.

The company proposes to begin business shortly after the close of the World's Fair, and has leased the six story Golet building, Lexington Avenue and 43d Street, New York City, the object of the company being to promote trade between the United States and foreign countries.

I may, therefore, have an opportunity to interview Mr. Buchanan in person at an early date, upon the interesting subject of the flights, and lay the result of my interview before the readers of THE AMERICAN FANCIER.

In the meantime the fortunate winners of the prizes may either receive such from the management, or some communication upon the subject, which I trust they will promptly make public through the columns of THE AMERICAN FANCIER, or drop me a line, inasmuch as the big show is now at an end.

By the last issue of *Le Martinet* of Brussels, I learn that the sale of M. Felicien Thirionnet's birds, which I touched upon in recent notes, is announced for Sunday, December 3d, at 11 A. M., at the Hall de La Brasserie du Sac, Grand Place 4, Brussels, Belgium, and I'll be bound the prices that the crack birds of this world renowned fancier will bring will be something extravagant, and far surpass any sale of recent years. It will be quite an interesting item to know where the birds will go to, and other details of the sale, all of which I will duly lay before my readers as soon as ascertained.

Very little of interest is to be found in the last batch of foreign journals just received by me, the major portion being chiefly taken up with club and association annual meetings and by private sales of birds and sales at auction.

This is the particular season of the flying fanciers' annual unloading abroad, and right well does he seem to understand the best methods of doing such. I have frequently thought that the system of auction sales as practiced abroad by flying men to dispose of their surplus stock could be successfully launched and practiced here at the end of each flying and breeding season. The New York vicinity could advertise and send its consignments to W. J. Stanton, the well known dealer. The Philadelphia vicinity could use Mr. Vahle. Washington, D. C., could look to their Mr. E. S. Schmid, and so on. The annual exhibitions or shows of former years had many points of interest in this direction and proved a highly pleasant and effective medium for the transfer and sale of many good birds that would not be likely to become compassed by any correspondence. In the absence of these shows of late seasons, I am sure very many birds remain on hand with fanciers that would otherwise have been sold or transferred. Many a flying man thus frequently sees and purchases, or makes exchanges, that he would never entertain or think about in any other way. I can instance many important transfers so effected a few years ago.

From Feathered Echoes by "Nemo" in a recent issue of the *Feathered World*, I read the following interesting details of the effect of altitude on the Homing capacity of our birds, which effect, though long ago established, cannot but be read with interest by many of our young fanciers and open to them a line of thought both instructive and valuable:

"Some aeronauts on making an ascent at Fribourg, Bavaria, took with them in their balloon six well trained Homers, the intention being to liberate them at cer-

tain altitude. The first bird was tossed at a height of nearly 11,000 feet, but this after fluttering timidly around for some seconds dropped on the balloon again. The second and three following pigeons liberated did exactly the same, and it was only after repeated efforts that they could be induced to fly away. The sixth bird was tossed as the balloon reached *terra firma* once more and immediately flew off."

The explanation of this difference in behaviour would appear to be that the five birds tossed at a height at which they had not been accustomed to fly and not finding their bearings returned to the only fixed point within their reach. Eventually all six were home safely.

The *Mentor Agricole* compares the effect of liberation at high altitude with that of the apparently dazed effect consequent on tossing birds far out at sea, which I have occasionally observed myself and quite recently during the Valkyrie and Vigilant yacht contests, though in these cases birds appear anxious to get home as quickly as possible.

During the recent German naval manoeuvres many experiments were made with Homing pigeons, which I have also referred to in former notes and with very satisfactory results.

The trials between Algiers and Brussels are yet more conclusive and prove the crossing of the Mediterranean Sea can readily be effected by the birds.

Washington Flyers.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

I read with much interest the notes of Mr. T. F. Goldman, think him a worker and well posted in the fancy. There seems to be very little news of interest from this section at present, but we are neither dead nor inactive. The Washington Flying Club is in good prosperous condition with over twenty good working members, and many of the boys are doing some fall training on their own hook. Strange to say we lose many birds that stop in Baltimore, although we fly in the opposite direction. The birds appear to go over or past Washington and stop in Baltimore, and the idea has been conceived by some to train their birds towards and past Baltimore this fall in order to give them a knowledge of that part of the country, so that if they go there in the spring flies they will know the way home.

There was a special meeting of the Washington Flying Club on Friday evening last to consider the advisability of a consolidation of the League and Federation, and while all seemed to favor the idea, yet they were unwilling to make any promises to join any national organization, but we all hope to see more unity in the flying fancy in future, and if we can see any good in the consolidation we are ready to put our shoulder to the wheel. Speaking for myself, I am too busy to give very much time to the fancy and am not as well posted as I should be to write news of interest, but I like to have this section heard from in some way, consequently this effort, and I would be very much pleased to hear from other sections through your columns. I would particularly like to hear from Chicago.

I saw some pigeons flying about in the Agricultural building while at the Fair, but as my time at the Fair was limited to only two weeks I did not visit any of the fanciers. I feel sure, however, that there are many of them in that great and wide awake city.

I am very sorry to chronicle the death of one of our members. Mr. Andy Glorius died of pneumonia on Saturday evening, after an illness of only two days. Mr. Glorius was a prominent fancier and a successful flyer, having won many laurels in our club, and his loss is mourned by all. R. B. YOUNGS.

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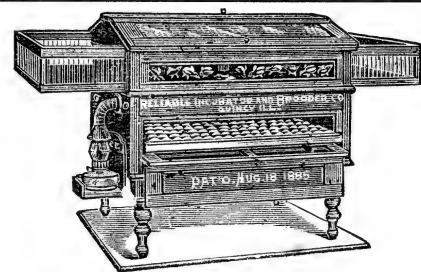
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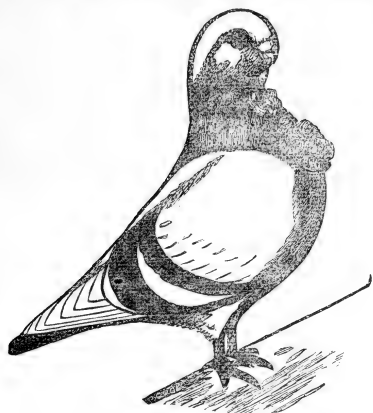
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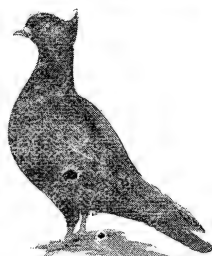
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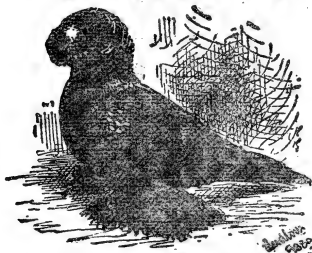


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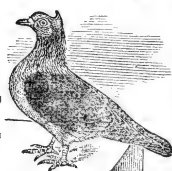
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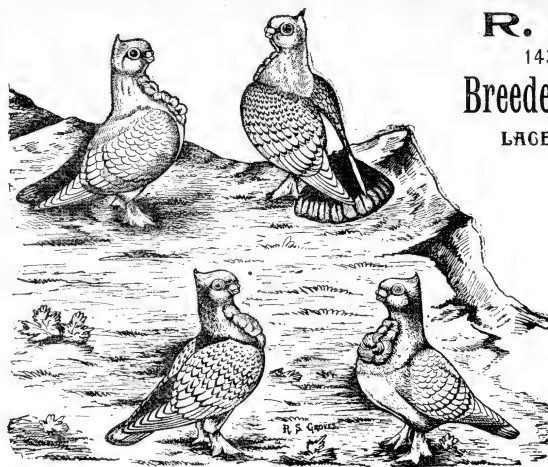
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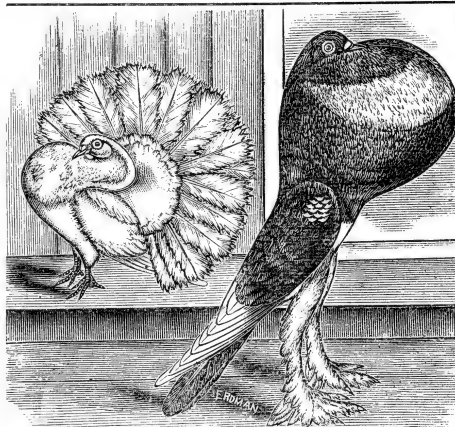
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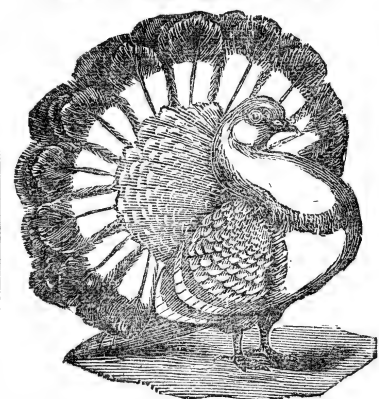
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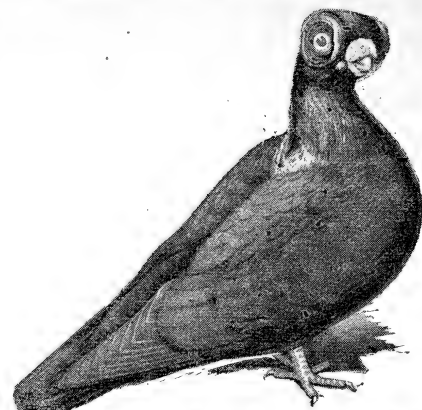
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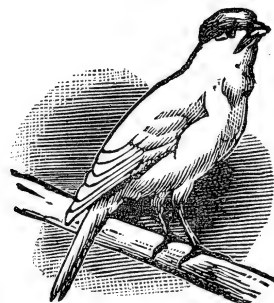
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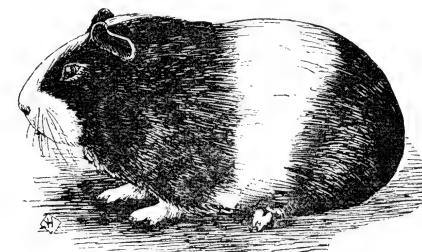
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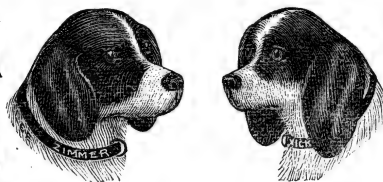
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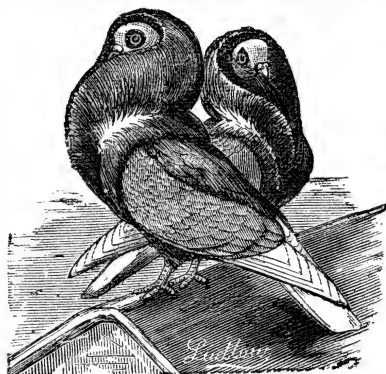


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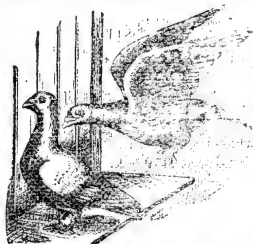
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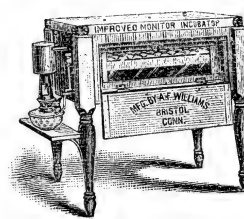
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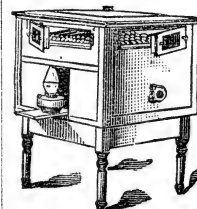
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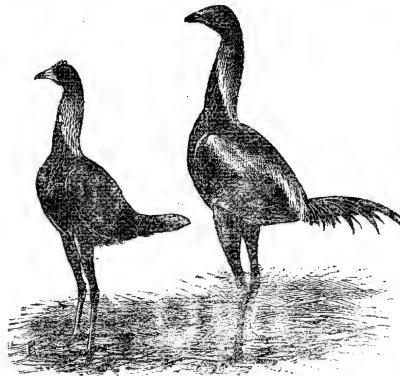
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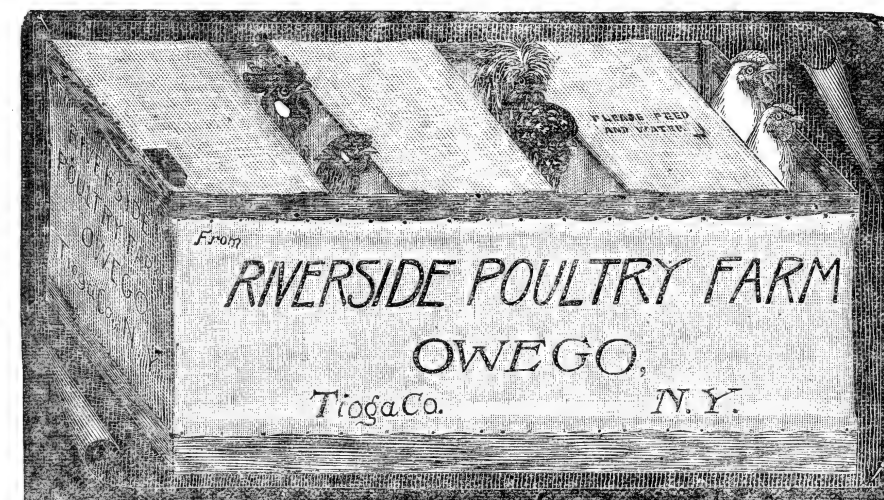
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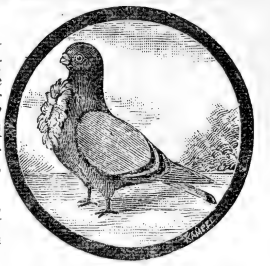
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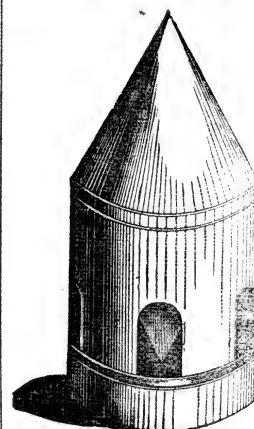
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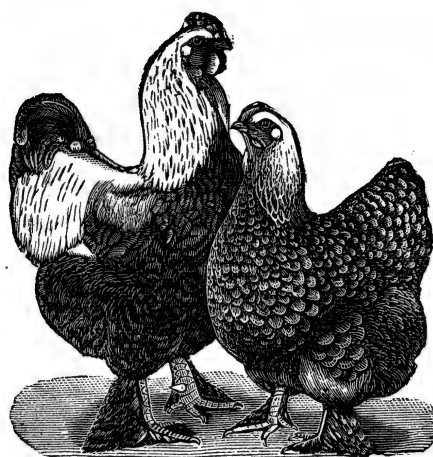
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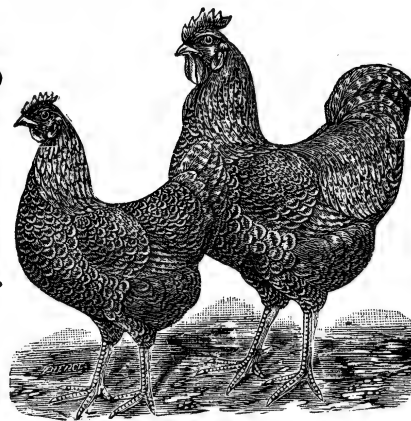
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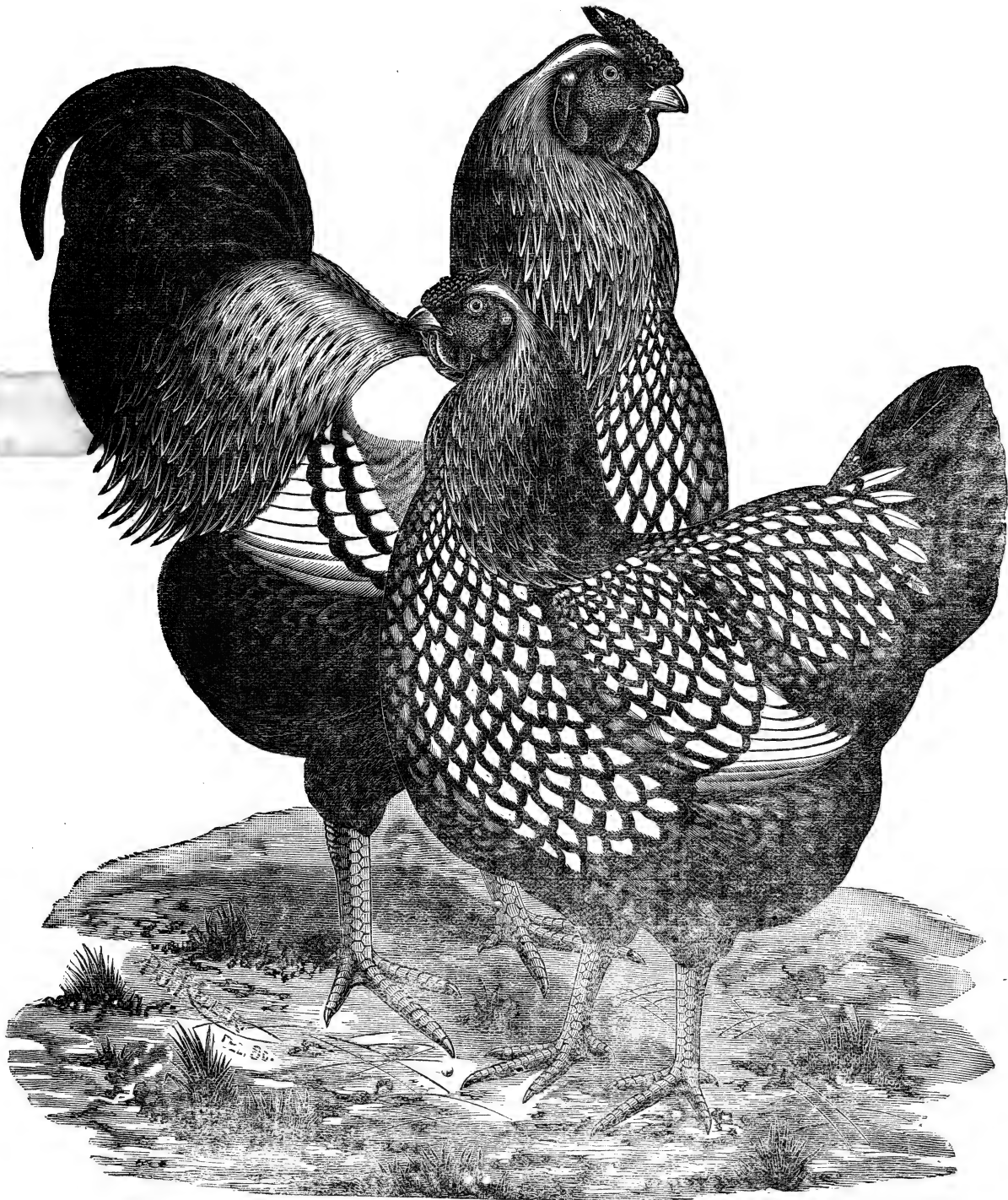
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Dec. 4-9.—Brazil, Indiana. S. W. Dempsey, secretary.

Dec. 11-16.—Omaha Fanciers' Association, Omaha, Nebraska.

Dec. 11-16.—Southern Kansas Poultry Association, Wichita, Kansas. F. D. Munn, secretary.

Dec. 12-15.—Missouri State Poultry Association, Sedalia, Mo. M. L. Andrews, secretary.

Dec. 12-15.—Rhode Island Poultry Association, Music Hall, Providence, R. I. H. S. Babcock, president; Samuel Cushman, secretary pro tem.

Dec. 12-15.—New Castle, Indiana. C. A. Phelps, secretary.

Dec. 12-16.—Dahlville, Ind. O. P. Phillips, secretary, Amos, Ind.

Dec. 13-16.—Bloomington, Ill. Israel Root, secretary.

Dec. 13-16.—Lake Erie Poultry and Pet Stock Association, Sandusky, Ohio. F. W. Biggs, secretary.

Dec. 14-20.—Cleveland, Ohio. H. J. Shaff, secretary, Brooklyn, Ohio.

Dec. 18-22.—Ottumwa, Iowa. W. S. Russell, secretary.

Dec. 18-23.—Washington C. H. Ohio. W. R. Dalbey, secretary.

Dec. 19-21.—Nemaha Valley Poultry Association, Auburn, Neb. H. J. F. Wert, secretary.

Dec. 19-22.—Southern Illinois Poultry Association, Albion, Ill. Edward Craig, sec'y.

Dec. 19-22.—Teko Poultry Association, Mohawk Opera House, Canajoharie, N. Y. J. A. Miller, secretary.

Dec. 19-23.—The Akron, Ohio, Poultry, Pet Stock and Kennel Club. F. D. Kidder, secretary, Akron, Ohio.

Dec. 21-25.—Malden, Mass. G. W. Cromack, secretary Stoneham Mass.

Dec. 21-26.—Berks County Poultry, Pigeon, and Pet Stock Association, Reading, Pa. W. S. Miller, secretary.

Dec. 25-30.—Findlay Poultry and Pet Stock Association, Findlay, R. M. Wise, secretary.

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Jan. 18-21.—East Tennessee Poultry Association, Knoxville, Tenn. Jno. W. Flenniken, secretary.

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POULTRY.

From the Editor's Perch.

Our illustration this week is an old
familiar chestnut. It was one of the first
good Silver Wyandotte cuts published,
and a reminder of the days of Houdlette
and other believers in the true open laced
Silver Wyandotte. The advent of the
"Hawkins Crow" as some facetious indi-
vidual called the dark heavily laced bird,
did much to destroy the beautiful Sebright
type, the ideal of the older breeders of
Wyandottes. Now after many years the
committee on Wyandottes appointed by
the A. P. A., has restored partially the
old type, and in the new standard, large
white centered Wyandottes will have the
call. While not calling for the Sebright
lacing, the feathers of the females should
be like those of well laced Polish, i. e.,
large white centers in feathers of wing-
bow and back.

Color disqualifications have also been
removed from all the Wyandotte sub-
varieties. The day has passed when White
Wyandottes can be disqualified for a little
grey, brown, red or yellow in one or two
feathers. In doing this the A. P. A. has
made a step forward and there is now
hope for birds that were formerly sacri-
ficed for trivial defects, while showing
superior qualifications as to size and sym-
metry.

Another change for the better is the
new disqualification clause regarding
white in plumage of black fowls. Here-
after it will read something like this:
"Disqualifications: Solid white in a
feather extending more than one-half
inch, and positive white tips in two or
more feathers; grey tips to be cut as a
defect." This will do away with the
microscopic hunters after disqualifications
and a little grey tip in one or more feath-
ers will not send to the block what is often
the best bird in the class. The above
applies to all black fowls except Black
Langshans and Cochins.

The great show of New England will
occur at Hartford on January 22d to 27th,
1894. The Decimal score card will be
used, and no doubt its advocates will try
hard to convince the skeptical that it is
the proper caper. At all events we wish
the show and the D. S. C. a full measure
of success.

Arthur D. Murphy, of Biddeford,
Maine, has started in to advertise the
Campine fowl, and as the writer of these
notes was one of the first to call attention
to the famous Belgium fowls, we are
naturally interested in having them
thoroughly tested in this country.

Theodore Sternberg is also thoroughly
interested in Campines, and is preparing
the American standard for them, from
papers sent him by the writer, which

contained a translation of the Belgian
standard. Mr. Sternberg will shortly
give our readers an article on Campines,
which has been compiled from authorita-
tive sources.

The election is over. Notwithstanding
the tidal wave that we read so much
about, and which has or has not obliterated
from view one of the political parties,
the bold fact remains that THE AMERICAN
FANCIER was elected by an overwhelming
majority as the great fanciers' paper of
America. The returns are still coming
in with every mail, and as one of our
enthusiastic friends remarked: "THE
AMERICAN FANCIER will in a year's time
have the largest circulation of any poultry
paper in America." Well, if the pace set
during the past two months is any fair
estimate of what is to come, the circula-
tion of THE AMERICAN FANCIER will exceed
that of many of its older contemporaries
in less than six months. Stick a pin in
that assertion.

A. E. Blunck drew up the resolution
which Theodore Sternberg offered at the
A. P. A. meeting in Chicago last month,
and which if it had been voted upon
would have given the International Score
Card Association recognition by the
American Poultry Association. As
Messrs. Sternberg and Blunck are both
comparison judging advocates, their
conduct toward the Decimal Score Card
Association was extremely generous,
considering the attacks made by leading
members of the latter against comparison
judging and the New York show.

While on this subject we quote the fol-
lowing from A. E. Felch, which appeared
in the *American Stock-keeper* of Novem-
ber 11th:

"During the Chicago meeting the A.
P. A. was invited to meet again at New
York during the poultry show in Madison
Square Garden, the 'invitors' agreeing
to score the winning birds or the 10 best
birds in each class. This is a move in
the right direction, and we hope to see it
carried out. We were always willing to
meet New York half way and can shake
heartily on that move. It will have an
influence to heal the gap between the
'comparisonites' and the score card ad-
vocates. It will surely increase the entries.
It will give the exhibitor who came near
winning, the satisfaction of knowing just
how near he did come. It will be one of
the best moves that could be made in the
interest of thoroughbred poultry."

This is indeed news to us. We were
present at every meeting of the A. P. A.,
conversed with H. V. Crawford, James
Forsyth, T. Farrer Rackham, and
Philander Williams, all of whom are
members of the New York Poultry and
Pigeon Association, and never heard
anything about scoring birds at New
York next winter. It may be that some-
body evolved such a scheme while riding
on the Ferris wheel or in doing the giddy
Midway, and sent it to Mr. Felch, but
nothing was said of it at any of the
meetings.

James Forsyth, however, has a scheme
for judging the New York show, which,
if adopted, will give satisfaction to every
exhibitor, and it is not scoring either.
We hope to give Mr. Forsyth's ideas in
an early issue of THE AMERICAN FANCIER.

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spring some beauties on the unsuspecting
Rock breeders and exhibitors at one of
the coming large shows.

Sharp Butterfield, Canada, popular
judge and fancier, writes us: "What a
great report of the World's Fair show.
Your paper ought to find itself in the
hands of all poultrymen." It is, at a
2:04 clip.

Among our Western exchanges there
is none more welcome than the "Great
and Only" *Ohio Poultry Journal*. From
a journalistic standpoint, it is the peer of
all monthlies published, the white-
winged editor and publisher, Robert A.
Braden, being an old newspaper man
and printer. The latter two qualifications
may not be scientific, theoretical, or up
to the Oscar Wilde standard, but they
are of the practical "git thar" order.
The *Ohio Poultry Journal* gives
abundant evidence of being in a healthy,
prosperous condition, and it affords us
pleasure in announcing that we will send
it with THE AMERICAN FANCIER for one
year on receipt of one dollar and fifty
cents, the price of our own publication
alone. We do this in order to encourage
appreciation in a monthly poultry
magazine that is published in the West,
and one that fully meets the wants of all
decent and law-abiding fanciers. The
more good poultry literature a poultry-
man can get hold of the better.

We received a yellow subscription slip
and a one dollar bill enclosed in an
envelope, postmarked "Toledo, Ohio,
November 3, 1893," but the name and
address of sender were omitted. We
publish this in the hope that some of our
Toledo subscribers may assist us in
finding the remitter.

Frank Randall, of Johnstown, New
York, purchased a trio of Golden Wyand-
ottes from John H. Duke, and is highly
pleased with the birds. He expects to
make it lively in the future for the older
breeders of Golden Wyandottes. Nothing
but the best satisfies him.

Read our Show Calendar on page 2. It
is very complete.

Correspondents of THE AMERICAN
FANCIER will oblige the editor by writing
on one side of the paper only of the
letters or articles they wish published.

Messrs. Thomas A. Duff & Co.,
Toronto, have purchased from Mr.
William Barber, of the same place, the
first prize breeding pen of Brown Red
Games at the World's Fair. This is a
noted pen, and contains many individual
winners at the largest shows. The same
firm has also purchased from Dr. F. M.
Robinson, Pawling, N. Y., one of his
very best Black Langshan cockerels. The
price in both instances was, we under-
stand, a rather long one.

A Correction.

In our Hagerstown (Md.) show report,
a mistake occurs in the address of Daniel
L. Stauffer. It should read Spring City,
Pa., and not Md. As Mr. Stauffer made
such a fine record with his White Ply-
mouth Rocks at Hagerstown, he is
naturally anxious that his correct address
appears, and we cheerfully make the
correction.

Preparing Birds for Exhibition.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

The time has come when every fancier who wishes to win with any variety of poultry, must put them on exhibition in the best possible shape. I know that many birds are picked up in their run and hurried off to the poultry show without the least attempt being made to improve the bird's appearance.

It is a fact that a few exhibitors both in England and America do rather more preparing than the poultry laws allow, but we very rarely find a judge who has the courage to disqualify the bird. However, Mr. Editor, if you will allow me space and your readers will be at all interested in anything I write, I will try to tell them how some of the leading exhibitors in England prepare their exhibits for show purposes and also how they keep them in the best possible shape.

In the first place, I would advise all fanciers to get their exhibition birds tamer and more used to the show pen.

A few pens built or bought are really necessary and if the birds are caught after going to roost and placed in the pen till after feeding time next morning it will soon teach them to behave themselves when the judge puts his stick near them. How can a judge score a bird for symmetry or station if the bird is trying its level best to knock the pen top off. I have often noticed how wild some of the birds are at exhibitions and generally these same birds don't get high in the prize list.

Another point neglected by American exhibitors is the washing of their birds, more applicable to exhibitors of the light breeds, but if our colored friends themselves feel the necessity of a wash, why not our dark plumaged birds. I know of one firm of White Leghorn exhibitors you have, and also noted Light Brahma exhibitors who are experts in washing as I have noticed their exhibits more than once, and they certainly lost nothing in this point. As washing fowls nicely is in a way somewhat of an art, could not some one at the next New York show be prevailed on to wash a few birds publicly, so as to give our novice a chance of learning how it is done? Of course we all know that a soft sponge and plenty of soap and warm water is all that we require, yet many birds don't show that their owners have gone to this trouble.

My plan in washing birds is to have first a large bath, with plenty of warm water and lots of soap, into which I place the bird. Rub well all over with soap and use the sponge freely; don't be afraid if you rub the wrong way that the feathers will either break or not find their place again. After getting out all the dirt the next thing is to put the bird into a bath containing clean water, slightly colder than the first, and by careful rinsing to get all the soap out, (this is the most important part of the proceeding), I then put it into some specially prepared, lukewarm water, which I have made nice and blue, just as blue as the water our wives use for our white clothes. After carefully rinsing the bird again in this water I then get all the water from the feathers with the sponge, or at least as much as possible. I next get a soft towel and rub the bird all over. Don't be afraid of rubbing the feathers. Next place the bird in a pen before an open fire and dry quickly. Keep turning the bird round so as to let none of the feathers get too hot, but if dried quickly they seem to come

out in better shape. A good wash really makes a wonderful difference to a bird. I have heard Cochon men say, it makes a Cochon look half as big again and we all know how much it improves a white bird.

I must not run on too far or you will think I am trying to monopolize the paper, but if this is worth reading, I will try and say a few words more on the subject, but I would ask you Mr. Editor and all your readers to look on this as knowledge learned in my visits to leading yards in England, I don't pose as any authority, but having seen birds shown in American exhibitions that could have been greatly improved by a wash and a general brush up, I thought I would try and get some who have never taken the bother to pay more attention to the way they place their birds in the show room and am sure that the extra number of premiums they will win will repay them for their trouble.

In preparing birds for exhibition especially Games and Game Bantams a considerable amount of time and patience must be spent in teaching the birds how to stand correctly.

I fancy friend Thornton and Blunck do not pick up their birds the night the birds leave for the show and expect them to show off their best points in the pen.

The best way is to commence early with the cockerels and to put them in the training pens now and then, say for an hour at a time, this will soon take away the wildness if our fancy is amongst the Games or Game Bantams. When feeding let the bird eat out of your hand just as high up as the bird can stretch, this will soon teach the bird to stand erect and show that style that we all admire. Patience is needed as some Game cockerels take much more time to come to as we might call it, than others.

It is not advisable to have our birds kept day after day in the small training pens, as they keep in better condition and plumage if allowed to run out. Another point with all varieties of fowls having the white ear lobe, is that continually penning these varieties is very apt to make them go white in face. A proper way to keep these nice—nice and smooth in lobes, yet red faced—is to have a number of cockerel runs. No fancier who wishes to keep his birds in the best form can do without these. A small roosting place to which is attached a small run, say for a single bird a run 4 by 3 feet, and the top covered over 3-4 the length, so as to keep out sun and rain, for both these are hurtful to a very good smooth lobed bird.

These runs can be easily moved every week, so as to give the bird good clean ground. I have often seen a Black Rosecomb Bantam, after hard showing seem quite knocked out, in fact look dull and listless, but after a few days in the outside run come out again in good shape.

Why do some fanciers neglect the legs and feet of their show birds? Several varieties are more subject to scaly legs than others, but an occasional wash and a rubbing with olive oil, will keep them nice and I am sure will amply repay the time spent by the great improvement made.

I know a leading fancier who won a lot of premiums at last New York show with his birds. It was the first season he had ever taken the trouble to put his birds in the shade for protection from both the sun and the rain and it surprised him. I would advise all breeders of white and buff fowls especially to

keep them out of both sun and rain if they want to have their stock look the best in the show-room.

I don't say that the Buff is not a fast color, but birds of this color soon get patchy and what I have heard some call mealy looking after running out for even a short time. I won't even mention feeding, as every breeder knows that birds can be kept in good health and condition by feeding various foods, but I have found it advisable in many cases not to leave a pot of water before the birds all the time. Of course I let each bird have water both morning and night, but sometimes birds kept singly and having too much time on their hands, learn bad habits and drink more water than is good for them.

In all cases in preparing birds for the show room, don't use them roughly or excite them. Handle them carefully and quickly, and birds so used will show to greater advantage when our judges take them in hand.

W. F.

Accrington, England.

Toronto Poultry, Pigeon and Pet Stock Association.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

The annual dinner of the above association was held on Thursday evening, November 9th, in the new St. James' Hotel, Toronto. About fifty members and their friends sat down to a sumptuous repast prepared by host Hawley in his well-known style. Additional zest was given to the dinner by the fact that this was the first dinner held in the new hotel.

Mr. Charles Bonnick, president of the association, sat at the head of the table, and on his right were Mr. J. J. Withrow, president of the Industrial Exhibition Association, and on his left Mr. Joseph Dilworth, first vice-president of the Poultry Association of Ontario. Mr. Thomas A. Duff, secretary, was at the foot, on his right being Mr. William Barber, and on his left Mr. Joseph Bennett, first vice-president of the Toronto Association.

After full justice had been done to the good things provided for the occasion, the secretary read letters and telegrams of regret at their inability to be present from Messrs. H. J. Hill, manager of the Industrial Exhibition Association, and C. H. Hall, of King City, and from the secretaries of the Hamilton, New Hamburg and Brampton Poultry Associations.

Mr. Bonnick in a few well chosen remarks extended to all a hearty welcome. He referred shortly to the work of the association, and concluded by proposing the toast of "The Queen," those present joining with him in "God save the Queen."

Mr. Duff proposed the toast of "The Industrial Exhibition Association," coupling therewith the name of Mr. J. J. Withrow, president thereof. Mr. Duff referred briefly to the kindly feelings which the members of this association, as well as all fanciers at large, bore towards the Industrial. Everything the poultry committee of the Industrial had asked for had been granted, until to-day the poultry department is without doubt one of the finest, if not the finest, in America. He stated, without contradiction, that the display of poultry at the Industrial Exhibition in 1893 was fully equal to, if not better, than the display at the World's Fair. The toast was drunk with much enthusiasm, those present singing "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow."

Mr. Withrow on rising to respond was greeted with loud applause. He stated

that it gave him much pleasure to be present at the dinner of the Toronto Poultry Association. The Industrial Exhibition Association determined at all times to make every department of their exhibition a success; they, of course, could not do this without the assistance and co-operation of the members of the various associations and societies connected therewith to whom they looked for assistance and advice. He was glad, however, to know that their efforts were not in vain. The poultry committee was certainly the most active committee of the Industrial and seemed to be successful in getting all they wanted. He concluded by paying a tribute to the energy of Mr. Dilworth, chairman of the poultry committee.

The next toast was "The Poultry Association of Ontario," coupled therewith being the name of Mr. Joseph Dilworth, first vice-president. Mr. Dilworth replied in a kindly manner and his remarks were much appreciated.

"Sister Associations" was responded to by Mr. J. W. Holmes, of Brown's Corners, secretary of the Markham Poultry Association.

"Canadian Exhibitors at the World's Fair" brought responses from Messrs. H. B. Donovan and William Barber. Both of these gentlemen corroborated the statement of Mr. Duff to the effect that the exhibit at Chicago was not any better, if equal to, that shown at the Industrial Exhibition in 1893. They referred at length to the building used for the poultry and to the use of the score card, which, they stated, was used "in a kind of a way." Both gentlemen were glad to be able to say that Canada had more than held her own. The members of the Toronto Association had been as successful exhibitors as the members of any other association in America.

The toast of the host was enthusiastically drunk. Mr. Hawley made a fitting reply.

"The Press" was responded to by Messrs. Thomas A. Duff, of THE AMERICAN FANCIER, Mr. H. B. Donovan, of the *Poultry Review*, and Mr. Charles Bonnick, of the *Poultry Monthly*.

"The Ladies," coupled with the name of Mr. William Fox, brought a very happy and characteristic reply from the gentleman named.

Music by Richardson's orchestra and songs and recitations by Miss Ida Hawley, and Messrs. Gates, Barber, Gray and Fox largely tended to the success and enjoyment of the evening.

The committee in charge of the details were Messrs. Bonnick, Barber, Otter and Duff.

"God Save the Queen" brought the proceedings to a close after one of the most enjoyable evenings in the history of the association, which, at the present time, is in a most flourishing condition.

On Thursday, December 14th, the annual meeting and election of officers will be held.

BROWN RED.

The Reliable Scores High.

The Reliable Incubator and Brooder Company, of Quincy, Ill., scored a magnificent triumph at World's Columbian Exposition in competition with leading Incubators of the country. The Reliable was awarded the Diploma and Medal on Incubator and Brooder combined and the Medal on Hot Water Brooder. The Reliable has attracted world-wide attention at Chicago.

The committee of awards has fully sustained the universal praise which has been accorded the Reliable.

The New York *World*, the Chicago *Tribune* and other leading journals have devoted much praise to unsolicited descriptions of the machine and its wonderful hatches while on exhibition at the Fair.

Sternberg's Sallies.

Bright and Pithy Sayings
from the Great West.

BY THEODORE STERNBERG.

[Written for THE AMERICAN FANCIER.]

The World's Fair poultry show is now history. I think all who attended the meetings of the A. P. A. will agree with me when I say that by far the best, the most useful, and the most enduring for good of all things connected with the occasion, was the session of the A. P. A. itself. While all matters did not go to the lengths I should have liked, yet if ever there was a loosening up, a scraping off of scales, an attempt to do something up to the times, it was done then and there by that same A. P. A. For a starter in the direction of new growth it was wonderful. By the time the next revision of the Standard comes around we shall have a genuinely modern one, one right bang up to the hour. But then, it was good enough for this time to get a little modern medicine into the body.

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I trust the Western judges will catch on to the spirit of the changes made and apply them as liberally as intended, but if Cochins are to still fare in shape sections as before the meeting, I promise them a ride on a merry-go-round which will last for five years.

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One of the pleasantest memories of the session was the meeting so many fanciers whose names were familiar to me, but the persons who bore them were strangers. I do not believe we shall ever have again so large and so representative a gathering of the fancy. Truly, it was good to be there. What a powerful force is that feeling which makes the fancier. How absorbing an interest the true fancier has in his fancy. Just think of it. The American Poultry Association had to hold its meetings every night in an uncomfortable hall, in opposition to all the attractions outside, and yet it held the attention of its members. From the windows of the hall could be seen and all could hear the wonderful fireworks which illuminated the night of Manhattan day. Yet the American Poultry Association held its members, and was very largely attended, and business went right on.

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I was much pleased with the showing of fowls in single pens, each fowl by itself. I hope to see this method become universal. Rackham's method of penning is to be commended. It simplifies and renders more easy the work of judges, and is of great use to the public in enabling them to get clear ideas of individual fowls and enables all to compare for themselves.

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Our Canadian friends have a large and splendid fancy, and we owe them much for the large and fine exhibit. But New Yorkers should see to it that their red tape Custom House, which was such a nuisance at Chicago, is done away with. The idea of chickens coming over to be shown at a poultry show coming in bond, and a Custom House official watching each bird. Out with such nonsense.

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In law and in fact there are no Customs duties on fowls imported for any other purpose than as food, as poultry. Fowls for breeding or for

exhibition are free under the McKinley Tariff Bill. Some of you may remember that I myself raised the issue and made the fight on birds imported from England, and the Secretary of the Treasury ruled that there was no duty on fowls except for consumption as poultry. If I lived in New York city, where the great international show is to be held, I would see to it that the Secretary of the Treasury at once make a ruling, so these fowls from Canada, England, and Europe can be exhibited free and without a particle of red tape, and if such ruling was not made, I'd pull the Tammany tigers pups' tails until they got up in Congress and passed a bill which would help the show at Madison Square Garden.

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The AMERICAN FANCIER's report of certain of the proceedings of the A. P. A. (page 10) is not quite as it was. Mr. Pierce moved as stated. Mr. Sternberg offered his resolution as an amendment. Mr. Pierce raised the point of order that the resolution was not in order. Point of order was not sustained, whereupon Mr. Pierce withdrew his motion, and of course the amendment went with it. No vote was taken. Pierce simply withdrew his motion. All I care for about this is to make it plain just what was done in the matter. Later on another resolution was offered and adopted regarding the letter No. 2 of Mr. Felch, which the proceedings will show.

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Amongst the breeds somewhat new to me exhibited at the Chicago show, which seemed to me to deserve trial as very promising, were the Black Javas and the La Fleche. I was much pleased with both of these breeds, large, handsome, useful looking fowls. I had seen what purported to be Black Javas before, but none so fine as those here shown. I had never seen the La Fleche before, and I was much taken with the old-looking, horn-like comb, but more pleased with the glossy color and large meaty frame of the fowl. Under the change in the Standard in favor of black fowls, I look for renewed interest in the La Fleche. For a purely ornamental fowl the White Sultan cock impressed me as the most ornamental fowl on the grounds. Pure white, large crest and muff, full feathered on legs and toes, pronounced vulture hocks, it was certainly not only odd but very handsome. This is the first Sultan I ever saw. I wish here to make a correction as printed in my notes on Buff Cochins pens. The most typical Cochins pen, the one which should have been first in my opinion, was McCormick's pen. I think it was 3rd., not 2nd., and that is the way I thought I had it.

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Certainly, THE AMERICAN FANCIER, in its report of the poultry awards at Chicago, demonstrates that a wide-awake, up-to-the-times weekly paper is now a necessity, and the paper is to be commended for its energy in the news direction. It was a wonderful amount of matter to prepare and edit in the short time taken.

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I do hope that the era of good feeling, so happily inaugurated at Chicago, will result in the A. P. A. accepting the invitation, so cordially extended, to meet next February, at Madison Square Gardens. Let the good work of getting together go on. I do so wish to see one great international show held annually, and New York has demonstrated that it

is the place for it. There we should be able to get the English and Continental fanciers to bring their birds, poultry, pigeons, and pets. How I should love to see the best from all sections of our own country and from abroad meet in friendly contest. What a place it would be to visit. A cosmopolitan poultry show—we must have it.

Poultry Awards at Richmond, Va., Oct. 10 to 13.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

The poultry and pigeon department at our State Fair this year was the best arranged and largest ever held in the State. About 1,400 birds were shown. Abel F. Stevens, judge. Spratts Patent cooped the show.

BARRED PLYMOUTH ROCKS.—A large class and fairly good, though below the quality of past shows. First cock a fine colored bird, but decidedly off in shape. Second a good all round bird, a little light in color; should have had first. Hens—First and second nice even colored birds, though I think the best bird did not get the ribbons. Cockerels—First and second large framed and well barred youngsters. The second will make a fine one with age. Another little fellow I saw should have won with ease. Pullets—As a class poor and small. First and second too dark, breast and wing bows well barred, but neck and back uneven and smutty.

WYANDOTTES.—Awards properly placed. I saw some females that were grand in size and the pencilling in back and cushion immense.

BUFF COCHINS.—A good class, some grand birds in color and feathering being shown.

LIGHT BRAHMAS.—Out in full force and in nice condition. The first cock and first hen were splendid in size and shape, good head and hackle, with heavy leg and toe feathering. Pullets—First and second large size and good birds, with good leg feathering.

BLACK LANGSHANS.—Class very large. First cock a large bird and a good one in condition. The first and second hens were fine in shape and style and wonderful in size. Pullets—First and second good shape, well up on legs, and will be good ones with age.

BROWN LEGHORNS.—By far the largest class (over 200 shown). First cock large size, good shape, magnificent lobe, a little short on leg, and much too dark to catch my eye for the show-room. The second a good all round Leghorn, nice stripe and good colored hackle. Hens—First and second nice even brown in color, good combs, lobes and legs, a little bad in hackle, being broken and pencilled in stripe. Cockerels—Tie for first place, both birds being good size and well up on legs, with good smooth combs. One was decidedly off in color and shape of lobe. The second prize bird, in my opinion, was by far the best, and should have won first place hands down. He was certainly a grand specimen of the Leghorn family, a splendid colored bird all over, excellent in style and shape, beautiful metallic stripe in hackle, with rich orange trimming, lobes perfect in shape and smooth as satin on surface. This bird was a trifle short on legs and comb and wattles a little rough in texture. Pullets were rather young, though some good birds were shown; to my mind the best in this class did not win. The owner of first and second had better birds than those which won the ribbon.

B. B. RED GAMES.—Some nice specimens shown. Tie for first cock, though I do not understand why, as one of these birds was as near a Pit as an Exhibition, being off in many points. Second cock a fine one in size and station, but was in heavy moult and blind in one eye. Hens—First and second in prime condition and nice ones. Cockers too young to show up to advantage. Pullets—Some "crackers" were shown, good color and well up in legs. First, fine in station.

RED PILE GAMES.—A nice class. The young birds were specially good.

INDIAN GAMES.—Class well filled and

with specimens that could win in company with the best in the land.

PIT GAMES.—Many. Females as a class only medium. The males were good, especially the cockerels. The second prize cock was a full blood Irish Red, all the way from the State of Maine.

B. B. RED BANTAMS.—A large class. First cock a beauty. The females were very small and extra fine.

PEKIN DUCKS.—Grand and an honor to any breeder.

I noticed one of the finest Duckwing Games it has ever been my pleasure to see. Friend Bass should be proud of him.

The White Plymouth Rocks were the largest and best in color ever exhibited here. Mr. Hewitt should certainly raise some nice ones.

AWARDS.

BARRED PLYMOUTH ROCKS.—Cock 1, cockerel 1, R. V. Owen, Manchester, Va.; cock 2, hen 1 and 2, pullet 1 and 2, Turner Bros., Drewry Bluff, Va.; cockerel 2, W. H. Tyler, Richmond; pen 1, Turner Bros.; 2, R. V. Owen.

WHITE PLYMOUTH ROCKS.—Cock 1, hen 1 and 2, pen 1, Geo. T. Hewitt, Saluda, Va.; cock 2, Turner Bros.

SILVER WYANDOTTES.—Cock 2, hen 1, pullet 2, pen 1, L. S. Bass, Richmond; hen 2, Turner Bros.

BUFF COCHINS.—Cock 1, cockerel 1, pullet 1, pen 1, C. D. Larus, Richmond; cock 2, R. J. Farrer, Orange.

PARTRIDGE COCHINS.—Cockerel 1, hen 1, pullet 1, pen 1, E. T. Robinson, Jr., Fancy Hill, Va.

LIGHT BRAHMAS.—Cock 1, hen 1 and 2, pen 1, J. E. Taylor, Richmond; cock 2, R. V. Owen; pullet 1 and 2, pen 2, Turner Bros.

BLACK LANGSHANS.—Cock 1, hen 1 and 2, cockerel 1 (tie), pullet 1 (tie) and 2, pen 1 and 2, R. V. Owen; cockerel 1 (tie), pullet 1 (tie), E. L. Morris, Richmond; cock 2, J. E. Taylor.

BLACK SPANISH.—All prizes to L. S. Bass.

BROWN LEGHORNS.—Cock 1, cockerel 1 (tie), Turner Bros.; cock 2, pullet 1 and 2, pen 1, R. V. Owen; hen 1, J. E. Taylor; hen 2, E. M. Zacharias, Richmond; cockerel 1 (tie), pen 2, E. L. Morris; cockerel 2, W. H. Tyler.

WHITE LEGHORNS.—All prizes to E. M. Zacharias.

S. S. HAMBURGERS.—Cock 2, J. W. Bush & Son, Richmond; hen 1 and 2, cockerel 1 and 2, pullet 1, pen 1 and 2, R. V. Owen.

HOUDANS.—All prizes to J. P. Miller, Richmond.

B. B. RED GAMES.—Cock 1 (tie), W. B. Taylor and H. A. S. Hamilton; hen 1 and 2, pullet 2, cockerel 2, pen 1, W. B. Taylor, Richmond; cock 2, pullet 1, pen 2, R. W. Thompson, Richmond.

DUCKWINGS.—Cock 1, cockerel 1, L. S. Bass.

RED PILES.—Cock 1, hen 1 and 2, cockerel 2, pullet 2, R. W. Thompson; cock 2, Bush & Son; pullet 1 (tie), W. Blackburn and R. W. Thompson; cockerel 1, Blackburn.

BLACK GAMES.—Cock 1 (tie), Blackburn and H. Jennings; hen 1, Blackburn; hen 2, H. Jennings; pullet 1 (tie), Thompson and M. Brauer.

INDIAN GAMES.—Cock 1, Dr. C. S. Steel, Richmond; cock 2, hen 1 and 2, cockerel 1 and 2, pullet 1, Geo. T. King, Richmond; pullet 2, Thompson.

PIT GAMES.—Cock 1, Zacharias; cock 2, Thompson; cockerel 1, pen 1, M. J. Kimbrough; pen 2, M. Brauer.

B. B. RED BANTAMS.—Cock 1, hen 1 (tie 2), pullet 1 (tie 2), pen 1, E. M. Zacharias; cock 2, hen 2, pen 2, R. Booth; cockerel 1, Bush & Son; cockerel 2, pullet 2, King.

SEBRIGHT BANTAMS.—Cock 1, hen 2, pullet 1 (tie), R. J. Farrer, Orange, Va.; cock 2, hen 1, cockerel 1, pullet 1 (tie), M. Brauer.

PEKIN DUCKS.—Pair 1, Robinson, Jr.; pair 2, A. H. Thiermann, Richmond.

TURKEYS.—Pair 1, Hamilton; pair 2, Farrer.

J. E. T.

A California Letter.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

Elsewhere in the columns of your valuable journal will be found a series of papers on the Silver Wyandotte from the pens of well known eastern, southern and California breeders, members of our standing committee on Silver Wyandottes. We trust they will be found to be of value to your readers. It is the aim of the Los Angeles County Poultry Association to assist in the education of the people as to the merits of the various breeds of fancy poultry, and this is one of our methods adopted and practiced. Every meeting we have an essay or more on some topic or breed, the result being that the interest in poultry is intense and our meetings are well attended. These papers were read at our regular meeting October 14, after which Silver Wyandottes from the yards of George Pomeroy and S. Tyler were judged by W. H. H. Jones of Pasadena, and the method of judging under the Standard fully exemplified and explained in a very interesting lecture. Our next show will be held January 15-20, 1894. It will be a grand one, open to the world, large cash premiums will be offered and paid, the money being already in bank.

JOHN C. STEDMAN, Secretary.
Los Angeles, Nov. 1, 1893.

An Evening With the Silver Wyandotte.

Papers Written for the Los Angeles County, California, Poultry Association by Members of Committee on Silver Wyandottes, Read and Discussed at Regular Meeting, Saturday Evening, October 14th, 1893.

[Compiled for THE AMERICAN FANCIER by John C. Stedman, Secretary.]

INTRODUCTORY. By George Pomeroy, Chairman, Los Angeles, California.

Mr. President, and members of the Los Angeles Poultry Association: It is not to be expected that an amateur like myself, with but one year's experience with a standard breed like the Silver Wyandottes, should know much about them. What little I shall say, will be but the preface for what shall follow, from the pens of such experienced veterans in the business as Messrs. Tyler and Comings of our Association, and Messrs. Reed, Cullum, Crocker and Wallace of our honorary membership.

I have always been an admirer of poultry, always had a few when situated so that I could do so, and have always been an interested attendant at all poultry shows held here. Two years ago at the poultry show held in the Armory, my friend Mr. Tyler had some fine Silver Wyandottes on exhibition, and they captivated my fancy at once. It did not take long for me to make up my mind that that was the bird for me, and as yet have had no reason to think different. Previous to this time I had bred a few White Plymouth Rocks and Black Langshans, but they were cast aside for the better and more beautiful Silver Wyandottes—and beautiful they are, both male and female. With my little experience I find that the Silver Wyandottes are fine layers of good-size brown eggs, very gentle in their dispositions, make the best of mothers (in this respect far better than any I have ever had before), easy to break up from setting, small eaters, and their flesh for the table equal to the best. Pullets lay at an early age, have raised one this year that commenced to lay at less than five months old, also that they lay well during moulting, for mine have so far never failed to leave me some eggs every day. Quoting from Joseph Wallace's book on Wyandottes, he says, "The Wyandotte is unquestionably a splendid breed and holds first rank among American fowls. It is a breed that commends itself in various ways, utility and beauty being two of its chief recommendations—two good qualities in combination—essential properties which no real fancier is disposed to ignore, nor which, indeed, in the interests and progress of poultry culture, should be overlooked or underrated." Thanking you for your attention, I will close, and leave you to be entertained by those who are more able and experienced to commend all the virtues of this grand breed, and belittle its defects, if any.

A SKETCH OF OUR POULTRY HISTORY. By Joseph Wallace, Honorary Member, Janesville, Wisconsin.

Mr. President and Gentlemen: Although poultry culture is as old as civilization, little was done in the way of improvement till the last fifty years. Fifty years ago I was a fancier, and have watched the progress and development of the poultry industry up to the present

day. The advent of Cochins to England and Brahmas to the United States, stimulated poultry culture beyond any previous record. A wholesome rivalry sprang up between the two countries, which brought the Asiatics more prominently before the people. There followed a regular course of breeding in line, which brought out varieties, succeeded by the multiplication of new breeds by crossing, and the improvement of old ones almost forgotten, to keep pace with the growing popularity of the Asiatics.

There was such a manifest difference between the size of the Asiatics and the small European breeds as to astonish the beholder. Fabulous prices were paid for specimens, and the bigger the bird the more value was placed on it. The scrubs were eagerly taken up by farmers, and now fanciers, to increase the size of their flocks, and for years Asiatics supplied both amateurs and consumers of fowl flesh. But after the novelty wore off, and a thorough canvass made of their laying and table qualities, it was shown that they were inveterate sitters and their flesh too coarse and stringy for table use, with little meat on breast for so large a race of fowls.

With the characteristic push and ingenuity of the American poulterer, a new breed of medium size, plump and dress nicely, that would combine in a high degree laying and flesh qualities, must be evolved to take the place of the Asiatics. That rare combination, the product of which Dr. John C. Bennett christened Plymouth Rocks, died a natural death, but over its ashes rose the real Plymouth Rock of our day, which had such a run of popularity as to fairly eclipse all previous records. It is unnecessary to enter into details concerning this breed, as they are still fresh in the minds of many of this association; suffice to say, that they in a great measure supplanted the Asiatics as a general purpose fowl; they being of good size for market, with a fairly good record for laying and quality of flesh. However, two prominent faults were associated with this breed, which made their breeding a source of annoyance and disappointment; their color being of that sober and common cast of barn yard fowl, that it precluded their taking rank as a fancy breed. The difficulty of mating prize birds to produce their like, the pullets almost invariably coming too dark in plumage with legs of a dusky color, and the cockerels coming with a plumage many shades lighter, created disgust and disappointment among a very large number of breeders who could not succeed to their liking with Plymouth Rocks.

These representative breeds of American origin and development, stimulated poultry culture to a great extent. Then it was that some unknown fancier conceived the idea of making a breed that would have all the good qualities of the Asiatics and Plymouth Rocks without their objectionable features. This was accomplished through judicious crossing of notable breeds to produce a medium size, unique and handsome plumage, prolificness and table qualities. We have all these merits combined in the breed that is the subject of this address; that is now the most popular fowl in this country; that is fast gaining admirers in Great Britain and Australia, and that promises to be the ideal fowl of future generations; this is our modern Silver Wyandottes.

The early history of the foundation of the Silver Wyandotte is unknown in particular points. The original elements were put together before the days of poultry publications, and, of course, the record is lost to us for ever. There is evidence of a first cross from a Sebright Bantam and a Buff Cochin hen or Yellow Chitagon, as some called the Buff, as early as 1868 or 1869. At this early date at least three persons were breeding this cross, or one of a similar product, as we learn from the correspondence between a Mr. John P. Ray of Hemlock Lake, N. Y., and a Rev. A. S. Baker of Honeoye Falls. Single and rose combs appeared from this cross, those with rose combs were generally better marked in plumage and more valued among their admirers. Much has been conjectured about the object of the originator, some asserting that a laced Cochin was in view, while others believed that a medium sized fowl, somewhat like the Plymouth Rock was the ultimate object. Weighing the probabilities of each view, I am led to think that the originator intended a breed to take the place of Brahmas, Cochins, and Javas for fancy breeding and table use, as the plumage promised to be unique and attractive, and the size more desirable than that of the Asiatics, though called Sebright Cochins.

Some of Mr. Ray's early stock passed into the hands of Messrs. McMillan, Dudley, Whittaker, and Hull. Each of these fanciers made some change or improvement in his fowls. Some bred rose combs and others single comb birds, and not until 1876 did the pea comb become a feature of the new breed. Previous to this another cross was made between the Silver Spangled Hamburg and Buff Cochin. Seeing that the plumage was too light, the Brahma, in many ways was found to be an excellent element to infuse in the new cross. This combination was called American Sebright. Mr. Payne of Binghamton, N. Y., was a breeder of this new cross, and advertised his fowls in the *Poultry World* in 1874-1875. The breed was presented to the American Poultry Association for admission to the standard while in session at Buffalo in 1876. The association recognized the promising qualities of the breed, but objected to the name American Sebrights, as suggestive of Bantam, besides several new features were engrafted on the breed in the way of combs. In this unsettled state the association appointed Mr. Payne chairman of a committee to settle on comb and prepare a standard. The committee failed to report, as they could not agree on a name nor the form of comb, so the breed had to wait till 1883.

The seven years that intervened were put to good use on the breed. A rivalry sprang up between the breeders of former types and the new ones, to popularize their respective crosses. A new product from the Hamburg, Dark Brahma and American Sebright, under the name Eureka, was brought forward as an improvement on all other crosses. This combination was really the crowning point of the breed, but the multiplicity of names bewildered everybody. One could see the breed advertised Sebright Cochins, American Sebrights, Eureka, Excelsiors, American Brights, Columbias and Hambletonians. Finally, Mr. Hondlette of Waltham, Mass., surprised all by christening them Wyandotte.

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PIGEONS.

Editorial Squibs.

Major F. M. Gilbert met with an irreparable loss on Sunday last, in the death of his father, Samuel E. Gilbert. The latter was one of the leading business men of Evansville, Indiana, and one that was highly esteemed for his sterling character in public and social life. His son, who was devotedly attached to his father, will feel the loss most keenly and every friend of Major Gilbert, and their number is legion, will join us in extending to him the most sincere sympathy in his hour of affliction.

The rumors regarding the Cincinnati Columbarian and Poultry Show are well founded. George Ewald is doing some quiet but effective work, and we may soon hear something definite regarding the coming exhibition in the Berlin of the United States.

If a show is held in Cincinnati, it is dollars to doughnuts that Oscar Seifert will be there.

In the meantime, everybody is working to get to the Baltimore Show in December, and every pigeon fancier should help that exhibition to the best of his ability.

The Coliseum where the Baltimore Show is to be held is only a few squares from the Union depot, and in an excellent portion of the city.

Now that a Philadelphia Show is improbable, the Quaker City fanciers should roll up their sleeves and go to work for the Baltimore Show. Washington pigeon cranks will certainly be on hand.

C. W. Buttles of Columbus, Ohio, is anxious to answer all questions regarding diseases and management of pigeons for the benefit of our readers. So fire away, he is a glutton for work.

Mr. Buttles is also developing artistic traits. He is busy making sketches of pigeons, which will soon be reproduced in THE AMERICAN FANCIER. Pigeon fanciers should remember that we have an engraving department connected with our extensive printing establishment.

Wood cuts from pen and ink drawings of pigeons will be furnished at reasonable rates; in fact we can supply most anything to pigeon fanciers, except leg bands and other appliances. These can best be secured from our advertisers, with whom we never compete.

Easton, Pa., and Phillipsburgh, N. J., are twin cities, separated only by the Delaware River, and plenty of fanciers can be found in both places. A society has been started there for the purpose of holding a pigeon and poultry show in Easton in 1894. It should prove a success.

What has become of our Washington correspondent? We are waiting for news from the Capitol city.

In next week's issue we begin a series of articles on the Pouter by H. A. Budde, of St. Louis, Mo.

We have made arrangements with the Rev. A. L. Love of 2,938 Henrietta,

street, St. Louis, Mo., to act as our correspondent and agent in that city. Fanciers in his vicinity will do well in furnishing him with items of interest for publication in THE AMERICAN FANCIER.

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Ernest Gill of Baltimore, Md., has imported a lot of fine Tumbler pigeons from England. They will be shown at the Columbian Exhibition held in Baltimore next month.

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G. A. Fick makes a hustling secretary, and the Magpie Club is fortunate in having enlisted his services. Specialty clubs are of much value when rightly conducted.

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H. T. Klusmeyer, Jr., of Easton, Pa., sold seventy birds in two weeks through THE AMERICAN FANCIER. The advertising cost one dollar. This proves what we always contended, viz.: Advertising always pays better in a paper which does not cater to one specialty only. Our large circulation among poultry fanciers is helping the pigeon fancy wonderfully.

Queries and Answers.

[All reasonable questions of interest to the fancy, pertaining to the care, management and health of fancy Pigeons will be answered in this column. The department is conducted by C. W. Buttlers, 1070 Madison Avenue, Columbus, Ohio, to whom all communications should be addressed.—ED.]

Query.—Nearly every winter I lose many of my best birds. They don't seem to eat anything, get very thin and die. Please prescribe. What is the best winter feed?—G. G. T.

Answer.—Your birds have what is known as "going light." By referring to THE AMERICAN FANCIER of October 21, in "Queries and Answers" department you will find best mode of treatment. For a winter feed use equal parts of corn, wheat, and millet, with occasionally a little hemp seed and green foods.

Query.—Will some of the many readers of your valuable paper kindly inform me how I can save my squabs? When about ten days old a yellow cheesy substance forms in their throat, and in a few days completely stops the passage, so that no food can pass to the crop. Result, starvation.—W. J. R.

Answer.—From your description your young birds have a bad form of canker. Cause, either from impure food and water, but in all probability contracted from the parents. Carefully examine the old birds first, and if they have canker clean all the matter away with a thin piece of wood and apply enough burnt alum (powdered) to entirely cover the sores. Treat the young in same manner. Feed nothing but smooth, sound grains, such as wheat millet, peas and hemp, avoid giving corn or cracked corn, and, above all things, see that the water is fresh and pure. Have the loft dry and free from all draughts.

Query.—What do you do for over-feeding in Pouters, resulting in crop-bound birds? Have tried several methods, but all N. G.—J. H. D.

Answer.—Try hanging the bird up in an old stocking for 24 to 48 hours, first giving a physic of castor oil. Don't feed your Pouter quite so heavy. Cut a hole in toe of stocking for bird's tail to go through.

Query.—Can more than one variety of Fancy Pigeons be kept in one loft, or is it necessary to have a different loft for each variety.—G. C.

Answer.—Certainly. Pigeons will not mix after being once mated. See that all birds are mated up first before putting them in the loft.

Query.—Have heard some talk of separating the sexes during the winter. Is it a good plan?—F. K. J.

Answer.—It is a splendid plan.

The White Fantail Pigeon.

A Monograph.

BY JESSE M. RUTTER.

[Written for THE AMERICAN FANCIER.]

Another extravagance is a roomy walking-pen. This all-wire cage can furnish its fancier owner with more real fun than is offered by any single article in his breeding outfit. Within its charmed confines will strut possible prize winners, passing inspection under the critical scrutiny of their ambitious owner. At close quarters, little failings crop out, and each bird betrays peculiar points not readily seen in the open loft. Quite often, the Fantail most showy when parading across the sanded floor, shows serious defects when caged; while some more modest associate shines gem-like on nearer acquaintance. Judicious use of a walking-pen may save defeat by sifting out specimens faulty when subjected to strict standard analysis. Again at mating time when doubt grasps the breeder, and he cannot fix upon the most suitable mate for his pet hen. His two best cock Fantails are so alike in breeding probabilities that each seems to surpass the other. The bewildered fancier pens the puzzling trio together. Inspired by the presence of beauty, the two feathered rivals proudly tip-toe to and fro, whirling in waltzing circles, or staggering back in nervous tremors, while the cage rings with eager cooing. The dainty hen coyly nods her snaky head, and partially unfolds her trailing wings as she walks with stately steps before the jealous suitors. The attentive fancier watches every turn, and soon selects the most suitable pair. My walking-pen is four feet long, two and one-half feet wide, two and one-half feet high, and is arched at the top. It is like a big bird cage, and is formed of straight galvanized iron wires.

The separation of the loft into at least three rooms has been previously advocated, and a short explanation of the resultant advantages may induce some beginner to adopt this useful plan. Each of my movable nest-boxes has its metal number, and as far as possible every pigeon occupies the same situation season after season. The boxes are so roomy that but one is required for each pair, the couple nesting by turns in opposite ends. Pigeons heartily dislike changes, and free breeding is promoted by humoring their innate taste for fixed abodes. When a loft is divided into three rooms, two can be used for breeding, and the third set apart for immature youngsters. With two breeding pens planned to suit eight pairs, four couples will occupy each room. Four movable nest-boxes can be placed in similar situations in the two lofts. As years pass and changes in mating naturally follow, decided alteration in nesting locations can be avoided by shifting from room to room. For instance, when eight pairs are evenly divided between two duplicate lofts, pair No. 1 occupies the same situation in loft No. 1 that pair No. 5 does in loft No. 2. Moving pair No. 1 to box No. 5 causes no startling change of scene, and if the shifting is done at night, the abducted pair goes on breeding apparently ignorant of its sudden removal. This duplication of lofts can be extended indefinitely, and New England boasts of one spacious pigeon "hotel" having forty-two rooms, each measuring ten by twelve feet.

The positive need of separate quarters for growing Fantails cannot be too strong-

ly urged. Perfect development partially depends upon steady growth until maturity, and youngsters allowed to wander about the breeding lofts are quite likely to become badly stunted. Every ill-natured elder buffets these homeless orphans, disowned by even their parents. The hapless outcasts shrink away into the darkest corners, scrambling out at feeding time to appease their hunger by a few grains furtively snatched from the breeding birds' regular rations. Under such adverse conditions, any strain will surely produce more "weeds" than wonders. With a suitable "young bird" loft however, how changed are the surroundings of the coming prize winners! Warm sunlight, pure air, an ample outer flight, fresh water, and an ever-filled feeding hopper are all at hand. No aged tyrants trouble the youthful inmates of this safe asylum, and here can blue blooded specimens fully fill out their rounded outlines. This may read like a fancy sketch, but hard experience has proved the positive necessity of a "nursery" for choice Fantails. If a man wishes to win with pigeons from his own strain, he must supply sanitary conditions able to bring out every excellence latent in the blood. So severe is the competition of to-day, that at any important show, the breeding fancier is likely to run against not only the best Fantails of home production, but also against specimens imported to take some special honor. This wholesale rivalry is no hardship. It tends to raise the standard, and sharpens a man's wits. But because of this liability of competing with the whole fancy, no man can afford to ignore any means which will aid him in attaining standard perfection. Without a spare loft for the rising generation, a fancier really gives heavy handicap to his more thoughtful rivals. What is worth raising, is worth raising well. Think this over, fellow fanciers.

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Baltimore Classification.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

In looking over the last *American Stock-Keeper*, I notice the Editor states that the Specialty Clubs which intend to meet at Baltimore should be consulted as to the classes they wish at the show to be held in that city.

Bro. Atherton hits the nail squarely on the head, and the Baltimore fanciers will make a great mistake should they not heed this advice.

The society can well afford to provide ample classification in the varieties which have a strong Specialty Club, as the Turbit, Jacobin, Owl, Magpie, Tumbler, Fantail, and Barb Clubs. Each one of these clubs should be consulted on this important subject before the premium lists are printed. There is also another important point to be considered. All Specialty Clubs meeting at Baltimore will have their list of specials, cups, etc., which should by all means be printed in the catalogue.

I, for one, would rather keep my birds at home than have to show in a class where two or three colors compete together. I think this is an outrage. The fanciers pay their entry fees and expressage, and should be provided with a class for all birds which they may show should they be of a standard variety. The American Pigeon Club, which was to give such liberal classification, provided, to say the least, a very poor class for Owls of all varieties.

C. W. BUTTLERS.

Magpie Breeders of England.

From the *Citizen* of Gloucester, England, we learn that the fifth annual young stock show of the West of England Magpie Fanciers' Association, held on Monday, October 5, was the best one ever held by the association, the entries having largely increased over last year. The quality in the Black class for young cocks and hens was most conspicuous, so much so, that extra prizes were given. The Reds and Yellows were strong and the latter much improved in tone and color, as well as in size, type and style. The Blues though small in number, showed some good merit, especially last year's young stock. The Silvers and Silver Duns, though off colors, were of much more even coloring than have been exhibited before, the Silvers especially showing the bar.

Mr. C. Burton Barnes, the honorable secretary of the club, after a period of service extending over five years, tendered his resignation which was accepted with much regret. Mr. Gordon referring to the work of Mr. Barnes, said he himself was present at the first meeting of the society, and at that time he never thought it would have developed to the present proportions. Much of the success of the association was due to Mr. Barnes' zeal and energy. These remarks were fully endorsed by all members present. Mr. H. J. Weaver, Gloucester, was appointed his successor. At the December show a twelve guinea challenge vase will be competed for.

It may be interesting to mention here that the Magpies of the more modern style, i. e., the long flesh colored beak and coral eye cere, first reached Gloucester on board of a Norwegian ship in 1870. John Bubb, a corn weighmaster, bought the pair, and they soon afterward reared a couple of young ones. Of the four birds two were killed by a cat, and the others came into the possession of Mr. A. J. Barnes. One of them was the first pigeon he exhibited, now very close upon twenty years ago, and she got commended in an Any Other Variety class of 32 entries. Of course in those days there were no classes specially provided for Magpies. Mr. Barnes bred and exhibited Magpies for about ten years, but he always took care not to lose the blood of the birds referred to above.

As Mr. C. Burton Barnes is probably the leading Magpie breeder, fancier and judge in England, we give a few extracts from a very entertaining little volume published by *The Fancier Gazette* of England, which deals chiefly with noted pigeon fanciers. The chapter devoted to Mr. Barnes, quotes that gentleman as saying: "£10 is an average price for a good show bird, but I have had more." He also gives the following hints to beginners: "Buy birds that are up to date, as such improvements have been made that old-fashioned ones flood the markets. If you cannot afford to buy winners, buy a good pair of stock birds from a reliable fancier and breed for yourself. Keep your birds very clean, give fresh water daily, plenty of grit and some common salt to peck at, with good ventilation, not too much sun and a bath as frequently as the weather permits."

The chief questions for amateur breeders to consider is, "are my birds properly matched to produce winners?" If not, they will be like some people, "married, not mated." He also says: "Don't mix strains, else the good points in one are overruled in the other."

From the above, one gets a fair idea of what constitutes a sound fancier.

American Tumbler Club.

To the Members of the American Tumbler Club:

It has been moved by Mr. Frank W. Gorse, and seconded by Mr. Ernest Gill, that the following standards for saddles and badges, be immediately adopted by the American Tumbler Club, these being the recognized standards of the English fancy:

I. Size, shape, and general appearance—The birds are of small size, and of neat, plump and compact appearance. They carry themselves erect, with head well back so that the eye is in a perpendicular line with the centre of the foot. This gives them a consequential aspect and a somewhat strutting gait.

(1.) The body should be well balanced, short, and taper sharply to the tail, its outlines being graceful and flowing, never angular or broken.

(2.) The chest should be broad, and the shoulders well developed, giving indication of great endurance in flight.

(3.) The head should be small and round, without any angularity or flatness on the top, and the beak should be straight, white, and close-fitting, with the wattle small and smooth in texture.

(4.) The neck should be short, broad at the base, and taper rapidly upwards.

(5.) The eye should be white or pearl, and cere white and very fine.

(6.) The feet should be small and partially webbed, and the legs short. The muffs should be long, well spread, and unbroken so as to form a continuous curve at the edges. The hocks should be full and long, reaching almost to the ground.

II. Distinctive markings of saddles—The head-markings should be distinct and symmetrically arranged. A good white "blaze" or "snip" should run up the centre of the skull from the beak, and there should be a white dot over each eye. The beard should be white, but on each side there should be a small, clearly defined, pear-shaped patch of dark feathers running from the root of the beak backwards and downwards into the white of the beard for some little distance. These small patches of dark feathers are known as the "whiskers," and are a very important feature in the head markings of the variety. A clear band of white extending from the keel to the tail, should go right around the body. The wings, hocks, and muffs should also be white, and show a clearly defined colored saddle between the shoulders. The tail is dark, except in the case of red saddles, where white tails are accepted.

III. Distinctive markings of badges—The markings of the head should be exactly the same in character as those of the saddle. The body however, should be colored, and the muffs and the ten primary flight feathers should be white, except in the case of red badges, where the white tails again have to be accepted, as colored tails are unknown.

I have taken the liberty of submitting the above motion to the members of the club direct, in order to save the time that it would require to forward it to the president and have him put the question, and trust that I will be excused for so doing. The show season is close upon us and it is urgent that we take prompt action in this matter. I would therefore beg the members to send me a postal card, merely writing the word 'Yes' or 'No'. Those in favor of the motion, will of course, write the word 'Yes', and those opposed, the word 'No'. If I receive such votes from a majority of the members of the Club, I shall consider that a quorum has voted, and be governed accordingly. And in order to prevent any dissatisfaction on the part of the members, I will forward the votes (postal cards) if fortunate enough to get them, to an editor of one of our leading journals, with the request that he publish the result.

I have not yet heard anything from the members on the subject of dues. It was recently proposed by me through the

columns of THE AMERICAN FANCIER, to reduce the dues from \$6 per year to \$2, asking at the same time, for the views of members. If they will only take a few minutes, they can kill two birds with one stone, by utilizing the one postal for voting on the subject of dues as well as on the standards.

FRANK S. WALTON,
Sec'y American Tumbler Club,
107 South Water St., Phila., Pa.

Fine Tumbler Pigeons.

Among the cargo of the steamship Baltimore of the Johnson Line, which arrived late Friday, were three boxes. They were carefully handled and screened on one side with a curtain of bagging. Each box was divided into six separate cages, and each of these contained one of the finest specimens of English Tumbler pigeons obtainable. They were consigned to Ernest Gill, of Martin Gillett & Co., Exchange place, who is an ardent pigeon fancier, and in a loft on his place, near Govanstown, has hundreds of birds of the finest breed.

The imported pigeons were yesterday, after removals to the offices of Custom House Broker H. Sallus and Gillett & Co., taken to their permanent home. The consignment comprised one pair each of yellow white sides, black saddles, red and blue badges, black and red mottles, solid yellows and yellow rose wings. All were of the long muffed variety. The yellow white sides were the most valuable, having taken the first prize at Birmingham and the second at the Crystal Palace exhibit. Mr. Gill intends to show them at the exhibition to be held by the Columbian Club in the Cyclorama Building the latter part of December.—*Herald*, Baltimore, Md., Nov. 12th, 1893.

The Barb Club.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

In your list of Pigeon Specialty Clubs you overlooked the American Barb Club. This club has the following officers: President, D. E. Newell; vice-presidents, G. A. Fick and H. Tiemann; treasurer, W. W. White; secretary, J. S. Rittenhouse.

The Barb Club has had its rules neatly printed, and a copy will be furnished any fancier on application. Barb fanciers especially are asked to interest themselves in the club and become members.

J. S. RITTENHOUSE.

Reading, Pa., Nov. 13, 1893.

Stray Homer.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

A Homing pigeon came to our lofts last Thursday, and has since been flying with our birds. The leg band is marked S. 3703. The name stamped on wing is indistinct, but looks like Phila.

Kindly mention in your paper, so that the owner may be found.

W. B. COCHRAN & SON.

Baltimore, Md., Nov. 13, 1893.

Public Opinion.

BETTER THAN ALL OTHERS.

I like THE AMERICAN FANCIER better than any paper that comes to my table. It certainly supplies a long felt want, a purely poultry and pigeon weekly, giving quick news and show reports in full. Your success is certain and I am ready to lend you my services and help your paper all I can.

IRA C. KELLER.

Prospect, Ohio.

MANY INQUIRIES.

Have received a good many inquiries through THE AMERICAN FANCIER. Will send a new advertisement soon.

W. N. FRENCH,

Nov. 13, 1893.

New Haven, Vt.

Pigeon Flying.**Notice to Subscribers.**

Our subscribers are informed that we have arranged that all inquiries relating to the breeding, training and management of homing pigeons, and upon all questions bearing upon the history of pigeon flying, both at home and abroad, will be answered by "Fritz" through his columns in THE AMERICAN FANCIER weekly, and at the earliest possible opportunity, and should be addressed to

MR. T. FRED. GOLDMAN,
832 Herkimer Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

[All matter that he deems of general and practical interest, or of value to the young and inexperienced fancier, will be embodied in his weekly notes, while other matter will be sent direct by mail.—Ed. A. F.]

Points in the Flying Fancy.**A Weekly Review of Events in the Homing World.**

BY FRITZ.

A correspondent asks me whether I would recommend him to import some Homing pigeons direct from Belgium, for breeding purposes, or whether the American bred birds would not answer all purposes, about how much he would have to pay in Belgium for a couple pairs of good birds, and whether it's more desirable to import young squealers than old birds. He also asks for information upon the question of having running water in the loft. Whether such is absolutely essential to success, and its attendant advantages.

The foregoing is text enough for any writer to fill up an entire number of THE AMERICAN FANCIER to do the queries propounded full justice. For they are certainly leading questions of the flying fancy, and I'll be bound have at one time or another occupied the mind of all flying fanciers, young and old, and will continue as serious food for reflection to the young aspirant for Colombophile honors so long as the fancy exists, and fresh votaries springing constantly up.

From the tone of my correspondent's letter I am naturally led to believe that he is young in the sport of breeding and flying Homing pigeons, and for this reason alone I decidedly recommend him to master the rudiments of his hobby with the domestic bred article, which I am sure will serve him for all purposes, and with the additional advantage of sparing him much consequent trouble and annoyance in importations, to say nothing of the saving in expense, and having birds that are acclimated. In Belgium there are birds—and there are birds, just as it is here and elsewhere. There are thousands of pigeons there that can be purchased at a mere song per head, cheaper indeed than common pigeons can be purchased here, and it has long been an admitted fact that much of this class finds its way into foreign ports, and a ready sale among gullible fanciers, mainly by seamen and others connected with Belgian vessels. This was formerly more common than now. I question whether any flying fancier in Belgium of reputation and responsibility could be found to execute the commission, such as my correspondent might place for two pairs of breeders of reliable stock, for less than 25 dollars per pair, if at that, and when to this is added the cost of basket and transportation etc., the cost price soon runs up.

It depends entirely *what is imported and from whom.*

I can get a basket of fifty or a hundred birds sent over from Belgium quicker and cheaper from some sources than I could hope to secure a single one or two pairs of crack birds from a crack loft of Antwerp or Brussels.

Frequently stock of this high calibre can only be secured through influence,

and even then only at stiff figures. *They hang onto their best.* Let not the young fancier be beguiled into importing foreign stock at cheap prices. It is rarely worth the basket it comes in. We have an ample sufficiency here already. If he is bound to import some desirable foreign blood, he must go about it slowly and systematically, and dive deep into his pocket, and unless he can strike the right men with the right kind of introductions, his chances of getting the Simon pure article are slim indeed.

The question has often been asked: "Have we not as good birds here as abroad?" We certainly have made remarkable progress in our breeding and handling of the Homing pigeon during the past 10 or 15 years, and I unhesitatingly say that we turn out perhaps some just as good birds as in Belgium, but our proportion of quality is decidedly less, and until the interest in the sport here is considerably increased, and its votaries strengthened by numbers, long experience, and liberal outlay, the Belgians will continue to produce a better general average of quality and naturally looked upon as the fitting and accepted purchase ground of the outside Colombophile world.

The choicest Belgian stock that leaves the lofts of its fanciers, unquestionably comes to the outside world *via England*, and it is but natural that with so large a following of flying fanciers as exists there now, and which numbers very many wealthy gentlemen and thorough sportsmen in its ranks, but mighty little of this choice Belgian stock ever leaves the "tight little isle"—except through influence and over supply.

Constant drafts of birds of the choicest strains are at this season regularly sent over to England, and either at private sale or at auction, rarely have to go a begging, and at prices that could never be realized here except among a certain very few.

Now regarding any preference for importing young birds, squealers, over old birds, for breeding, such young birds are scarcely calculated to successfully stand the fatigue and confinement attending such a period of travel and sea voyage, and the experiment is a dangerous one, yet I have had very young birds come to me from abroad, but by the time I got them they had almost *forgotten how to squeal*, but in good shape and settled readily. This is the exception and not the rule. I decidedly recommend the importation of old birds over young squealers for breeding purposes, that is, when the young shipped, *really are squealers*, for the chances are some will go wrong during transit, and I go very little on doctored birds—and somehow it seems that always the most valuable and choicest get affected.

And now upon the leading question of *water for the loft*. This important point to the flying fancier has I think received more attention and provoked more discussion than any other leading question in the fancy, and deservedly and reasonably. While I do not for a moment presume to maintain that success in the breeding and flying of Homing pigeons depends entirely upon the fancier having flowing water in his lofts, yet this valuable and desirable feature of the flying loft has so very much to recommend it, that I am often surprised so many flying fanciers get along without it. Absolutely essential to success? No! But unquestionably a highly important factor towards success.

Apart from the healthful influence, the labor saving afforded by running water in the loft is immense. The daily and weekly carrying to and fro of the fountains from house to coop and the cleansing of them, during the summer and mild weather, and the consequent care of them during the winter and freezing weather is too well known for me to dwell upon here. This is all done away with when running water is put in. When once the flying fancier has put in the running water in his loft you will rarely if ever find him engaged in pigeon keeping again without such advantages.

—and he invariably soliloquizes “How in the name of all that is reasonable did I ever get along without it?” Many perhaps argue that they cannot afford such expensive appliances for the loft, etc., but such argument has really little to support it.

Of course the fixtures can be made expensive, and much depends upon the close proximity of a possible connection with the water supply pipe, but I think in the great majority of cases, so far as my observation is concerned, this essential and valuable feature of water supply is within range of almost all fanciers. A little ingenuity, some pipe, and the assistance of a friendly plumber is certainly not much to be overcome, and the overflow or waste can as readily be directed in escape to a cesspool, adjacent water closet, or kitchen sink, and equally applicable.

Dr. Riga, in the *Le Martinet*, of Brussels, has written extensively and highly interestingly upon the subject of “Water and its part in the Diet of Pigeons,” and I recall a splendid article published a couple of months ago in the *Homing News* upon this important and interesting subject, as follows: “Water is the element which plays the most important part in the vital phenomena of our birds, and when imbibed by pigeons enters in the most important degree into their organs. It serves to nourish by the saline materials it holds in solution, and may also, as must be obvious, by its introduction into the blood of hurtful or injurious substances, produce the most serious complications. The lesson for us to gather from this is the essential necessity of our making it a constant subject of preoccupation, *i. e.* to say, of a close examination into its nature and quality before giving it to our birds. Water, to be good, should be limpid, colorless, inodorous, free from organic matter, *fresh*, and of light and agreeable flavor. Now, as a rule, pigeons do not find in their food the proper proportions of mineral matter necessary to the constant renewal or reparation of their organs. This indispensable supplement is furnished by water, or should be so. Many experiments made on this subject confirm the fact.”

Upon the subject of “Pure Water,” the *Feathered World* recently remarked: “There is one fact connected with poultry, pigeons, and cage birds upon which everybody is agreed, and yet up to which but a minority of those that keep them act. The necessity of providing a good supply of pure water is the all-important point referred to. How often does one see this part of bird feeding neglected, drinking vessels allowed to become foul, or else unsuitable ones used, and the water thus rendered really unfit for drinking purposes. As regards human beings, good water is always recognized as one of the first principles of hygiene, and its application to our poultry yards, pigeon lofts, and aviaries is as equally imperative if we wish the inmates of these to maintain good health. Half the maladies that feathers are heir to come from the neglect of this simple precaution, and by the use of proper drinking vessels (such that the birds cannot foul their contents), frequently cleansed, and the water therein renewed daily, many of the diseases which affect our birds will be kept at bay. This is a simple law of health which apparently is neglected just in proportion to its general acceptance as an indisputable fact.”

Surely when one ponders well upon this important question, a constant supply of pure or fresh running water in the loft must recommend itself to all thorough fanciers. And yet doubtless there are scores who rarely give a thought to the matter seriously, but pass through season after season in a satisfied kind of a way, content with little things, and little results. No doubt there are many who view such argument upon the question of flowing water, or even constant renewal in the fountains daily, about in much the same doubtful and indifferent way as they do the leading questions of suitable and varied kinds of grain for feeding, and it is perhaps one of the glaring incon-

sistencies of the fancy that such half way measures are enabled to score frequently wins and successes over their more conscientious painstaking and thorough brethren in the sport.

I well remember a visit I once made some years ago to the loft of a flying fancier who had frequently been well up in all races from 100 to 500 miles. So far as feeding was concerned the quality was good, yet far from sufficient in variety, but upon the question of water for the birds, I was positively dumbfounded.

Not even a decent fountain was in use, but simply a large size common tin can, that had formerly held some canned vegetable, such as tomatoes or corn, and this contained but a small quantity of dirty and forbidding water for drinking purposes, and as if it had not been filled for over 24 hours nor cleaned in a month. From inquiry I ascertained that this was no uncommon sight at this loft, and the birds only got a bath (?) whenever it rained on the roof. And yet despite the horrors of such pigeon keeping, this fancier was frequently well up in his club flights. Let not the young fancier be led astray by such pictures and practice, for there is then left them the thorough satisfaction that in case of non-success, they at least are mind free upon the question of proper care and handling, and the remedy lies with the stock and not themselves.

Such surprising successes are merely exceptional, and the want of proper care and feed and water is bound in the end to produce grave and bitter results.

Laziness, indifferences, and unreasonable economy never in the world produced a reliable and speedy loft of Homing pigeons, and never will. No generation after generations of speedy, healthful and reliable subjects ever sprung from such pigeon keeping, and it must be the aim and practice of all young flying fanciers to produce such if they wish to gain distinction in the flying world and enjoy the pleasures of their hobby to its fullest extent.

I regret keenly to learn of the death of Mr. A. Glorius of Washington, D. C., as announced in the columns of the last issue of THE AMERICAN FANCIER, and can remember him as a popular and successful flying fancier. To his family and immediate circle of friends I extend my sincere and heartfelt sympathy in the loss they have sustained, and among his late associates of the Washington Flying Club his sad and sudden removal cannot but be keenly felt.

I have to report as a visitor to my loft, League 93, seamless banded bird, No. 727, which has its liberty, but not inclined to leave. I shall be pleased to return same to its rightful owner upon receipt of instructions with description of the bird.

Zeitschrift für Brieffaubenkunde recently reported the coming on board of the steamer Wismar of a Homing pigeon, the locality being near North Cape on the Norwegian coast. The bird was turned over to a local fancier, a Mr. Carl Tiede, and he communicated with the English *Homing News*, seeing the bird by its seamless band was owned in Great Britain. The result proved quite interesting. Mr. Tiede was in due course advised that the bird belonged to a Dr. Arthur of Kilbride, Scotland, and had gone astray in a race from Dumfries, Scotland. Dr. Arthur has requested the return of the bird, which will now be shipped back to its old Scotch home by the same steamer Wismar which rescued it originally from a watery grave.

This is an experience that rarely falls to the lot of any young Homers, for young it was, as evidenced by the 1893 English seamless band upon its leg, and its escape from death is something wonderful, when one considers the vast expanse of water it must have flown over during its wanderings. From Scotland to the North Cape is at least 1,000 nautical miles or say 1,750 kilometres.

The incident is also a further strong appeal in favor of the annual seamless band for young birds. The system is

indeed a splendid one, and I could cite very many instances that have come under my personal notice, wherein the seamless band on the bird's leg has alone eloquently and surely supplied the missing link to complete identity. I had a bird return to my loft recently that had disappeared as a youngster the season previous.

At first sight of the bird I recognized its breeding from a certain pair, owing to a peculiarity in shape of head and eye wattle, but yet, of course, I was not sure, for the loss of the youngster was not fresh in my memory. Upon examining the bird not a stamp mark nor a number on wing was there to disclose its identity; but my seamless band on the leg told me the whole story completely, and I was correct in my judgment of the bird, my breeding and flying register supplying all the necessary further information.

But supposing the bird had no seamless band? I might imagine all I could wish, but there would still remain the grave doubt, and very reasonably. As it is, however, I am now quite sure of the identity of the bird, and particularly pleased with its return, for it brings me very valuable blood of a particular strain almost extinct in my loft, and in its original strength.

A remarkable and splendid breeder and flyer of Homing pigeons was recently buried with high honors in Germany, Herr Adolph Fuhelle, of Laurensberg, and in his death the German flying fancy suffers an irreparable loss. He was a wealthy man, and a thorough Homing pigeon fancier, in fact one of the chief leaders and introducers of the sport there. He died October 6, at the age of 66 years, and from his early boyhood was a fancier of Homing pigeons.

His first pair of birds was given to him by his mother, who was a Belgian lady, and was received from his uncle, a fancier in Belgium. It may be said that Herr Fuhelle continued a fancier up to his death; and many and wonderful successes in breeding and flying were gained by this distinguished gentleman—and far beyond that of any other German fancier—his medals and diplomas being legion. The *Zeitschrift*, of Hanover, publishes an excellent biography and portrait of this distinguished Colombophile. During the whole of his career in the fancy, he rarely if ever missed a race or taking part in an exhibition, was continuously alive, and always awake and on hand. He was one of the first and chief members of the old flying club “La Colombe,” and its chief strength. This club was the oldest in Germany and dates back to the early thirties, when the sport there was in its infancy.

He afterwards built up and organized the prominent club, “L'Union,” which really took the place of “La Colombe,” and exists to this day; but he frequently appeared as a competitor with his birds in outside organizations.

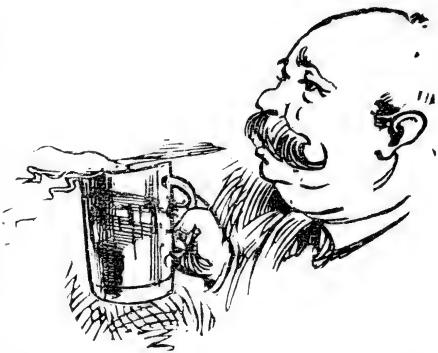
It is a particularly pleasing task to me to chronicle news of interest in connection with such a fancier, for he was thorough in every sense of the word, and a pattern all can follow. A man of spotless character, whose word was his bond, and held in the highest esteem by not alone his native brethren, but by many of the most prominent fanciers of Belgium also, to whom he was equally well-known and whose lofts were ever open to him.

In 1853, he won first and second prizes in a concourse with Verviers fanciers from Bayonne, and these two winners were afterwards his chief favorites. He had their portraits painted, one bird being represented with a crown over its head, and the other adorned with a wreath or laurel of honor. These portraits were always hung in front of his loft, and up to this day.

As a disciplinarian he ranks high and was always a keen competitor, claiming every little honor that fell to his due, no matter what. Whatever it was, he demanded it, and no loose and easy methods would be on any account countenanced.

He was a very liberal fancier, and no young aspirant for Colombophile honors was ever declined young stock from his superb loft upon the asking, and always the soundest and best advice obtainable.

The Pilsener Papers.



All About Pigeon Flying.

MEESTER EDDYDORÉ:

I heet a liar lest nite und eet seengs:

Dem Nowember days hev kum,
Der sad vons of der yere;
Doo varm fere vitzky hot,
Doo gold fere lager bere.

I dinks dot heets der hemmer on der heds mid der nale. It vas breeng reck-onmemberings of der feets dot pitchin flyings vas a dings like dot beyutifulls boetry mid wich I shtarts dis letter. It vas eider doo varm or doo cold mid dem pitchin flyers. Der vedder und der dempers vas nebber yust rite. I no how dot vas, for I vas a humming beerd fence mine self.

Vell, did u effer fly humming beerds? It vas krate shport, vell I dinks, dere vas sumdings abouden dem humming pitchins dot ish vonderfulls, und I dinks dot shweet songs, “Ve nebber gares doo vander frum our ohne viresites,” vas inshpired by a humming pitchin. Anudder gude dings abouden dem humming pitchins ish, dot dey ish no loffers or bums, dey alwaz gits hum befour dark. Dey neffer shkates or flies hum's mid der meelk veggons.

Say, Meester Eddydore, dot shambean pitchin flyings rider “Fritz” ish a “gimmy dandee,” as der poys vood hev sez. Der vas mebbe only von dings los mit dot mens, und dot ish hees *num der blum*. Vot pizness hev he do dake up der Geerman names uff “Fritz” ven he vas a Englishmens by heesnselves, aint it?

I no dot mens kerquite vell und vat he don't nose abouden pitchins ven dey fly in der ear ish'nt vort noings. Vell, he vas'nt allwez so shmart, u bet. Like mineselves und mine frient, Schwatmagen of Jenersey Ceety, he vas purty shtupid vonce on dot pitchin pizness, und I dinks he vos der only von uff der dree uff uns dot hev endirely losht hees shtupiditie. I dells u uff dot lader.

Vell, der feest dime I meet me dot “Fritz” vas in a Moosic Hall. A kubble of muleschool frients introdooed uns, und I dakes hees meshure kerquick ez a vink. Ve bode hid von und anudder in der soft placesh of der hart ven I sez “Pitchins,” und he galls fere sum “Culmbacher.” He ish not a shprum cheekens, vell I tinks, ven it kums to dalking pitchins und dreenking der “neckdies uf der gods,” ez sum boet galls der nashunal Geerman beaferage.

He vas a fine lookin mens doo, mid a shiny balldy heads, und grade beeg irun kray site vitzkers, droo vich der vinds blays, ven he vinks der udder eye, A beyutiful kold peen is shtuck in hees neckdy, vich ish a fine humming pitchin. Dot ish his sine ven he trabels und I dinks it ish also a sine uff inosense—dot pitchin. Vell, no metters aboud dot, “Fritz” ish'nt so inosent ash he vas dinkin ter be. He nose a treeck or doo, vell I dinks, if u don't beleef dot, ashk Chake Buckicuss uff Filadelfia, or dot gotfader uff Chake's, Chon Jephards. Bode uf dem mens dride doo makes a jassasses uf “Fritz” vonce, bud dot shmart “Fritz” gif it doo der Filadelfia poys, yust vere der barber buds der klippers, und bode hefe redirel frum der

fency. Dey did'nt no der gun vas loded, vell I dinks. Dere vas von peerson I dinks, dot "Unser Fritz" kood'nt shtop, und dot vas dot leedle Filadelfia voo-mans dot makes all der shambean reck-cords fere der poy's dot flies mit her. Flying mid der Shtarrs mebbe fun fere der poy's dot dink der leedle voo-man was a gosbill on der sibget, bud it ish no shport. Dem reck-cords ish doo flity, und sum uff dem ish wery green doo. Vot dosh a shporty pitchin flier gare fere der names uff dem shtarr beards? Vot sense ish der in glaiming a vorld's reck-cord fere a Ryehole Bibeline shtrain of hummers dot flies frum a doo shtory vinder in Filadelfia doo a placesh in Nye Jenersey about swanzig miles away? Der hole blame Filadelfia babers vas fool uff dem reck-cords. It makes me med glean droo my Sunday hat. Und der obseerd names dey geeve der beards! Ve reads about Hanspikkel's "Drailing Arbootus," Jeemy Gonlee's "Sphirit Lebel's," Shortey Jones' "Leedle Detective," Jeemy Shtovehell's "Silber Bruke," Ferdy Brince's "Wurzburger," Ardure Vood's "Sissy," und a hole lots uff udder kerqueer names shmashin reck-cords in der Humming pitchin races. Bah! dot makes me leff.

Shtop dot foolishnesses und make der shport sumdings vort considering. Den dere ish dem doo sissities, der Leek uff Americusses Humming Fliers, und der Fetherashun uff sumdings elsh. Vy kent der doo gombine, geet marreed so do shpeak und nock der shtarrs oud uf all der resht. I vos nummenate Ely Mortons fere presendenz, und dot fet leedle und joevihell Beely Cherrybrants fere sexradaries, bode uf Nooark, Nye Jenersey, uff der gombined Leek und Federshun. Dem's mine sensiments, und I oxchlaime mid der lade Wanderbults "der public be demned." Geey sich mens as Mortons und Cherrybrants a leeving show und der pitchin flyings vill hev a booms, see saw? Dey vos a pare uf Hummers, und dot ish kersactly vat Humming pitchin mens vants. Horay fere Mortons und Cherrybrants! Dey vill bead dot Repibleekan didal vave all der bieces.

I vonce vas a flier of Hummers mine-selves. Dot vas about deerty yeers beck ven I shtarted. I geey it ub abouden dree yeers. I dell u how dot vas. Schwatmagen und mineselves vas maken a matches fere deertens dalers a sites. He vas doo fli his shambean, "Raths Keller," aginst mine ekequally fimuss Bleck Jecker kock, "Limburger." Der racesh vas frum der hev way howesh galld Kabe Gases on der rode obif der Meckumdems breedge in Nye Yorick Ceety, do unser lofts in Hobokens, Shtate of Nye Jenersey. Dot vas vot ve galls a indernashunal racesh, dot ish frum a boint in der Unided States do a shtrange kuntry. Der deestanz vas abouden den miles I dinks.

Der liveraders vas a mulechool frients, he vas der geeber uff a lite refreshmints saloons, und a grate pitchin krank doo.

Schwatmagen und minselfs vas do vait fere der redurns at Bushe's hotels, Meester Hosenflick vas doo vatch mine lofts und Chon Chonson a Schweedish frients vas doo luke efter Schwatmagen's lofts. Dey vas do geey uns der redurns droo der dellaphuns. Dey bode vent away abouden nine in der mornings. In der meendimes Schwat und minselfs dook sum neerve donics. Abouden den oh'clocks ve vas gitting ox-cited. Ve loked ad der vind und fines dot it vas kumming frum Noodown Kreek und Hunder's Boint, und vas uff korse blame shtrong, und dot vas orful ferverabulls fere kerquick flyings u bed. Abouden den deerteen oh'clocks der fowlohing delegrams vas kum:

"Dey em off at der drop uff der flegs. Dime 10.01 583-4. Vind orfull shtrong sowd yeast. Beards makes onless dree seerkumfrenches in der ear und shtarted like blazes fere hum. Limburger ish in deer leed, he likes shtrong vinds. Bedding doo ter von on Pilsener's entree."

Schwat vas a leedle med abouden dat und dinks hees beard vill git seek. He imborderd id frum Cologne, Germany, und he vas 'nt used doo Hunder's Point vinds.

I vas so ox-sided dot I rung der bells uff der dellaphuns und galls up Hosenflick und dis ish vot dook blaze.

Me—Oh! hel oh, Hosenflick ennydings in der lofts?

Hosenflick.—Nix, nod a schmell efen. Me.—All rites, geeb a sharp vatchoud. Der onlee ensur vas "Tirick, tirick, tirick, tick, br-br-br-rack."

Dot vas kerqueer nises, bud I dinks der meches mebbe vas rebording a prize fites. Abouden den meenudes lader der bell reengs und I buds mine ere ub do der gudder peercher dube und Hosenflick's rebords Limburger in der lofts ad nine feefty dree. Den dere vas unudder reeng und Chon Chonson rebords Raths Keller in Schwatmagen's lofts ad lefen deerty dree. Dot vas shtrange dnigs, I dells u, von beard in abouden helef an hour before he shtarted und an udder rebord nearly von hour ahead of dimes. Schwat dinks dey most hev sed der vatches by sum raleroad dime dables und gits der Cendral med der reasden dimes meexed. Vell, ve vas med u bed un yoost riengs dem vatchers doo kum alreddy vonce do Bushes.

Ven dey did kum ins, I geey Hosenflick a biece of mine minds und somedings doo dreenk, ven der vine ish in der trood vil kum ouden I dinks. Chon Chonson vas alreddy in fere a leekshure doo. Hosenflick vas werry sorry, he dook ouden hees vatch und gombared eed mid der kronick-meder und fines he vas loosings about von hours seence mornings. He forgit doo vind ub hees Vaterberry vatch enuff und der nise droo der dellaphuns vas made by Chon Chonson vinding hees Vaterbury vatch ub, vich made hees dimes so fest and aggounts fere der shlowness of Hosenflick's dime. Vell, boys, der konklushon vas, it vas woted dat a Vaterberry vatches vas'nt vort ennydings in a indernashunal vacesh und der metches vas deklared off. Der nexd dimes ve fly mid kronickmeders u bed.

YAKOB PILSENER.

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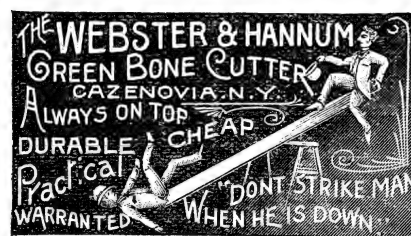
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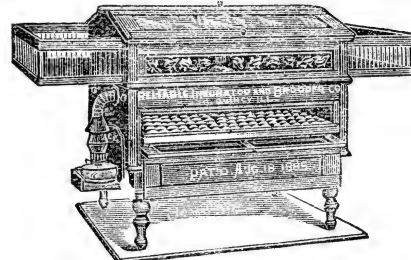
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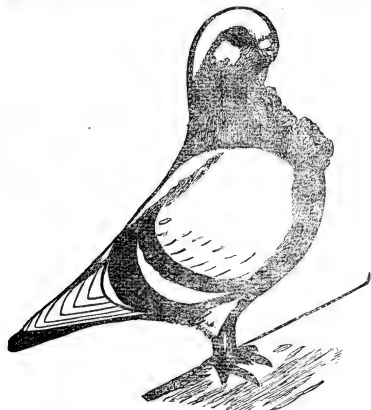
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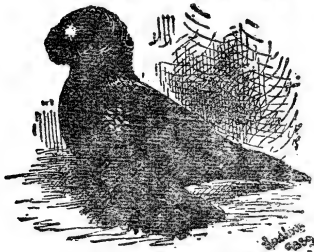
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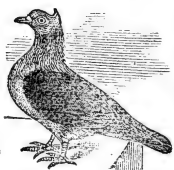
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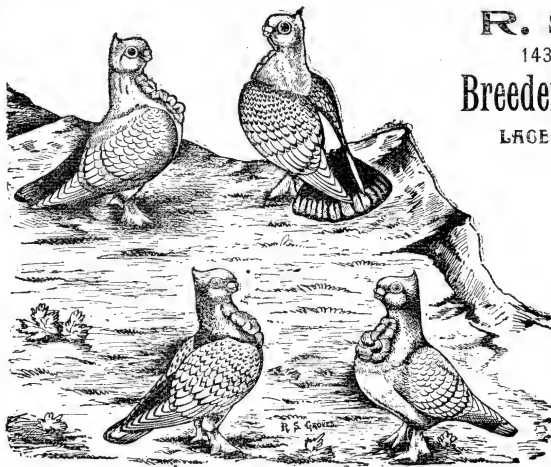
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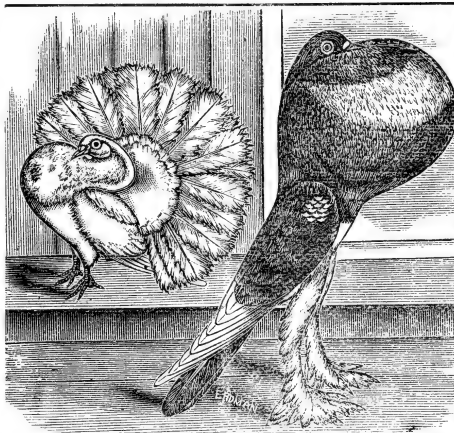
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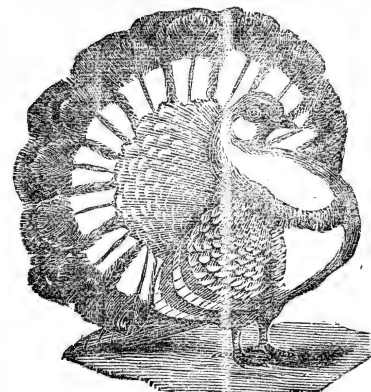
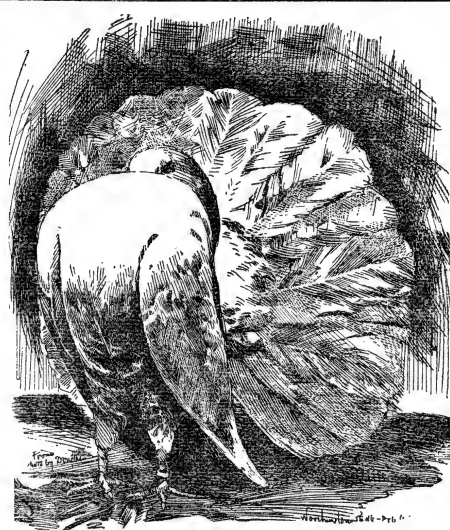
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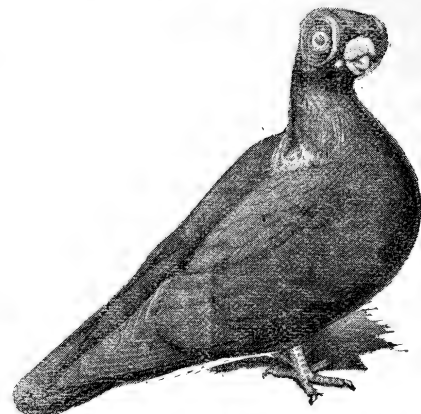
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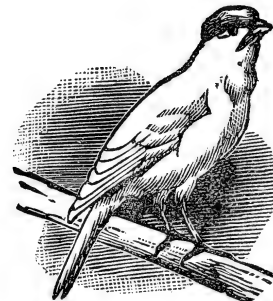
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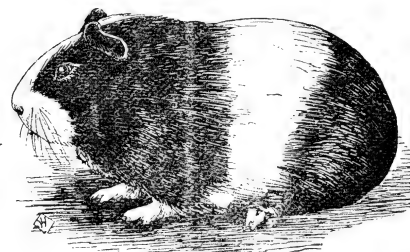
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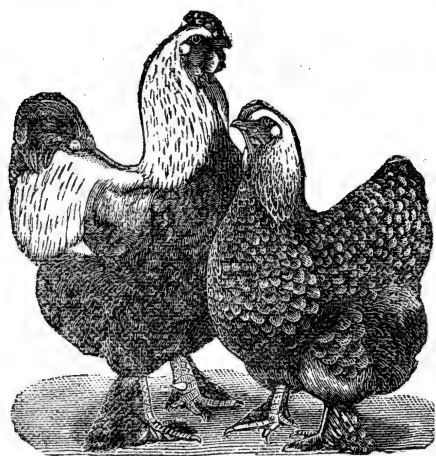
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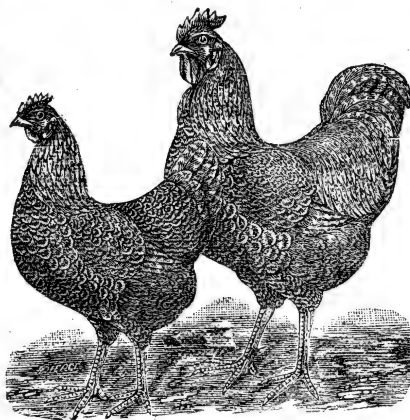
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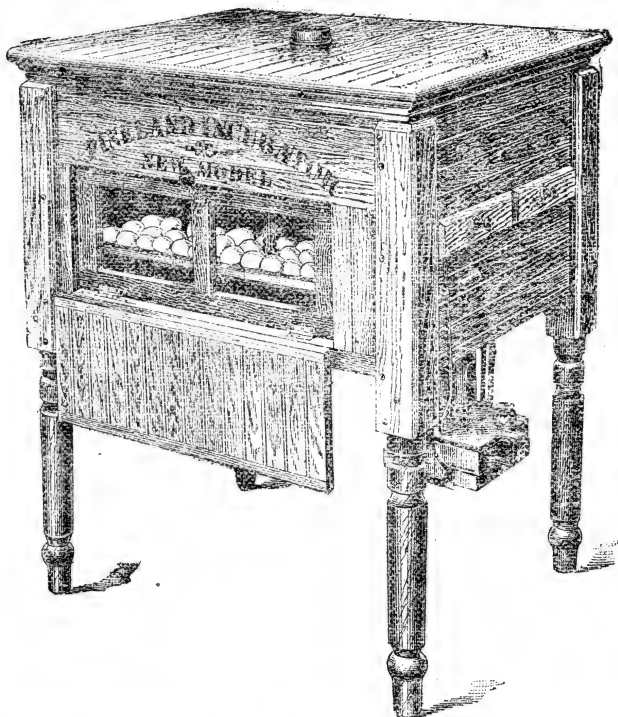
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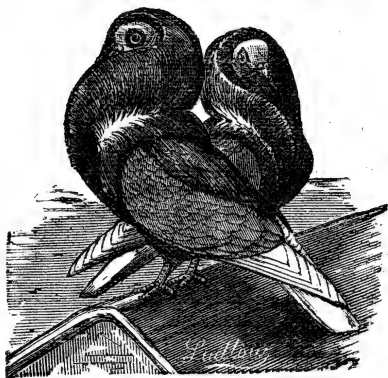
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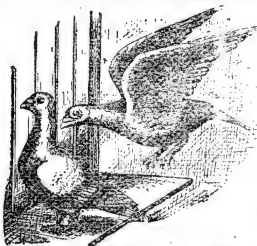
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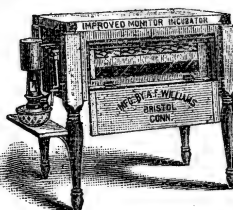
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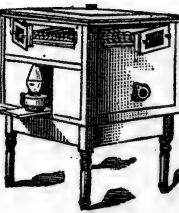
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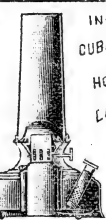
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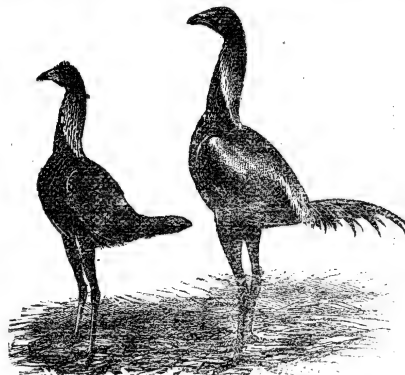
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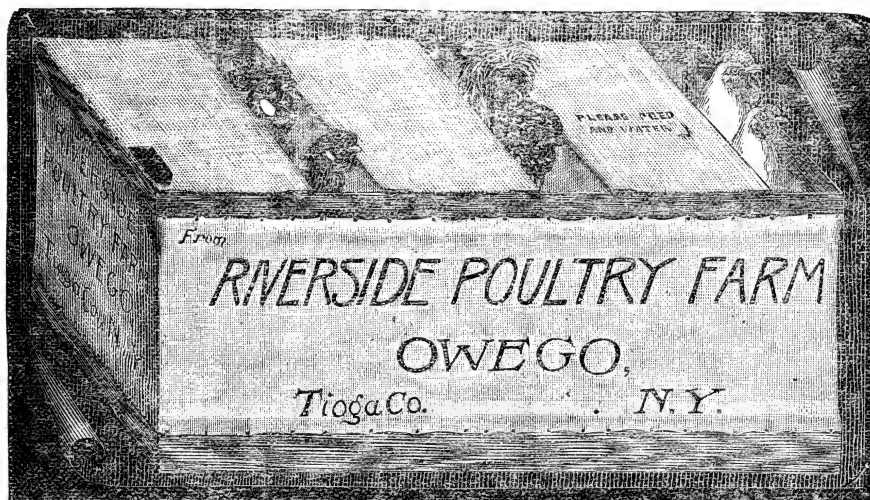
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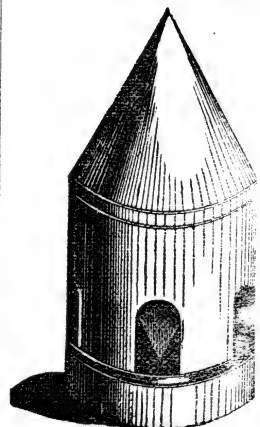
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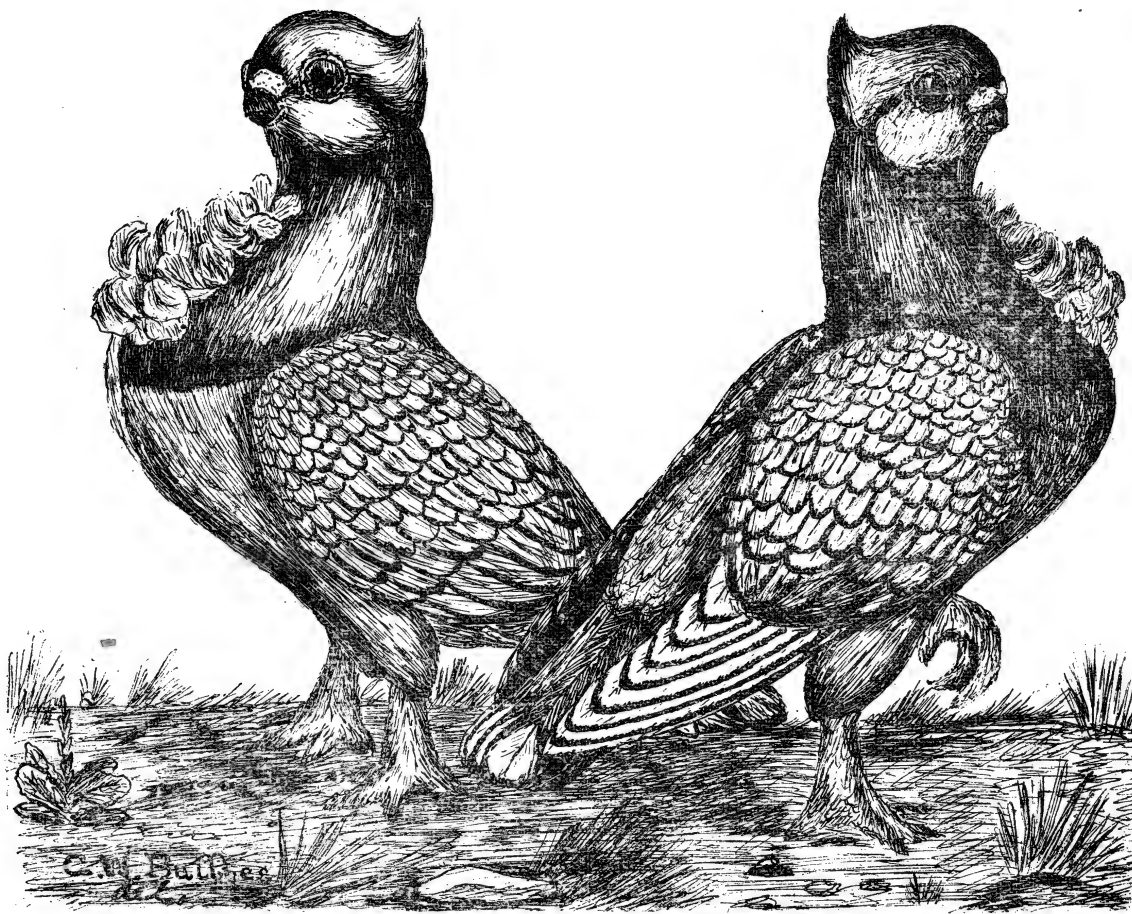
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10 inch	15.00	27.50	35.00	40.00	50.00	60.00	100.00	150.00	30.00	60.00
11 inch	16.50	30.25	38.50	44.00	55.00	66.00	110.00	165.00	33.00	66.00
12 inch	18.00	33.00	42.00	48.00	60.00	72.00	120.00	180.00	36.00	72.00
13 inch	19.50	35.75	45.50	52.00	65.00	78.00	130.00	195.00	39.00	78.00
14 inch	21.00	38.50	49.00	56.00	70.00	84.00	140.00	210.00	42.00	84.00
15 inch	22.50	41.25	52.50	60.00	75.00	90.00	150.00	225.00	45.00	90.00
16 inch	24.00	44.00	56.00	64.00	80.00	96.00	160.00	240.00	48.00	96.00
17 inch	25.50	46.75	59.50	68.00	85.00	102.00	170.00	255.00	51.00	102.00
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POULTRY.

From the Editor's Perch.

The Christmas number of our esteemed
English contemporary, the *Feather-
World*, was a most excellent edition,
it containing many interesting articles on
poultry, pigeons and cage birds, besides
numerous illustrations of more than
average merit. Franklane L. Sewell con-
tributed an illustrated article of interest
to both English and American fanciers.
The *Feathered World* is one of the best
weekly poultry, pigeon and pet stock
papers published.

Dr. S. T. Lea has received an excellent
pen of Black Langshans from Miss A. C.
Crood, of England, and reports the birds
to be in fine condition and of rare type
and style. The Doctor is bound to keep
ahead in the Langshan race.

W. H. Child, of Glenside, Pa., the
well-known breeder of Beagles, and for-
merly connected with the *Fancier's Jour-
nal* as business manager, has sold all his
dogs and will in the future devote his
entire time to breeding fowls. His fine
flocks of Wyandottes and Plymouth
Rocks have been carefully selected and
bred for years, and all who are acquainted
with Mr. Child know him to be a true
fancier and a very popular gentleman.
His Oakview poultry yards and kennels
are beautifully located, and excellently
arranged.

The National Bantam Club has recom-
mended C. E. Rockenstyre as judge of
all Bantams other than Game, at the
New York show, and we understand
that Mr. Rockenstyre has been engaged
by the managers of the latter.

We are glad to note the policy of select-
ing specialty judges, and in the Bantam
classes, with the "long and short of it,"
viz., Rockenstyre and Zimmer, to award
the ribbons, no fault can be found on the
score of either of these individuals being
strangers to the varieties they are to
judge.

The two Canadian judges selected by
the New York management are L. G.
Jarvis and "the only" Sharp Butterfield,
and right good selections they are.

George E. Peer was unable to judge at
the Atlanta, Ga., show, owing to impor-
tant business at home. He expects to
"bob up serenely" at the New York
show.

W. M. Grant, of Johnstown, N. Y.,
has purchased a very handsome trio of
Buff Cochins from the famous Lynnhurst
Poultry Yards, of Swarthmore, Pa., and
intends breeding the "royal buffs" in the
future.

The *American Poultry Journal* for
January, contains the following:

"Franklane L. Sewell, the artist, was
married to Jessie Kean, of Three Oaks,
Mich., December 23, 1893. They will
reside at 218 Chicago avenue, Evanston,
Ill. Mr. Sewell has won a high rank in
this country and Europe as an artist in
the special line of animal portraiture;
and while most of his work has been of a
practical character thus far, he has dem-
onstrated his capacity in the realm of
fancy and the ideal. His especial forte
is in the production, by pen and brush,
of fowls. The eminent English artist,
Mr. Harrison Weir, was enthusiastic in
his praise of Mr. Sewell's work. The
Journal hopes that the future will bring
to the newly wedded couple health, hap-
piness and the realization of worthy am-
bitions."

"Them's our sentiments." Mr. Sewell
deserves a full measure of success and
happiness, and the sincere wish of
THE AMERICAN FANCIER is that he will
always enjoy both.

Editor Holmes, in the January *Poultry
Monthly*, remarks:

"While we are first and always, per-
sonally, in favor of the score-card, we are
no more likely to be infallible in judg-
ment than any of the adherents of the
comparison system. If we who prefer
the score-card system claim to be honest,
and demand the right to use the card, we
should grant equal honesty of purpose to
those who differ from us."

If all editors, writers, judges and fan-
ciers followed Brother Holmes' example,
there would be less friction between the
champions of various systems of judging.

A. E. Blunck has purchased the farm
of Geo. D. Mosher, near Johnstown,
N. Y., and will build up an extensive
poultry ranch. John Blunck will manage
the latter. It will be conducted as an egg
farm, with the breeding of fancy fowls as
an adjunct. The above farm is beauti-
fully located and well adapted for poultry
culture.

Our Rhode Island friend, H. S. Bab-
cock, is beginning to follow the example
of I. K. Felch, and criticise the A. P. A.
for admitting so many new breeds. Now
this is all very nice for Uncle Isaac, who
has a *dreibund* of sellers in Light Brah-
mas, Plymouth Rocks and Langshans,
and rarely looks outside of his own little
circle to see what others are doing with
other breeds. With Mr. Babcock the case
is different. He has the Pea-combed
Barred Plymouth Rocks on his conscience
and was instrumental in getting them
placed in the Standard, when very few
considered them sufficiently distinct from
the single-combed variety. Now he ob-
jects to the Campines because they have
not been shown in this country, and adds
that they are nothing more than single-
combed Hamburgs. Even this would be
tolerated if our poetical Rhode Islander
did not everlastingly bring in an adver-
tisement for his Argonauts, another pea-
combed buff breed. We have not a word
to say against the Argonaut, having seen
it only once. It was then in the embryo
stage of development, and is to-day per-
haps in "thoroughbred condition," as Mr.
Babcock puts it in the January *Poultry
Monthly*. But so are the Buff Wyandotte
and Plymouth Rock, yet there is a strange
silence manifested by H. S. Babcock
when these breeds are mentioned.

Our friends in the far-off British Col-
umbia know how to run a successful
poultry show. The one recently held at
Nanaimo, B. C., was a financial success.
Nearly every man, woman and child
attended it, to say nothing of the govern-
ment officials, who were conspicuous fig-
ures at the feathered congress.

We notice in one of the Nanaimo news-
papers the statement that the winning
Red Pyle Game Bantam cock was the
first prize Crystal Palace (England) win-
ner. We believe this bird was also the
winner at New York two years ago, that
was sold to Mr. S. W. Lobb, of Nanaimo,
by George W. Weed. Judge Hewes
scored the bird 96½ points.

G. W. Nitrauer is a breeder of Indian
Games, and the fine condition of his birds
in the show room always attract much
attention. In a letter from him received
a few weeks ago he remarks: "My cus-
tomers have complimented me quite
freely on the condition of my Games.
Plenty of good solid corn and free range
gets them there every time." It will now
be in order for the enemies of corn, free
range and Indian Games to ridicule Mr.
Nitrauer's methods and sing their usual
roupy song dedicated to the breed.

Our Canadian correspondent, in his
report of the Hamilton show in last week's
issue of THE AMERICAN FANCIER, remarks:

"With all due respect to our American
friends and breeders of Barred Plymouth
Rocks, I am strongly of the opinion
that the birds with dark blue bars, heavy
and distinct, are more typical Rocks than
those with light bars. The dark birds,
in my opinion, are of a better blue cast
than the lighter ones, and, all other
things being equal, should get the
preference."

All of which is correct. The feathers
of a Plymouth Rock are not a combina-
tion of white and black bars, as some
breeders believe, but are in reality a
light blue, barred with a blue-black. In
the light colored birds the barring is
seldom even, and while such birds look
well on the surface, they will not bear
close inspection of the individual feathers
as well as darker colored birds.

We notice that old veteran Light
Brahma breeder, John L. Cost, of Hagers-
town, Md., is advertising some of his stock
for sale in THE AMERICAN FANCIER, and
it is almost needless to state that what
"Jolly John" breeds and sells is of the
best. His beautiful exhibit of Light
Brahmas at the Hagerstown show last
October, although for exhibition only,
was a rare treat to all lovers of these
grand fowls.

The Rochester (N. Y.) show now in
progress boasts of over one thousand
entries, many of the crack birds of the
state being entered. One of the special
cash prizes offered is one by Mrs. W. P.
Wheeler, of Geneva, N. Y., for the best
pen of Buff Leghorns, the donor not to
compete, however. This will bring out a
strong lot of Buffs, as the Empire State
is full of good ones.

We are afraid another good man will
break his New Year resolutions. We
refer to doctor A. T. Becket. He is be-
coming restless and wants to try his team
of Silver Wyandottes against all comers.
He has had laurels enough and wears
plenty of scalps in his belt, but there is a
"magnetic microbe" at large that may
sooner or later get into his system and
the old show fever will be the result. As
the New York show approaches "mag-
netic microbes" increase and there prom-
ises to be a genuine epidemic of show
fever next month.

The publishers of THE AMERICAN FAN-
CIER extend their thanks to the secretaries
of many of the poultry shows held last
month for the promptness and thorough-
ness they exhibited in filling out our
award blanks and forwarding the same
to us. We publish another large batch
of awards in this issue of THE AMERICAN
FANCIER.

A Fancier's Diversion Among His Pets.

Fish, Bees and Game Bantams

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER.

It matters not in what sphere or avenue the mind is compelled to travel to consummate what is termed "a living," diversion in some other avenue is as essential to our well-being as the first factor.

Monotony and oneness are detrimental to any department of our physical being, and that one should become a "crank" on some topic or avocation aside from his regular one, is only following a fixed law that must be obeyed, would we enjoy life as it is intended we should.

And it seems to me there is no more congenial fad to cater to as a diversion than fancy poultry, and for that matter, some of its similars are fish culture, bee culture, &c.

Not only is this a pleasure to the one so indulging in his fad, but it is a matter of interest, beauty, and pleasure to any one sufficiently intelligent to appreciate scientific efforts in breeding high class living objects. Illustrations of this class of fanciers are an object lesson and encouragement to every reader, and we should have more references to them.

Disclaiming all intention to advertise, but to interest, instruct, and illustrate what scientific diversion can do, I will call attention to one of my esteemed friends and neighbor, Mr. H. H. Meyer, who, as a genuine farmer fancier, has perhaps few, if any, equals in this country in his special line of fancy—Fish, Bees, rare aquatic plants and Game Bantams. What a sight one can enjoy on a visit to this student of nature on any day in the year—in summer around the ponds, in winter around the aquariums in the house and yards. It requires but a trifle more space to say just what one can see, and it is exceedingly interesting. Here in their season can be seen lilies rare and beautiful of almost every species in the world, as follows:

First, the pure white lily (*Nymphae odorata*) covers two large ponds of nearly an acre, and when in bloom are the admiration of visitors from far and near; then in side ponds and smaller can be found the English white lily (*Nymphae odorata alba*) the small white lily, (*Nymphae odorata minor*), the pink water lily (*Nymphae odorata rosea*), considered by many the finest lily in existence, and Mr. Myers rears it as though in its native element.

One of his rare favorites is a yellow water lily, (*Nymphae marliacea chromata*), for a bulb of which a high price was paid, and another, the smallest of all lilies, (*Nymphae pygmaea*), about the size of a quarter, coming from China, and one called the "Fairy" water lily,

comprise a set of rare and beautiful species not commonly found except in scientific institutions of horticulture.

Lotuses, also, command no small attention and space, and gems only of this species of flower are kept. First is the "Sacred Lotus," (*Nelumbium speciosum*), coming from the Nile and waters of the India and Japan, and the (*Nelumbium luteum*), a rare American lotus. Besides all the above mentioned, are numerous other rare aquatic plants of an ornamental character and scientific interest, of which space forbids to mention technically, but all receive Mr. Myers's closest attention. None are reared for a market,

ing direct from Japan without change of water. These are all a wonder in their way, and are attractively displayed in stylish vases decorated to harmonize.—Rarest of all fish specimens is the China Paradise, color of gold and pale black, which it changes when angered or frightened to a deep black—a peculiar but interesting phenomena.

In bee culture our subject is a genius—all for pleasure. He keeps the Italians, Albinos, and Cyprians. He took from one hive, Italians, over 130 pounds of honey in a year, a feat that should be a record in bee literature.

Last and most interesting of all, per-

good station, early hatching, even as early as February, is preferable. I am sure no richer colored birds can be seen than Mr. Myers bred this season, and he has only something over 100. His method of rearing is short and without concern. Until they are three or four weeks old they are well cared for and well fed, largely on oat meal and custard as per my own recommendation, and then turned loose to look out for themselves. Of course, so long as the weather is cold, shelter is provided, but when once no more danger from frost, vigor and hardiness of constitution obtains by outdoor roosting and forage. No more attention

is paid to them until danger from snow. Then they are somewhat sorted and made at home in the large barn with the cattle. Here they scratch and fly and live in clover. Few chickens are privileged; but Mr. Meyer's Bantams are royal birds of English blue blood, and they do not suffer.

When the cockerels have developed the sickler fully they are dubbed, and dubbed without pity, as every Game should be.

Back of his residence is Mr. Myers's laboratory, as he calls it—his workshop. Here he works, and if one sees the beautiful ornamental coops in which he trains his show birds (this is his first season, and some will have to look well to their laurels) we must infer that an expert carpenter is proprietor of the place. If Mr. Myers would wish he could place an incubator in competition that would overshadow every make on the market for successful hatching, for he has built one that I have seen hatch 98 per cent. from eggs tested no more after the fifth and seventh day. This cannot be said of any incubator manufactured, for if one does claim 98 per cent. just ask how late the eggs were tested out.

All these facts go to show what a scientific fancier can be if his diversion is of the real article. Mr. Myers has no sympathy for the lazy, and the diversion in the line of work here spoken of is but the work of spare moments out of busy farm duties; but he is an example that I thought worthy of publication as going to show the fascination that can be found in poultry and its adjunct fancies. My

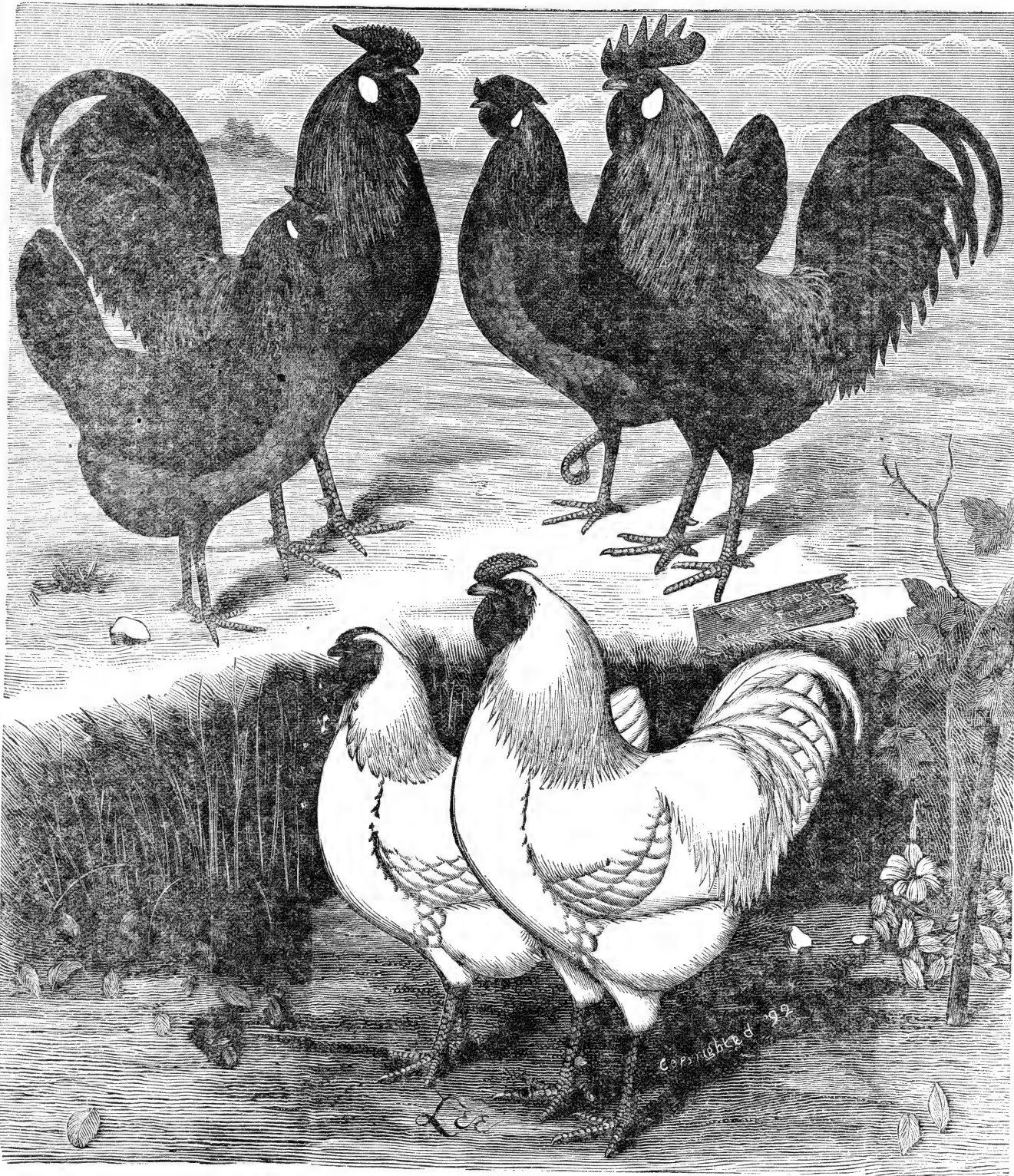
desire in rendering this to the AMERICAN FANCIER readers, was not to immortalize my subject, for it was but by extra conquest that I have Mr. Myers's permission of sending it out; but to illustrate what can be accomplished by a mind not given to dilatoriness and worry, and what any one may do if ambitious in this direction.

W. F. ROTH, M. D.
Florin, Pa., Dec. 26, '93.

The Wyandotte Club.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:
The next annual meeting of the American Wyandotte Club will be held at Madison Square Garden during the exhibition of the New York Poultry and Pet Stock Association, on Monday, February 12, 1894, at 3 P. M.

C. W. JOHNSON, Secretary.
Cranford, N. J.



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solely for pleasure and the diversified science enjoyed in their culture.

But the fish. These are bred by the ten thousand, and a more successful culturist in this line will be hard to discover. I remember him keeping one aquarium of six beautiful Japanese in a vase of water unchanged for two years, not a fish dying. Of the more common gold fish are reared the following colors: carmine, vermilion, gold, gold and white, gold and pearl, white, gold and black, black and pearl, and pure pearl. These are bred in large half-acre ponds, and are therefore vigorous growers. Of the rare varieties, bred in smaller and prepared aquariums can be seen Japanese fringe-tail, Japanese fantail, Japanese comet, Japanese nymph and a few other species com-

haps, to most readers comes the Bantams. Black Reds are the favorite, though Red Piles and Black Africans receive just as much attention. Here are specimens that cannot be surpassed in standard characteristics; for beauty and lustre of plumage, correct markings, station, and game features are developed to a degree seldom seen. These birds were largely incubator hatched, early, and then allowed the freedom of the farm, with no feed save what they found. Some few were hatched under hens; but Mr. Myers is phenomenally unsuccessful in rearing incubator hatched chicks, and while some bantam breeders prefer their hatching later (July and August), he has discovered that if lustre and richness of plumage is wanted, together with hardiness and

Down in Dixie.

News and Notes from the Southland.

[Staff correspondent of THE AMERICAN FANCIER]

The world do move! Especially the poultry world. I refer here to the good work done by the American Poultry Association at Chicago in revising the Cochin standard, especially of Partridge Cochins, so that mottled breasted males are not hereafter to be disqualified. I always believed this to be a grievous wrong, because some of the best birds I ever saw or ever bred, had mottled breasts. And for years I have been diligent in writing against this wrong and insisting that it be righted. A couple of years ago I sold a Partridge Cochin cock to a breeder who drew the Standard on me. He copied the Standard requirements and insisted that the bird be a Standard bird. I had a bird I had was a good one in every way, but he had a mottled breast. I sent him, however, and in a few days I received a red hot letter about the mottled breast. I explained matters. Told the irate purchaser that he had a 92 point bird, and that if he wanted some of the finest pullets, the handsomest marked pullets he ever raised, to breed from that cock. Finally, much against his will, he mated him to a pen of two year old hens. Nine months afterwards he wrote me that I was right. He had the finest marked pullets he ever saw, and that out of ten cockerels seven had solid black breasts, and three mottled breasts. And he sent some of those birds to Texas, where they were declared to be the finest in the state. The mottled breast disqualification clause has been the means of "turning down" some really magnificent birds.

In breeding Partridge Cochins it is best to have two pens, one headed by a male with a solid black breast, and the other with a mottled breasted male, keeping two male birds in reserve, one for each pen in case of accidents. This will insure finely marked pullets, and cockerels with both black and mottled breasts. I am not an enthusiastic admirer of the "deep mahogany color," (English) which Brother Sternberg goes wild over. I prefer a lighter brown, with pencilling of still lighter brown—not faded birds, but birds of a beautiful brilliant glossy brown feathering—pure American, with no Johnny Bull attachments. I must say that the Buffs are not good birds, for I have about thirty now, besides a lot of White Cochins, but certain it is that the Buffs have much more fluff and are much looser feathered than either the Partridge or the White Cochins. In fact the latter are really a close feathered bird, with not so much leg and toe feathering as the Buffs, Partridges or Blacks. A friend visiting my yards recently remarked: "Why you have White Langshans." I corrected him. "Well," said he, "I have White Langshans and they are identical with your birds, exactly like them." And this makes me think of Brother Jacobs who insists that White Langshans are White Cochins. I don't know, and I am not going to decide on something I know nothing about, but one thing I am satisfied of, and that is that White Plymouth Rocks are White Javas, or were.

Speaking of Langshans reminds me that the Black Langshans are coming to the front here in the south with great swiftness, and are crowding all other breeds to the rear in some sections. They are pronounced by all who have tried them to be the best winter layers on earth, and a friend who keeps them, besides Light Brahmas, some Leghorns, and a cross of Houdan and Brahma, says he will wager that, take it the year through, the Black Langshans will lay as many eggs as the Leghorns. Certain it is, the Langshan is a grand, lordly, beautiful fowl, and, as table birds, as roasters or broilers, are excelled by none. It makes no difference where they sprung from, whether they were made from a cross of Black Java and Black Cochin, (as I have sometimes thought, by looking at the hens of both breeds,) or whether they originated in China, they are a great fowl, have come

to stay and are growing more popular each year.

Another bird which is fast winning its way into popular favor here is the Black Minorca. My experience with this handsome fowl and unexcelled layer is pleasant. They are much more docile than the Leghorns. Mine will eat out of my hand, in fact, my Leghorns and other breeds do that, because they were reared with the aid of a brooder, and so became used to being handled when young, and Minorcas are in demand in the south, and the demand is on the increase. I believe they are peculiarly adapted to the south, as is the Leghorn.

The hardest bird with me has been the Buff Cochin. I have had none sick, and raised every one that hatched, except those taken by rats, hawks, or some other varmint.

THE KNOXVILLE SHOW.

The East Tennessee Poultry Association will hold their big show at Knoxville, January 17, 18, 19 and 20. And we advise all who are able to enter birds at the Knoxville and Greenville, as both occur at about same dates. East Tennessee is just waking up to the utility of poultry culture, and this is to be her first show. We have an idea that the breeders who take good birds there will be able to sell them at a good price while the boom is on and the poultry fever is at its height. And that is what breeders want and deserve, good prices for good birds. Of course, it will be more convenient for some to go to Greenville, which will be a fine exhibit. But we advise those who can take in only one January show and can't go to Greenville, to take in the Knoxville show, which needs the support and encouragement of everybody. Knoxville has many wealthy citizens who are interested in fine fowls, and this show will give the poultry industry a great impetus in East Tennessee. If you want to advertise your fowls and build up a trade and a reputation in a community where fine fowls will be in great demand, see to it that you are represented at the Knoxville show at the dates above mentioned. John W. Fleniken, the secretary of the association, will mail premium list and entry blanks to any one addressing him at Knoxville.

THE GREENVILLE SHOW.

Remember the Greenville show in January. It will be the big show of the south. Then comes the Knoxville show, the New Orleans show, and the New Berne, North Carolina, show in February. But Greenville is to be the great Southern Show, however, which succeeds the Charleston show. I believe it would be well in future to let the Great Southern stay dead as an organization, for dead it is, and depend only on local organizations, which give the most satisfaction to everybody. We hope to see local organizations in every southern county in the near future, because they will boom the poultry industry as nothing else will boom it. The Greenville show has had many workers putting it in shape, and there will be four times the number of birds there to be seen elsewhere. If you are going to attend a poultry show this winter, go to Greenville, by all means.

A spell of the grippe, and the constant work upon my journal, has prevented me from fulfilling my engagement in these columns for sometime past, but I hope in the future to be able to furnish letters regularly.

VAS RECHT IS, IS RECHT.

"Editor Davis in his *Southern Poultry Talk* for November preaches a sermon on 'Sunday visitors' which contains so much genuine Christianity and bold truth that we recommend it for very careful perusal to the 'dreibund' of poultry editors who have decided that 'visitors are a nuisance.' Mr. Davis forgot to add that the nuisance is likely to become a pleasure to certain overworked editors when it becomes like the Democratic tariff, 'for revenue only.'—*American Fancier*.

Certainly. Why not? We combine "revenue" with pleasure, don't we? At the same time we are not all in it for "revenue only," but for the pleasure of following our bent. Of course, the revenue is handy to have in the house. But there be fellows, Brother Drev-

stedt, who have an eye to "revenue only." The other day we said to the janitor, who was toasting his shins by the fire after a spell of the grip, "Uncle Hal, they say you will do anything for money. Is that so?" "Hit am, sah, hit am," he replied. "Money, sah, will do anything fo' me, sah, an' I'm gwine ter do anything fo' money. Hits a poo' rule dat won't wo'k bofe ways, sah." There is philosophy in that. But when we entertain friends on Sunday we do it for pleasure, even if we do have our weather eye open for the revenue which might result therefrom. Not long since we had some Sunday visitors. Among them was a loud praying deacon; a man of the most radical and violent orthodox tendencies. He admired our birds much. Finally he called us aside and said: "Brother Davis, I never trade on Sunday; but how much do you ask for a trio of those Buff Cochins?" We named the price. "I'll take them," he replied, "but I'll not pay you till Monday. I reckon the Lord won't accuse me of a sin in merely bargaining for those birds on Sunday, when no money is paid!" You see, Bro. Drev., there was a little pleasure and a little revenue, sort o' mixed up, like, in that transaction, and no sin committed. Let us all enjoy Sunday without sinning!

J. H. DAVIS.

Poultry at Nanaimo, B. C.

[Special To THE AMERICAN FANCIER.]

Shortly after 9 o'clock on the morning of December 20th, Mayor Haslam, M. P., declared Nanaimo's first Poultry Show opened and from then on all day there was a steady stream of interested visitors inspecting the magnificent array of poultry of every variety arranged in perfect order for the convenience of judge, exhibitors and public.

Apparently nothing had been left undone that would in any way tend to the success of the exhibition. Exhibitors from Victoria and the Mainland expressed great surprise both at the extent of the show and the thoroughness with which all arrangements down to the smallest details had been carried out. This of course reflects great credit upon the officers of the society and particularly upon Mr. J. E. R. Tagart, who has worked indefatigably from the first moment the show was proposed.

A list of the officers are: President, Samuel M. Robins, Esq.; Vice Presidents, Mayor Haslam, M. P., Capt. E. A. Praeger, M. D., James Sharp, Esq.; Ald., Richard Nightingale; Secretary, J. E. R. Tagart; Show Management Superintendent, R. P. Wallis, Errington; Asst. Superintendent, E. Hodgson, Nanaimo; Acting Secretary (by courtesy) J. W. Teague, Victoria; Judge, Theo. Hewes, Trenton, Missouri.

There were in all over 400 birds to be judged, including Bantams, Cochins, Brahmas, Langshans, Javas, Plymouth Rocks, Wyandottes, Indian Games, Standard breeds, Pit breeds, Spanish, Minorcas, Andalusians, Leghorn, White, Brown and Buff, Hamburgs, Dorkings, French and Polish breeds, turkeys, geese and ducks, as well as dressed poultry and eggs.

The attendance at the show was very good, and about every citizen in Nanaimo had a glimpse at the birds. It was a financial and artistic success.

A well attended meeting of the Nanaimo Poultry Society was held in the show rooms shortly after 10 o'clock p. m., Dec. 22d. Among those present were: A. Dick, in chair. J. E. R. Tagart, sec tary, F. W. Teague, F. Sturdy, C. W. Riley, S. Jackman, R. Jarvis, Dr. Walkem, S. W. Lobb, R. P. Wallis, E. Hodgson, J. Scales and others.

It was carried unanimously that the Board of principal officers, including S. M. Robins, president; Mayor Haslam, Dr. E. A. Praeger, J. Sharp and R. Nightingale, be re-elected.

By a second unanimous vote George Norris, of the *Free Press*, was added to the list of vice-presidents, in recognition of the active interest shown by him in promoting the show.

The following board of executive officers was then unanimously elected for the ensuing term, with power to add to their number as required:

F. Sturdy, Plumper's Pass; C. W.

Riley, Vancouver; R. P. Wallis, Errington; S. W. Lobb, Nanaimo; F. W. Teague, Victoria; E. Hodgson, A. Dick, Nanaimo; S. Jackman, Victoria; Mr. Palmer, Seattle; F. Cook, J. Scales, W. B. Dennison, Dr. T. L. Davis, Nanaimo; C. J. Ellis, Wellington; T. M. Craig, Dr. McKechnie, J. Thompson, R. Jarvis, Nanaimo; W. S. Lindsay, Vancouver; H. Sheppard, J. W. Grahame, Nanaimo; R. Merritt, Victoria; W. C. Scott, Nanaimo.

Hearty votes of thanks were tendered the outside exhibitors, coupled with the names of C. W. Riley, Vancouver; F. Sturdy, Plumper's Pass, and S. Jackman, Victoria, also to the public spirited citizens who gave special prizes and other support to the society in its conception; also to Mr. F. W. Teague, of Victoria, for his invaluable assistance as acting secretary; also to the Nanaimo Silver Cornet band for the excellent program rendered at the closing of the show.

Secretary Tagart stated that his firm (Tagart & Wallis, ranchers, Errington), intended offering a silver cup, valued at \$25, for the best display, open to all exhibitors from Vancouver Island, north of Wellington district, at the next exhibition. This prize, however, to be merged into a more valuable challenge cup if other contributions from intending competitors should be forthcoming in the meantime.

It was finally resolved that the next show should be held in the winter of '94-'95. Then, with a vote of thanks to the chairman, the members dispersed, well satisfied with the conclusion of their first show.

The following are the awards:

BUFF COCHIN.—Cock: 1st 91½, A. Dick. Cockerel: 1st 92½, F. R. Cook; 2d 91½, A. Dick. Pullets: 1st 93, Cook; 2d 92½, A. Dick.

PARTRIDGE COCHIN.—Cock: 1st 94, J. B. Carmichael. Hens: 1st 92½, J. B. Carmichael. Cockerel: 1st 92, A. Dick; 2d 90½, J. B. Carmichael. Pullets: 1st 93; 2d 92, do.

LIGHT BRAHMAS.—1st 94, C. W. Riley; 2d 93½, do.

BLACK LANGSHAN.—Hen: 1st, Van Houten, A. Dick winning the special prize donated by W. K. Leighton for the best display.

BLACK JAVA.—Hen: 1st 91, S. W. Lobb. Hens: 1st S. W. Lobb.

BARRED PLYMOUTH ROCK.—Cock: 1st 91½, C. W. Riley. Hen: 2d 89, C. W. Riley. Cockerel: 1st 91½. Pullets: 1st 91½, C. W. Riley; 2d 89½, J. Grahame. Breeding Pens: 1st and 2d, C. W. Riley.

WHITE PLYMOUTH ROCK.—Cock: 1st 94½, F. W. Teague; 2d 91½, R. P. McLennan. Hen: 1st 92½, F. W. Teague. Pullets: 1st 91½, F. W. Teague. Breeding Pen: 1st E. Trimble; 2d, F. W. Teague.

GOLDEN WYANDOTTES.—Cock: 1st 90½, H. Sheppard.

SILVER WYANDOTTES.—Cock: 2d Riley. Hen: 1st 91, Riley; 2d 88½, Riley. Cockerel: 2d 89, Riley. Pullets: 1st 92½, Riley; 2d 90½, Riley.

WHITE FACE BLACK SPANISH.—Cockerel: 1st 94½, Joseph Harper; 2d 94, Grahame. Pullets: 1st 95½, C. J. Ellis; 2d 95, Ellis. Breeding Pen: 1st Ellis.

BLACK MINORCAS.—Cock, 1st 93, Lobb. Hen: 1st 92, Lobb; 2d 91½, T. Degen. Cockerel: 1st 95, E. Hodgson; 2d 94, Lobb. Pullets: 1st 95½, R. Nightingale; 2d 94, J. Scales.

BLACK RED GAME.—Cock, 1st 94½, J. Thompson; 2d 94, S. Jackman. Hens: 1st 94½, J. Thompson. Tie for second, Wallace & Tagart, J. Thompson, S. Jackman, 94 each.

RED PILE GAME.—Breeding Pen: 1st George Gibbs.

BLACK GAME.—Hen: 1st and 2d 92½, and 91½, F. R. Cook. Pullets: 1st 94½, Cook; 2d 93½, Cook.

ANY COLOR PET GAME.—Cock: 1st J. Thompson; 2d F. R. Cook. Hen: 1st F. R. Cook. Cockerel: 1st J. W. Grahame.

S. C. WHITE LEGHORNS.—Cock: 1st and 2d, 92½, Riley. Hen: 1st 95½, Riley; 2d 95, Riley and Sharpe tie. Cockerels: 1st 95, Sharpe; 2d 94½, Pullets: 1st 95, Riley, Rev. Flinton and Sharpe, tie. Pens: 1st Rev. Flinton; 2d Peterson.

R. C. W. LEGHORN.—Cock: 1st 91½, Ellis. Pullet: 1st 92½, Ellis. Pen: 1st 186 r-3, Ellis.

S. C. BROWN LEGHORN.—Cock: 1st 92½, Carmichael. Hens: 1st 92½, Carmichael; 2d 92, Riley. Cockerels: 1st 93, Riley. Pullets: 1st and 2d, 93½ and 92, Riley. Pens: 1st Riley; 2d Peterson.

R. C. BROWN LEGHORN.—Cockerels: 2d 89½, Jarvis.

BUFF LEGHORNS.—Cock: 1st 90½, Craig.

G. S. HAMBURG.—Hens: 1st and 2d 92½ and 92, Sturdy. Cockerels: 1st 93½, Sturdy and Riley, tie. Pullets: 1st and 2d 93½ and 93, Sturdy.

S. S. HAMBURG.—Cock, 1st 90, Sharp. Hen: 1st and 2d 94 and 95, Sturdy. Cockerel: 1st 93, Riley; 2d 92, Sturdy. Pullets: 1st 94, Sharp; 2d 92½, Riley.

G. L. HAMBURG.—Cockerels: 1st 91, Sturdy. Pullet: 1st 91½, Sturdy. S. P. Cockerel: 1st 93, Sturdy. Pullet: 1st 93, Sturdy.

BLACK HAMBURG.—Hens: 1st and 2d, 95, Sturdy. Cockerels: 1st 93½, Sturdy. Pullets: 1st and 2d 94, Sturdy.

DORKINGS.—Hen: 1st 90½, Sturdy. Pullets: 1st 91½, Sharp; 2d 90½, Scales.

FRENCH CLASS, CREVE COEUR.—Cock: 1st 93, Van Houten. Hen: 2d 88, Van Houten.

POLISH, GOLDEN.—Cock: 1st 91½, Goldsworthy. Hen: 1st 92, Goldsworthy. Pullets: 1st 92, Goldsworthy; 2d 91½, Hoskin.

SILVER.—Cock: 1st 90, Van Houten. Hen: 1st 92, Van Houten.

BRONZE TURKEYS.—Cockerel: 1st Peterson. Hen: 1st Degnen; 2d Peterson.

TOULOUSE GEES.—Ganders: 1st and 2d Walkem. Geese: 1st Walkem; 2d Hodgson. Pen: 1st Hodgson.

EMDEN GEES.—Gander: 1st Degnen. Goose: 1st Degnen.

ROUEN DUCKS.—Drakes 1st Sturdy; 2d Harper. Duck: 1st Sturdy; 2d Harper.

AYLESBURY DUCKS.—Drakes: 1st Wallis; 2d Wallis. Ducks: 1st Wallis.

PEKIN DUCKS.—Drake: 1st Hodgson. Duck: 1st and 2d Hodgson.

BLACK GAME BANTAMS.—Cocks: 1st 96, Wallis & Taggart; 2d 94½, S. W. Lobb. Hens: 1st 94½, Lobb; 2d 94, E. Hodgson and Dr. Walkem, tie. Cockerels: 1st 94½, Wallis; 2d 92½, Wallis. Pullets: 1st 96, Lobb; 2d 95½, F. R. Cook. Pens: 1st 188½, Lobb; 2d 183 1-6, Wallis.

GOLDEN DUCKWING.—1st 95, Cook; 2d 94, Cook. Cockerel: 1st 95, Cook; 2d 95, Cook.

SILVER DUCKWING.—Cockerels: 1st 94, A. Dick.

RED PILE.—Cocks: 1st 96½, Lobb; 2d 96, S. Jackman. Hens: 1st and 2d 95½, Lobb, 3 birds each. Cockerels: 1st 95½, J. Thompson. Pullets: 1st and 2d 95½ each, Lobb. Pen: 1st 189 2-3, Lobb.

BLACK GAME BANTAM.—Cockerels: 1st 95, Lobb. Pullets: 1st and 2d 96½ and 96, Lobb.

BLACK ROSECOMB.—Cocks: 1st 95. Hens: 1st 96½. Cockerels: 1st 95½. Pullets: 1st 95; 2d 94½, all to Willie Pollock.

BUFF PEKIN.—Cockerel: 1st 93. Pullet: 1st 95, R. P. McLennan.

GOLD SPECIAL.—For best display of Bantams, S. W. Lobb.

GOLD SPECIAL.—For best individual Bantam, S. W. Lobb (3) and Willie Pollock (1). Tie on 96½.

The Reading, Pa. Show.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

The members and managers can well be proud of the show now being held in the city of Reading.

It is held in a large hall in the heart of the city, built for a skating rink. It will coop several thousand exhibits. A large show was expected because of the general interest in pure-bred poultry, but the entries far exceed the expectations in quality and quantity.

Two judges were engaged and the poultry was to be scored, but on account of the number they were judged by comparison. Reading fanciers are lovers of Barred Plymouth Rocks, Light and Dark Brahmas, Hamburgs in every variety and Bantams. Therefore, these classes contained many birds. There were about 100 Rocks in the show and of these 70 were barred. In this variety the competition was very keen, especially in cockerels. It was as keen as at Philadelphia in '93. There were about 20 cockerels in competition and every bird a good one. Besides the local birds there was stock from Maryland, New Jersey, Ohio and New York. The best were scored in several classes including B. P. Rocks. The first prize cockerel was scored 94, but might have been scored 95 without doing dishonor to the card or judge, J. D. Nevins.

The first cockerel, cock and hen are three grand birds. The combs, barring, both top and under are without fault comparatively, style and in fine condition. There were many fine combs among the Rocks. One cockerel a light colored bird, some off in comb had the finest barring I ever saw in a show room for clearness and closeness, and running deep for light color. There were six exhibition pens of Barred Rocks, besides a pen of eight cockerels for sale. The Light Brahma exhibit contained thirty-nine birds. In this as well as Dark Brahmas, White, Black, Buff Cochins, W. P. Rocks, Hamburgs, White and Brown Leghorns, Minorcas, Indian Games, and Bantams, the competition was very keen, all of these classes containing crack birds which will grace the New York show. The silver pitcher went to a Black Hamburg scoring 97.

The first prize W. Minorca Cock is a very high scoring bird; also G. P. Hamburg Pullet. In Brown S. C. Leghorn the specials all went to a first prize cockerel, an extra fine bird without one bad section having a striped saddle. In R. C. B. Leghorns there were two hens having perfect backs and wings, clean gold penciling. In D. Brahmas there was a cock that is a crack bird. In Buff Cochins there were several extra birds. The Bantams were fine, the classes containing seventeen exhibition pens. There were fifty-five pens in the show in all classes. There were several hundred pigeons or over on exhibition. They were to be cooped in pigeon coops furnished by J. H. Kuhn of Louisville, Ky., but they went astray on the railroad and a dozen telegrams failed to find them. By hunting everything the society owned and borrowed everything to be had the

show was cooped. They are a fine exhibition. W. Harry Orr had it in charge. The society hope to build up a show of world wide reputation. Plans will soon be laid for next season's show.

Pottstown, Pa.

Edmeston, N. Y.

The little village of Edmeston, N. Y., contains but 650 inhabitants, yet it managed to get up a poultry show numbering 600 entries. Being the first show of the Central New York Roultry Association, considerable allowance must be made for the mistakes of the managers. Entries were received up to and after the show opened. This delayed the judging, and it was noon of the last day before all birds were scored.

The attendance was light, and with the low entry fee of 10 cents per bird a serious deficiency in the treasury was the result.

The feature of the show was the exhibit of Pheasants by the Hon. E. F. Beadle, of Cooperstown, N. Y. They were a drawing card.

Next to these the really large and excellent display of Black Spanish fowls was noticeable. Black Breasted R. Games were also decidedly superior specimens, and made up a large and interesting class. There was much quality in the Leghorn, Minorca, Houdan, and Wyandotte classes, while Plymouth Rocks, both barred and white, showed individual specimens of high merit. Brahmas and Cochins were more than fair. One good pen of Silver Grey Dorkings and several really excellent pens of Red Caps were worth noting. Hamburgs brought out a good lot of the Silver Pencilled variety. Take it all in all, the show was really first class.

Below we give the awards:

BARRED PLYMOUTH ROCKS.—Cock: 1st 88, C. H. Beck, Sherburne, N. Y.; 2d 86½, D. F. Davis, Edmeston, N. Y. Hen: 1st 91 (tie), Davis and Beck; 2d 90½, Davis. Cockerel: 1st 90½, J. W. Waters, Sidney, N. Y.; 2d 89, Davis. Pullet: 1st 91½, Beck; 2d 90½, Davis. Pen: 1st 178½, Waters.

WHITE PLYMOUTH ROCKS.—Cock: 1st 90½, Hen: 1st 93, Howard Tanner, Gilbertsville, N. Y. Cockerel: 1st 92½, E. W. Davis, Edmeston, N. Y.; 2d 92, Tanner. Pullet: 1st 94 (tie), Tanner; 2d 92½, E. W. Davis. Pen: 1st 185, Tanner.

BLACK JAVAS.—Cockerel: 1st 92. Pullet: 1st 93, Tanner.

SILVER WYANDOTTES.—Cock: 1st 89, M. E. Simmons, Edmeston, N. Y.; 2d 87, D. F. Davis. Hen: 1st 90, Simmons; 2d 88½, D. F. Davis. Cockerel: 1st 89½, D. F. Davis; 2d 88 (tie), D. F. Davis and E. W. Davis. Pullet: 1st 91½, Simmons; 2d 90½ (tie), Simmons and E. W. Davis. Pen: 1st 179½, Davis.

GOLDEN WYANDOTTES.—Cockerel: 1st 92, 2d 90. Pullet: 1st 90½, 2d 89½, J. H. Martin, M. D., Otego, N. Y.

WHITE WYANDOTTES.—Cock: 1st 90. Hen: 1st 93½, 2d 92½, D. F. Davis. Cockerel: 1st 90, Martin; 2d 89 (tie), D. F. Davis. Pullet: 1st 94, Martin; 2d 92 (tie), Martin and Davis. Pen: 1st 182½, Davis; 2d 182½, Martin.

AMERICAN DOMINIQUE.—Cock: 1st 90½. Hen: 1st 91½, 2d 90½. Cockerel: 1st 90, 2d 89. Pullet: 1st 90½, 2d 90. Pen: 1st 179½, 2d 178½, all to D. F. Davis.

BUFF PLYMOUTH ROCKS.—Cockerel: 1st, 2d. Pullet: 1st, 2d, E. R. Gregory, Edmeston, N. Y.

BUFF WYANDOTTES.—Cockerel: 1st, 2d. Pullet: 1st, 2d, Davis.

LIGHT BRAHMAS.—Cock: 1st 90. Hen: 1st 91½, 2d 90½. Cockerel: 1st 91½, Davis; 2d 91, Waters. Pullet: 1st 91½, Davis; 2d 90½, Waters.

DARK BRAHMAS.—Cock: 1st 90. Hen: 1st 90½, 2d 89½. Pullet: 1st 91½, all to O. B. Clarke, Brookfield, N. Y.

PARTRIDGE COCHINS.—Hen: 1st 89½, 2d 88. Cockerel: 1st 88, all to D. B. Stillman, Brookfield, N. Y.

BUFF COCHINS.—Cock: 1st 88½, Reuben Talbot, Edmeston, N. Y.; 2d 88. Hen: 1st 91½, Stillman; 2d 90. Pullet: 1st 90½, 2d 89½. Pen: 1st 177½, Talbot; 2d 177½, Stillman.

BLACK COCHINS.—Cockerel: 1st 87, Davis.

BLACK LANGSHANS.—Hen: 1st 92½, Davis.

W. F. BLACK SPANISH.—Cock: 1st 90½, 2d 90. Hen: 1st 94, 2d 93½, Gregory. Cockerel: 1st 93½, L. D. Hopkins, Edmeston, N. Y.; 2d 92. Pullet: 1st 94½, Gregory; 2d 94 (tie), Gregory and Waters. Pen: 1st 185½, Hopkins; 2d 183½, Gregory.

S. C. WHITE LEGHORNS.—Cock: 1st 93, S. K. Wilcox, Smyrna, N. Y.; 2d 92½, Waters. Hen: 1st 94, Waters; 2d 93½ (tie), Waters and Wilcox. Cockerel: 1st 92½, Waters; 2d 91, Wilcox. Pullet: 1st 95, Wilcox; 2d 94½, Waters. Pen: 1st 185½, Waters; 2d 185, Wilcox.

S. C. BROWN LEGHORNS.—Cock: 1st 90, S. S. Lobdell, Sherburne, N. Y.; 2d 87½, Henry Ackerman, Edmeston, N. Y. Hen: 1st 92½, Lobdell; 2d 92, Ackerman. Cockerel: 1st 92, Tanner; 2d 91, Waters. Pullet: 1st 94, 2d 93. Pen: 1st 183, Waters; 2d 181, Lobdell.

R. C. BROWN LEGHORNS.—Pullet: 1st 92, 2d 91, V. N. Robinson, Edmeston, N. Y.

R. C. WHITE LEGHORNS.—Cock: 1st 92, Robinson. Cockerel: 1st 93½, 2d 90. Pullet: 1st 94½, Waters; 2d 93½ (tie), Waters and Robinson. Pen: 1st 184½, Robinson.

BLACK LEGHORNS.—Hen: 1st 94½, 2d 94. Cockerel: 1st 91½. Pen: 1st 183½, all to Waters.

DOMINIQUE LEGHORNS.—Hen: 1st 90½, 2d

88½. Cockerel: 1st 88, 2d 87½. Pullet: 1st 88. Pen: 1st 177½, all to Waters.

ANDALUSIANS.—Cockerel: 1st 88½. Pullet: 1st 90½, Talbot.

WHITE MINORCAS.—Cock: 1st 90. Hen: 1st 90½. Cockerel: 1st 91. Pullet: 1st 92, 2d 91. Pen: 1st 181, all to Waters.

BLACK MINORCAS.—Cock: 1st 92½, A. A. Mather, Garrattsville, N. Y. Hen: 1st 93½, Mather; 2d 93 (tie), Mather and Waters. Cockerel: 1st 92½, Mather; 2d 91½, Waters. Pullet: 1st 94½, Mather; 2d 93, Waters. Pen: 1st 184½, Waters.

G. AND W. POLISH.—Cock: 1st 90½. Hen: 1st 90½, 2d 89. Cockerel: 1st 90½, 2d 90. Pullet: 1st 90½, 2d 89. Pen: 1st 180, all to Tanner.

S. S. HAMBURG.—Cock: 1st 90, Lobdell; 2d 86½, Waters. Hen: 1st 90½, Lobdell. Cockerel: 1st 88½, Lobdell; 2d 87½. Pullet: 1st 90½, 2d 90, Waters. Pen: 1st 178, Lobdell; 2d 177, Waters.

S. P. HAMBURG.—Cock: 1st 90, Lobdell. Hen: 1st 91, 2d 90½. Cockerel: 1st 92, 2d 91. Pullet: 1st 92, 2d 90½. Pen: 1st 182½, Israel Talbot, Edmeston, N. Y.; 2d 181, Lobdell.

BLACK HAMBURG.—Cockerel: 1st 92½. Pullet: 1st 94½, Waters.

RED CAPS.—Hen: 1st 93½, M. L. Brown, Brookfield, N. Y.; 2d 91½, Talbot. Cockerel: 1st 94, L. D. Hopkins, Edmeston, N. Y.; 2d 92 (tie), Talbot and Brown. Pullet: 1st 92½, Talbot; 2d 92, Brown. Pen: 1st 183½, Brown.

HOUDANS.—Cockerel: 1st 91, 2d 90½. Pullet: 1st 93½, 2d 92. Pen: 1st 182½, J. C. Walter, Brookfield, N. Y.

S. G. DORKINGS.—Cockerel: 1st 91½. Pullet: 1st 93½, 2d 92. Pen: 1st 183½, all to L. B. Sutherland, Edmeston, N. Y.

B. B. R. GAMES.—Cock: 1st 92 (tie), Davis and Walter. Hen: 1st 95½, 2d 94½. Cockerel: 1st 93½, 2d 92½. Pullet: 1st 95, W. M. Clarke, Brookfield, N. Y.; 2d 94½ (tie), Clarke and Walter. Pen: 1st 188½, Clarke; 2d 185½, Davis.

RED PYLE GAME.—Cock: 1st 91, 2d 89. Hen: 1st 92, 2d 90, all to Tanner.

HEATHWOOD PIT GAMES.—Cock: 1st. Hen: 1st, Tanner.

INDIAN GAMES.—Cock: 1st. Hen: 1st, 2d. Cockerel: 1st. Pullet: 1st. Pen: 1st, all to D. F. Davis.

WHITE GAME BANTAMS.—Cock: 1st 88. Hen: 1st 89, Davis. Cockerel: 1st 92, Tanner; 2d 91½, Lobdell. Pullet: 1st 91½ (tie), Lobdell and Tanner; 2d 91, Davis.

S. D. GAME BANTAMS.—Cock: 1st 93½, 2d 93. Hen: 1st 93½, 2d 92, Tanner.

PEKIN BANTAMS.—Cock: 1st 91½, 2d 90½, Davis.

TURKEYS.—Best pair Bronze: 1st, J. W. Talbot, Edmeston, N. Y. Best pair Narragansett: 1st, E. W. Davis, Edmeston, N. Y.

PEKIN DUCKS.—Pair: 1st, 2d, Robinson.

DUCKS.—Best display: 1st, Robinson.

HIGHEST SCORING PEN.—1st, B. B. R. Game: W. M. Clarke; 2d, White Faced Black Spanish: L. D. Hopkins.

HIGHEST SCORING BIRD.—1st, score 95½, B. B. R. Game hen, W. M. Clarke; 2d, 95 (tie), B. B. R. Game pullet, owned by Clarke, and S. C. White Leghorn pullet, owned by Wilcox.

PIGEONS.—Best pair Pouters: 1st, L. D. Hopkins.

Awards at Findlay, Ohio, Dec. 26 to 30, 1893.

BARRED PLYMOUTH ROCKS.—Cock: 1st 90, D. J. Kohli, Bluffton, Ohio; 2d 89½, T. H. Mohler, Bluffton, Ohio; 3d 86, A. C. Ewing, Mount Cory, Ohio. Hen: 1st 91, Kohli; 2d 90½, H. M. Cook, Fremont, Ohio; 3d 90½, Mohler. Cockerel: 1st 92½, 2d 92, Ewing; 3d 91, Mohler. Pullet: 1st 93, W. J. Irwin, Ada, Ohio; 2d 92, D. L. Brumback, Van West, Ohio; 3d 92, Ewing. Pen: 1st 183 1-10, Ewing; 2d 181½, Mohler.

WHITE PLYMOUTH ROCKS.—Cock: 1st 92, C. F. Michael, Fremont, Ohio. Hen: 1st 92½, Hal. Starr, McComb, Ohio; 2d 90½, Michael. Cockerel: 1st 92, Starr; 2d 91, Michael. Pullet: 1st 90½, Michael.

BUFF PLYMOUTH ROCKS.—Cock: 1st, 2d. Cockerel: 1st, 2d. Pullet: 1st, 2d, all to S. W. Rhosbacker, Tiffin, Ohio.

SILVER WYANDOTTES.—Cock: 2d 89½, L. G. Andrus, Elyria, Ohio; 3d 89½, James Denison, Findlay, Ohio. Hen: 1st 91, Andrus; 2d 90½, S. H. Gast, Jr., Prospect, Ohio; 3d 89, Denison. Cockerel: 2d 88½, W. M. Cole, Findlay, Ohio; 3d 88½, Denison. Pullet: 1st 91, Gast, Jr.; 2d 90½, J. Van Swearingen, Findlay, Ohio. Pen: 1st 178½, Denison; 2d 177½, Van Swearingen.

GOLDEN WYANDOTTES.—Cock: 1st 91, Ewing; 2d 91, Williams; 3d 89½, Ewing. Hen: 1st 93, E. F. Karst, Findlay, Ohio; 2d 89, Gast, Jr. Cockerel: 1st 90½, Ewing; 2d 90½, 3d 90½, Karst. Pullet: 1st 92, Karst; 2d 91, Williams; 3d 91, Ewing. Pen: 1st 182½, 2d 180½, Karst.

WHITE WYANDOTTES.—Cock: 1st 92. Hen: 1st 94½, 2d 93½, 3d 90. Cockerel: 1st 91½, Kohli; 2d 87½, Gast, Jr. Pullet: 1st 94, 2d 93½, 3d 92½. Pen: 1st 183½, 2d 183½, Kohli.

BLACK WYANDOTTES.—Cock: 1st. Hen: 1st, 2d. Cockerel: 1st, 2d. Pullet: 1st, 2d, all to Gast, Jr.

AMERICAN DOMINIQUE.—Cockerel: 2d 89, 3d 85. Pullet: 1st 93, 2d 91½, 3d 91, W. J. Irwin, Ada, Ohio.

LIGHT BRAHMAS.—Cock: 1st 93, Kohli; 2d 92½, E. Dennison, Findlay, Ohio; 3d 88½, D. M. Poling, Van West, O. Hen: 1st 93½, Poling; 2d 93, Dennison; 3d 92½, Poling. Cockerel: 1st 91½, Thos. G. Schiede, Bluffton, O.; 2d 91, 3d 91, Kohli. Pullet: 1st 93, Poling; 2d 92, Schiede; 3d 92. Pen: 1st 184½, Kohli; 2d 181½, Poling.

BUFF COCHINS.—Cock: 1st 92½, D. E. Peters, North Baltimore, O.; 2d 91, Kohli; 3d 91, Peters. Hen: 1st 94½, Peters; 2d 94, F. A. Stewart, Marshall, Mich.; 3d 92½, Peters. Cockerel: 1st 94½, Stewart; 2d 92½, Peters; 3d 92, Kohli. Pullet: 1st 95, Stewart; 2d 94, Irwin; 3d 93½. Pen: 1st 188, Stewart; 2d 185½, Peters.

PARTRIDGE COCHINS.—Cock: 1st 90½, J. J. Carmany, Findlay, O. Hen: 1st 91½, 2d 88. Cockerel: 1st 92, G. W. Phifer, Findlay, O.; 2d 92, 3d 92, Carmany. Pullet: 1st 92, 2d 92, Phifer; 3d 90½, Carmany. Pen: 1st 183½, 2d 180, Phifer.

WHITE COCHINS.—Hen: 1st 93½, 2d 89½, 3d 89½. Cockerel: 2d 89½, 3d 89½. Pullet: 1st 92½, 2d 93½, 3d 90½. Pen: 1st 180 9-10, all to Schiede.

BLACK COCHINS.—Cockerel: 1st 92. Pullet: 1st 39, W. N. Treby, Findlay, O.

BLACK LANGSHANS.—Hen: 1st 92½, W. W.

McDonald, Tiffin, O. Cockerel: 1st 92½, Michael; 2d 91½, McDonald; 3d 91. Pullet: 1st 95, 2d 93, Kohli; 3d 92½, McDonald. Pen: 1st 184, Kohli; 2d 183½, McDonald.

S. C. BROWN LEGHORNS.—Hen: 1st 93½, 2d 92½, 3d 91½. Cockerel: 1st 93, 2d 92, 3d 90½. Pullet: 1st 94½, 2d 92½, Peters; 3d 91½, Charles Chamberlin, Findlay, O. Pen: 1st 186½, Peters.

S. C. WHITE LEGHORNS.—Hen: 2d 88½, 3d 87½. Cockerel: 1st 91½, A. W. Scott, Findlay, O.; 2d 90, Gast. Pullet: 2d 89½, 3d 87½. Pen: 1st 179½, Scott.

R. C. WHITE LEGHORNS.—Cock: 3d 85½, W. C. Sultner, Findlay, O. Hen: 1st 91, Denison; 2d 91, 3d 87½, Sultner. Cockerel: 2d 88. Pullet: 1st 92½, 2d 92, 3d 91, Denison.

BLACK MINORCAS.—Hen: 1st 94, G. B. Smith, North Baltimore, O.; 2d 93½, 3d 92½. Cockerel: 1st 94, 2d 93, 3d 92½, Mohler. Pullet: 1st 94, Smith; 2d 93½, 3d 93½. Pen: 1st 187½, Mohler; 2d 183 3-10, Smith.

S. S. HAMBURG.—Cock: 1st 92, F. A. Stuart, Marshall, Mich.; 2d 91, Gast, Jr. Hen: 1st 94½, 2d 94, Stuart; 3d 92½, James Denison, Findlay, O. Cockerel: 1st 94½, Stewart; 2d 92, Denison; 3d 91, Gast, Jr. Pullet: 1st 94½, Stewart; 2d 94, Denison; 3d 94, Stuart. Pen: 1st 184, Stuart; 2d 183½, Denison.

HOUDANS.—Cock: 3d 87. Pullet: 2d 88, 3d 85½, Sultner.

BUFF COCHIN BANTAMS.—Cock: 1st 92½, 2d 91, Gast, Jr.; 3d 91, Peters. Hen: 1st 96½, 2d 96, Gast, Jr.; 3d 94. Cockerel: 1st 94, Peters; 2d 93½, 3d 93½, Gast, Jr. Pullet: 1st 95½, Denison; 2d 95½, Peters; 3d 95½. Pen: 1st 189, Gast; 2d 188½, Peters.

G. S. BANTAMS.—Cock: 1st 91 1-2, Gast; 2d 89. Hen: 1st 93, 2d 93, Ewing; 3d 92. Cockerel: 1st 95 1-2, Gast; 2d 92 1-2, 3d 92. Pullet: 1st 95, Ewing; 2d 93, Gast. Pen: 1st 185½, Ewing.

INDIAN GAMES.—Cock: 1st. Hen: 1st, Gast; 2d, 3d, E. R. Schoonover, Findlay, O. Cockerel: 1st, Starr; 2d, D. C. Connell, Findlay, O.; 3d, Schoonover. Pullet: 1st, Connell; 2d, Starr; 3d, Andrus. Pen: 1st, Gast; 2nd, Starr.

Awards at Clinton, Mass.

BARRED PLYMOUTH ROCKS.—Cock: 1st 90: 2d 89, George L. Lamson, Jr.; 3d 88½, W. E. Bright. Hen: 1st 92½, W. E. Bright; 2d 92, and one special, J. L. Kindred; 3d 92, and one special, C. H. Lathan. Pullet: 1st 94, George L. Lamson, Jr.; 2d 93 and 5 specials, W. E. Bright.

WHITE PLYMOUTH ROCKS. Cock: 3rd, 92 and 4 specials, Fillebrown & Pingrey. Pullet: 1st 94½, Fillebrown & Pingrey. 2d 94½, G. B. Lawrence.

SILVER WYANDOTTES.—Cock: 1st 91, F. A. Wood; 2d 88, F. A. Ware, Jr. Hen: 1st 91, C. F. A. Smith; 2d 90, F. A. Ware, Jr.; 3d 89, F. A. Ware, Jr. Cockerel: 91½, F. A. Wood; 2d 91, C. F. A. Smith; 3d 90½ and 2 specials, F. A. Wood. Pullets: 1st 91½, F. A. Ware, Jr.; 2d 91½, A. S. Record; 3d 91 and 1 special, C. F. A. Smith. Pen: 1st 181½, C. F. A. Smith; 2d 181½, F. A. Wood; 3d 178½ and 1 special, F. A. Ware, Jr.

WHITE WYANDOTTES.—Cock: 1st 91½, C. H. Johnson; 2d 89½, J. D. Donavon, Jr.; 3d 88½, Chas. F. Dow. Hen: 1st 92, J. D. Donavon, Jr.; 2d 91½, Chas. F. Dow; 3d 91½ and specials, C. F. A. Smith. Cockerel: 1st 92, C. F. A. Smith; 2d 91, J. D. Donavon, Jr.; 3d 90½, E. D. Wood. Pullet: 1st 92, E. D. Wood; 2d 93, E. D. Wood; 3d 92, E. D. Wood. Pen: 1st a tie, 182½, Chas. F. Dow; 2d 132 1-8, C. H. Johnson; 3d 181½, Chas. F. Dow.

GOLDEN WYANDOTTES.—Cock: 1st 90, George W. Felton; 2d 89, F. A. Wood. Hen: 1st 90½, F. A. Wood; 2d 88, F. A. Wood. Cockerel: 1st 91½, George W. Felton; 2d 91, F. A. Wood. Pullets: 1st 92½, and 2d 90½, George W. Felton. Pen: 1st 132½ and 3 specials.

BUFF WYANDOTTES.—Cock: 1st F. S. Tenney

Mt. Carmel, Ill.

The Wabash Valley Poultry Association closed its seventh annual exhibition in Mt. Carmel, Ill., on Saturday, Dec. 30. All the former shows of this society have been first-class, but the one just closed was superior to any previous one. It was an unqualified success in every respect. The hundreds of birds of rare merit were a surprise to all who saw the show.

Barred Plymouth Rocks led in numbers, about 100 being on exhibition. That they were a very even lot is shown by the fact that on cockerels there were six ties for 1st, seven ties for 2d, and seven ties for 4th premiums.

Light Brahmas were second in numbers, there being about 80 shown, and it is safe to say a finer lot of birds were never before exhibited at a local show.

In Black Javas, Black Langshans, and S. C. B. Leghorns there were about 30 entries each, and the quality was equal to anything on exhibition. The Brown Leghorns won the silver cup offered by Judge Marshall.

White Plymouth Rocks, White and P. Cochins, W. F. Black Spanish, Buff Leghorns, and S. S. Hamburgs were out in creditable numbers. S. G. Dorkings, Blue Andalusians, and American Dominiques were also shown.

The Bronze Turkey class was especially fine, there were about 30 entries. There were also W. H. Turkeys and Pekin Ducks.

A very pleasant feature of the show was the presentation, by the Association, of an elegant easy chair to the secretary, C. C. Harper, for his services.

Financially the show was a success, there being a snug little sum left in the treasury after paying all expenses.

The following is the awards:

BARRED PLYMOUTH ROCKS.—Hen, 1st 91, J. H. Asher, Oakton, Ind.; 2d 90 1-2, Albion Poultry Yards, Albion, Ill.; 3d 90, W. W. Buchanan, Friendsville, Ill.; 4th 89 (tie), Asher and Buchanan. Cockerel, 1st 91 (tie), O. H. Wood, Friendsville, Ill.; J. H. Asher, Albion Poultry Yards, and W. W. Buchanan; 2d 90 1-2 (tie), J. M. Ramsey, Mt. Carmel, Ill.; Wood, Buchanan, and Samuel Weaver, Albion, Ill.; 3d 90 (tie), Wood, Asher, and Buchanan; 4th 89 1-2 (tie), Asher, Ramsey, Wood, and Buchanan. Pullet, 1st 92, 2d 91 1-2, Albion Poultry Yards; 3d 91 (tie), Albion Poultry Yards and Buchanan; 4th 90 1-2 (tie), Albion Poultry Yards, Asher, Ramsey, Weaver, Wood, and Wm. Risley, Mt. Carmel, Ill. Pen, 1st 182 3-16, Albion Poultry Yards; 2d 181 1/2, Asher; 3d 181, Wood; 4th 180 3/4, Buchanan.

LIGHT BRAHMAS.—Cock, 1st 92 1-2, Albion Poultry Yards; 2d 91 1-2, John F. Woods, Princeton, Ind.; 3d 90 1-2, S. S. Seiler, Mt. Carmel, Ill. Hen, 1st 94, 2d 93, Albion Poultry Yards; 3d 91, J. F. Woods; 4th 90 1-2, Seiler. Cockerel, 1st 93, Seiler; 2d 92 1-2, Albion Poultry Yards; 3d 92, Woods; 4th 91 1-2 (tie), Ivia Trippett, Hazelton, Ind., and Woods. Pullet, 1st 94 1-2, Woods; 2d 93 1-2 (tie), Woods and Albion Poultry Yards; 3d 92 1-2 (tie), Woods, Trippett, and Albion Poultry Yards; 4th 92 (tie), Woods, Seiler, and Trippett. Pen, 1st 185 1/2, Albion Poultry Yards; 2d 185 1/2, 4th 183 1/2, Woods; 3d 183 1/2, Seiler.

WHITE PLYMOUTH ROCKS.—Cockerel, 1st 92 1-2, Albion Poultry Yards; 2d 91 1-2, Trippett. Pullet, 1st 95 (tie), Trippett and Albion Poultry Yards; 2d 94, Albion Poultry Yards; 3d 93 1-2, Trippett; 4th 93 (tie), Trippett and Albion Poultry Yards. Pen, 1st 187, Albion Poultry Yards; 2d 185 1-2, Trippett.

BLACK JAVAS.—Cock, 1st 89 1-2, hen, 1st 95 1-2, 2d 95, 3d 94 1-2, cockerel, 1st 94 1-2, 2d 94, 3d 91 1-2, H. Hodgson; 4th 90, Risley. Pullet, 1st 96, 2d 94 1-2, 3d 94, Hodgson; 4th 93 1-2 (tie), Hodgson and Risley. Pen, 1st 190 1/2, 2d 188 1/2, 3d 185 1-2, 4th 182 1-2, Hodgson.

BLACK LANGSHANS.—Hen, 1st 94, Trippett. Cockerel, 1st 92 1-2, Ramsey. Pullet, 1st 94 1-2 (tie), Trippett and Ramsey; 3d 90, Ramsey.

WHITE COCHINS.—Hen, 1st 92, 2d 90 1-2, 3d 90, 4th 88 1-2, cockerel, 2d 88 1-2, pen, 1st 178 3/4, Trippett.

PARTRIDGE COCHINS.—Cockerel, 1st 93, 2d 80, pullet, 1st 91 1-2, 2d 91, 3d 90 1-2, 4th 89 1-2, pen, 1st 183 1/2, J. J. Stone, Mt. Carmel, Ill.

S. G. DORKINGS.—Hen, 1st 92 1-2, 2d 90 1-2, cockerel, 1st 92 1-2, Stone.

W. F. BLACK SPANISH.—Cockerel, 1st 93 1/2, pullet, 1st 96, 2d 95 1-2, 3d 95, pen, 1st 189, Albion Poultry Yards.

BUFF LEGHORNS.—Cockerel, 1st 2d, pullet, 1st 2d, 3d, 4th, pen, 1st, Hodgson.

S. C. B. LEGHORNS.—Cockerel, 1st 94, 2d 93, 3d 92, pullet, 1st 94 1-2, 2d 94, 3d 93 1-2, 4th 93, pen, 1st 188 1/2, 2d 186 1-2, 3d 186 1/2, 4th 184, Albion Poultry Yards.

S. S. HAMBURGS.—Hen, 1st 94 1-2, cockerel, 1st 93 1-2, 2d 91, pullet, 1st 94 1-2, 2d 93 1-2, 3d 92, 4th 91 1-2, pen, 1st 186 1/2, Stone.

BLUE ANDALUSIANS.—Cock, 1st 91 1-2, hen, 1st 93, pullet, 1st 93, Hodgson.

AMERICAN DOMINIQUE.—Cockerel, 1st, pullet, 1st, 2d, John Goodart, Friendsville, Ill.

BRONZE TURKEYS.—Cock, 1st 97, Seiler; 2d 96 1-2, Risley; 3d 93, hen, 1st 94 1-2, 2d 88, Asher; 3d 95, young cock, 1st 95 1-2, 3d 94 1-2, 4th 93, Seiler; 2d 95, Asher. Young hen, 1st 96, 2d 95 1-2, 4th 93, Seiler; 3d 95 (tie), Seiler and Asher.

PEKIN DUCKS.—Male, 1st 96, female, 1st 97, Risley.

The silver cup offered by the judge (F. J. Marshall) for 15 highest scoring birds of one variety by one exhibitor, none to score under 90, was won by Albion Poultry Yards on S. C. B. Leghorns; average score, 93 17-30.

The Shelton Show.

The second annual exhibition of the Huntington and Shelton Poultry Association closed Friday evening, Jan. 5th, after a very successful three days exhibit.

The attendance was very large every day, and the meeting is fairly successful, financially. The classes were well filled, 108 Barred Plymouth Rocks being shown. The Whites came out in strong numbers making a class of over 150 Plymouth Rocks.

The Brahma, Cochins, Polish and Game classes were well filled while the Bantam class showed some very fine specimens, especially the Game Bantams of Pierce Bros., of Winchester, N. H.

The celebrated Mann bone cutters were in full working order, while the Monitor Incubator of Bristol, Ct., made a fine hatch of chickens. The awards were made by judges Seeley and Pratt. The following are the awards:

WHITE PLYMOUTH ROCKS.—Cock, 1st 92 1/2, E. M. Tomlinson, Oronaque, Ct. Hen, 1st 96 and 2d 94, Tomlinson. Cockerel, 1st 94 1/2, Tomlinson; 2d 93, Faber Bros.; 3d 92, C. W. Bunnell, Short Beach, Ct. Pullet, 1st 98, Tomlinson; 2d 95 1/2, Faber Bros.; 3d 94 1/2, Tomlinson. Pen, 1st 187 1/2, Faber Bros.; 2d 186 1/2, Tomlinson.

AMERICAN DOMINIQUE.—Cock, 2d 88 1/2, Watertown Poultry Yards, Watertown, Ct. Hen, 1st 92, C. P. Jordan, New Haven, Ct.; 2d 88, Watertown Poultry Yards; 3d 83 1/2, Taft & Miller, Unionville, Ct. Cockerel, 1st 91, Jordan; 2d 88, Watertown Poultry Yards; 3d 85, Taft & Miller. Pullet, 1st 90, Jordan; 2d 89 1/2, Watertown Poultry Yards; 3d 87 1/2, N. B. Miller, Watertown, Ct.

SILVER WYANDOTTES.—Cock, 1st, hen, 1st, cockerel, 1st, 2d and 3d, pullet, 1st, pen, 1st, J. S. Mayhew, Bethel, Ct.; 2d S. E. Gesner, Derby, Ct.

LIGHT BRAHMAS.—Cock, 1st 90, C. P. Nettleton, Shelton, Ct. Hen, 1st 94, Nettleton; 2d 88, E. L. Walker, Huntington, Ct. Cockerel, 1st 92, Woodbury Poultry Yards, Woodbury, Ct.; 2d 91 1/2, Nettleton; 3d 87, Ezra Jones, Shelton, Ct. Pullet, 1st 95 1/2, G. G. Stitzer, Warehouse Point, Ct. 2d 94, Nettleton; 3d 93 1/2, Stitzer. Pen, 1st 184 3-10, Nettleton; 2d 183 1/2, Stitzer.

BUFF COCHINS.—Cock, 2d 88 1/2, C. W. Lord & Co., Milford, Ct. Hen, 1st 93, Lord & Co.; 2d 89, Stitzer; 3d 88 1/2, D. M. Burr, Monroe, Ct. Cockerel, 1st 94 1/2, Lord & Co.; 2d 91 1/2, Burr; 3d 91, Lord & Co. Pullet, 1st 94, E. W. Clark; 2d 93 1/2 and 3d 93, Lord & Co. Pen, 1st 187, and 2d 183 1/2, Lord & Co.; 3d 177 1/2, Burr.

PARTRIDGE COCHINS.—Cock, 1st 93 1/2, and 2d 93, Sherman Hartwell, Washington, Ct.; 3d 90 1/2, James Lewis, Bridgeport, Ct. Hen, 1st 95 1/2, and 2d 94, Hartwell, Cockerel, 1st 96 1/2 and 95, Hartwell; 3d 89 1/2, Lewis. Pullet, 1st 94 1/2 and 2d 94, Hartwell; 3d 91 1/2, Lewis. Pen, 1st and 2d Hartwell.

WHITE COCHINS.—Cock, 1st 90 1/2, F. W. Babcock, New Haven, Ct. Hen, 1st 94, 2d 93 1/2 and 3d 92 1/2, Babcock. Cockerel, 1st 93 1/2, Babcock; 3d 86 1/2, Gail R. Staples. Pullet, 1st 95, 2d 91 and 3d 91, Babcock.

BLACK COCHINS.—Cock, 1st, hen, 1st, David A. Nichols, Monroe, Ct.

BLACK LANGSHANS.—Cock, 1st 93 1/2, hen, 1st 94 1/2, cockerel, 1st 93 1/2 and 2d 91 1/2, Woodbury Poultry Yards; 3d 89 1/2, A. Morris, Seymour, Ct. Pullet, 1st 93 and 2d 92 1/2, pen, 1st 185 1/2, Woodbury Poultry Yards.

S. C. WHITE LEGHORNS.—Cock, 1st 92 1/2, Jordan; 2d 92 and 3d 92, F. L. Edwards, Westville, Ct. Hen, 1st 96, Jordan; 2d 95 1/2, Edwards; 3d 95, Jordan. Cockerel, 1st 93, Edwards and G. W. Elwood, Danbury, Ct.; 2d 92 1/2, Jordan; 3d 92, Edwards. Pullet, 1st 96 1/2, Edwards; 2d 96, Jordan; 3d 95 1/2, Edwards. Pen, 1st 188 4-5, Edwards; 2d 188, Jordan; 3d 187 1/2, Elwood.

ROSE COMB WHITE LEGHORNS.—Cock, 1st 92 1/2, F. E. Fowler, Meriden, Ct.; 2d 92 and 3d 90 1/2, N. D. Forbes, Montevese, Ct. Hen, 1st 94 1/2, Forbes; 2d 93, Fowler; 3d 92, Forbes. Cockerel, 1st 94 1/2, Forbes; 2d 94, Fowler. Pullet, 1st 95 and 2d 95, Fowler; 3d 94 1/2, Forbes. Pen, 1st 188 1/2, Fowler; 2d 183 1-10, Forbes.

S. C. BROWN LEGHORNS.—Hen, Golden Hill Poultry Yards, Shelton, Ct. Cockerel, 1st 92 1/2, H. W. Noble, Naugatuck, Ct.; 2d 90, N. S. Bennett, Shelton, Ct. Pullet, 1st 94, Noble; 2d 91 1/2, Bennett. Pen, 1st 185 3-10, Noble.

ROSE COMB BROWN LEGHORNS.—Hen, 1st 94 1/2, and 2d 94 1/2, G. H. Weaver, Seymour, Ct. Cockerel, 1st 92 1/2, Fowler; 2d 91 1/2, Weaver. Pullet, 1st 93 and 2d 93, Fowler; 3d 92 1/2, Weaver. Pen, 1st 185 1/2, Fowler; 2d 183, Weaver.

S. C. BUFF LEGHORNS.—Cockerel, 1st Chas. Loomis, Derby, Ct.; 2d R. H. Wheeler, Mystic, Ct. Pullet, 1st and 2d Chas. Loomis; 3d Wheeler. Pen, 1st Wheeler.

ROSE COMB BUFF LEGHORNS.—Cockerel, 1st, pullet, 1st, Weaver.

ANDALUSIANS.—Hen, 1st 90, Taft & Miller. Cockerel, 1st 90 1/2, A. N. Farnham, New Haven, Ct.; 2d 90, Taft & Miller. Pullet, 1st 93 1/2, Farnham; 2d 91, Taft & Miller, Unionville, Ct. Pen, 1st 180, Taft & Miller.

BLACK MINORCAS.—Cock, 1st 91 1/2, hen, 1st 91 1/2, cockerel, 1st 94, and 2d 92, pullet, 1st 96 and 2d 95 1/2, Woodbury Poultry Yards.

WHITE CRESTED BLACK POLISH.—Cock, 1st 92, hen, 1st 92 1/2, cockerel, 1st 92 1/2, pullet, 1st 91 1/2, Taft & Miller.

WHITE CRESTED WHITE POLISH.—Cock, 1st 92, W. A. Bristol, Holyoke, Mass.; 2d 91, Taft & Miller; 3d 90 1/2, Bristol. Hen, 1st 93 1/2, Taft & Miller; 2d 93 and 3d 91 1/2, Bristol. Cockerel, 1st 90 1/2, Bristol; 2d 90, Taft & Miller. Pullet, 1st 92, Bristol; 2d 91 1/2, Taft & Miller; 3d 91, Bristol. Pen, 1st 184, and 2d 183, Bristol.

GOLDEN POLISH PLAIN.—Cock, 2d 88, Taft & Miller. Hen, 1st 92 1/2, Taft & Miller. Cockerel, 1st 90, Lester B. Gunn, Lanesboro, Mass.; 3d 86 1/2, Taft & Miller. Pullet, 1st 92, Taft & Miller; 2d 89, Gunn.

GOLDEN BEARDED POLISH.—Cock, 1st 92, hen 1st 93 1/2, pullet, 1st 92, Gunn.

BUFF LACED POLISH.—Cock, 1st 93, Bristol; 2d

88, Taft & Miller. Hen, 1st 95, Bristol; 2d 93 1/2, Taft & Miller. Pen, 1st 186, Bristol.

GOLDEN PENCILED HAMBURGS.—Cock, 1st 90 1/2, Gunn. Hen, 1st 93, M. R. Jacobus, Ridgefield, N. J., and Gunn, tie. Cockerel, 1st 94 1/2, Jacobus. Pullet, 1st 94 1/2 and 2d 94, Jacobus; 3d 92, Gunn. Pen, 1st 188 1/2, Jacobus.

RED CAPS.—Cock, 1st 93, N. S. Bennett, Shelton, Ct. Hen, 1st 93 1/2, N. S. Bennett.

BARRED PLYMOUTH ROCKS.—Cock, 1st 91, C. H. Welles, Stratford, Ct.; 2d 90 1/2, 3d 88 1/2, E. Sutterlin, Shelton, Ct. Hen, 1st 95, Welles; 2d 94, W. Holmes, Shelton, Ct.; 3d 93 1/2, Welles. Cockerel, 1st 93, Welles; 2d 91 1/2, James Lewis, Bridgeport, Ct.; 3d 90 1/2, Welles. Pullet, 1st 95, A. Storer, New Haven, Ct.; 2d 94 1/2, 3d 94, pen, 1st 185 1-10, 2d 183 3-5, Welles; 3d 183 1/2, Storer.

HOUDANS.—Cock, 1st 91, hen, 1st 92, 2d 90, R. J. McCleve, New Haven, Ct.

BLACK B. RED GAMES.—Hen, 1st, cockerel, 1st, pullet, 1st, Lester B. Gunn, Lanesboro, Mass.; 2d, 3d, Watertown Poultry Yards.

BROWN B. RED GAMES.—Cock, 1st 90, hen, 1st 92, cockerel, 1st 93 1/2, pullet, 1st 93 1/2, Gunn.

GOLDEN DUCKWING GAMES.—Hen, 1st 93 1/2, cockerel, 3d 88, Gunn.

SILVER DUCKWING GAMES.—Cock, 2d 89 1/2, hen, 1st 93 1/2, Gunn. Pullet, 1st 93 1/2, 2d 93, Watertown Poultry Yards.

RED PYLE GAMES.—Cockerel, 1st 91 1/2, pullet, 1st 93, Gunn.

BLACK GAMES.—Hen, 1st 91 1/2, cockerel, 1st 90 1/2, pullet, 1st 91, Gunn.

WHITE GAMES.—Cock, 1st 92, hen, 1st 92, Gunn.

BLACK SUMATRA GAMES.—Cock, 1st, hen, 1st, Gunn.

B. B. RED MALAYS.—Hen, 1st 90, cockerel, 2d 88 1/2, pullet, 1st 92, Gunn.

WHITE DORKINGS.—Cockerel, 1st 90 1/2, pullet, 2d 89 1/2, Taft & Miller.

B. B. RED GAME BANTAMS.—Cock, 1st 95 1/2, hen, 1st 96 1/2, 2d 95, Bunnell. Cockerel, 1st 93, Pierce Bros.; 2d 95, Winchester, N. H. Pullet, 1st 95, 2d 94, Bunnell; 3d 92 1/2, Pierce Bros. Pen, 1st 190 1/2, Bunnell.

RED PYLE GAME BANTAMS.—Hen, 1st 93 1/2, cockerel, 1st 95 1/2, Pierce Bros.; 2d 93 1/2, Gunn. Pullet, 1st 93 1/2, Pierce Bros.; 2d 92, Gunn. Pen, 1st 188 1/2, Pierce Bros.

G. DUCKWING GAME BANTAMS.—Cock, 1st 90 1/2, Gunn. Hen, 1st 94, Pierce Bros.; 2d 93 1/2, Gunn. Cockerel, 1st 93, pullet, 1st 94 1/2, pen, 1st 186, Pierce Bros.

S. DUCKWING GAME BANTAMS.—Cock 3d 86 1/2, hen, 1st 90 1/2, Gunn. Cockerel, 1st 91 1/2, pullet, 1st 92 1/2, Pierce Bros.

G. SEBRIGHT BANTAMS.—Cock, 1st 92, hen, 1st 94 1/2, 2d 93, H. D. Hendrick, Birmingham, Ct. Cockerel, 1st 92, Hendrick; 2d 92 1/2, W. Catlin, Shelton, Ct. Pullet, 1st 94 1/2, 2d 94, pen, 1st 186 4-5, 2d 186 1/2, Hendrick; 3d 185 3-10, Catlin.

S. SEBRIGHT BANTAMS.—Cock, 1st 91 1/2, 2d 90 1/2, 3d 90 1/2, hen, 1st 92 1/2, E. M. Hunt, Shelton, Ct. Cockerel, 1st 92, O. Reynolds, Shelton, Ct. Pullet, 1st 95, 2d 94 1/2, pen, 1st 185 4-5; 2d 184 1-10, Reynolds.

W. C. W. POLISH BANTAMS.—Cock, 1st, 2d, hen, 1st, 2d, cockerel, 1st, 2d, 3d, pullet, 1st, 2d, pen, 1st, Jordan.

BUFF PEKIN BANTAMS.—Cockerel, 1st 94, 2d 93 1/2, J. H. Seeley, Bridgeport, Ct.; 3d 93, Taft & Miller. Pullet, 1st 94 1/2, Seeley; 2d 93 1/2, Taft & Miller; 3d 93, Seeley.

BLACK COCHIN BANTAMS.—Cock, 1st, I. Hubbell, Shelton, Ct. Hen, 1st, David A. Nichols, Monroe, Ct.; 2d, Hubbell. Cockerel, 1st, pullet, 1st, pen, 1st, Nichols.

PIR GAMES.—Cock, 1st, D. C. Paulding, North Tarrytown, N. Y.; 2d, S. Holbrook, Seymour, Ct.; 3d, Holbrook. Hen, 1st, Paulding; 2d, D. D. Platt, Shelton, Ct.; 3d, Paulding. Cockerel, 1st, Paulding; 2d, Platt; 3d, Paulding. Pullet, 1st, Paulding; 2d, Holbrook; 3d, P. W. Murphy, Shelton, Ct.

INDIAN GAMES.—Pen, 1st, S. E. Gisner, Derby, Ct.; 2d, Bentley.

DUCKS, GEESSE, &c.—Emden Geese, pair 1st, Toulouse geese, pair 1st, Aylesbury ducks, pair 1st, Carga ducks, pair 1st, White Crested ducks, pair 1st, White Muscovy ducks, pair 1st, Colored Muscovy ducks, pair 1st, Rouen ducks, pair 1st, Pekin ducks, pair 1st, White turkeys, pair 1st, White guineas, pair 1st, A. N. Farnham, New Haven, Ct. Bronze turkeys, pair 1st, Sherman Hartwell, Washington, Ct. Sherwoods, pair 1st, White Wonders, pair 1st, Farnham. Silkies, pair 1st, Gunn.

Awards at Shandon, Ohio.

BARRED PLYMOUTH ROCKS.—Cock: 1st 89, M. C. Morris, Shandon, O.; 2d 88, G. Walters, Shandon, O.; 3d 87 1-2, D. Willey, Ross, O. Hen: 1st 92 1-2, A. Clippinger, Shandon, O.; 2d 90, A. Titus, Millville, O.; 3d 89, Willey; 4th 88 1-2, R. H. Warder, North Bend, O. Cockerel: 1st 92, Evan Howells, Shandon, O.; 2d 92, Titus; 3d 91, Clippinger; 4th 91, Walters; 5th 91, Morris. Pullet: 1st 92, Morris; 2d 92, Howells; 3d 92, Walters; 4th 91 1-2, Morris. Pen: 1st 182 5-6, Morris; 2d 182 1/2, Howells; 3d 181 1-2, Walters; 4th 181 1-6, Titus.

WHITE PLYMOUTH ROCKS.—Cock: 1st 93, Hen: 1st 93 1-2, James Hawk, St. Charles, O. Cockerel: 1st 93 1-2, Clippinger; 2d 92, M. Jones, Shandon, O.; 3d 92, Clippinger. Pullet: 1st 94, Jones; 2d 94, Clippinger; 3d 93, Hawk. Pen: 1st 185 5-6, Clippinger; 2d 185 1-2, Hawk; 3d 184 1/2, Jones.

S. C. B. LEGHORNS.—Hen: 1st 90, E. Robinson, Shandon, O. Cockerel: 1st 92 1-2, M. Rafferty, Ross, O.; 2d 92, 3d 92. Pullet: 1st 94 1-2, 2d 94, 3d 93 1-2, Robinson; 4th 92 1-2, Rafferty. Pen: 1st 186, Robinson; 2d 184 1/2, Rafferty.

BLACK MINORCAS.—Cockerel: 1st 93; 2d 91 1-2. Pullet: 1st 93 1-2, 2d 93 1-2, 3d 93. Pen: 1st 186 1/2, all to D. Willey, Ross, O.

BLACK LANGSHANS.—Cock: 1st 92. Hen: 1st 92. Cockerel: 1st 92 1-2, 2d 90, Mrs. E. R. Clark, Shandon, O.; 3d 89 1-2, John Pugh, Shandon, O. Pullet: 1st 92, 2d 90 1-2, Mrs. Clark; 3d 89 1-2, Pugh. Pen: 1st 184, Mrs. Clark.

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Middletown, Pa., Dec. 26th, '93.

Awards at Reading, Pa.
Dec. 21st-26th, 1893.

BARRED PLYMOUTH ROCKS.—Cock, 1st Geo. Woods & Bro., Lesman Place, Pa.; 2d John Ridgely, Towson, Md. Hen, 1st Geo. Woods & Bro.; 2d and 3d Ridgely. Cockerel, 1st Ridgely; 2d John Werner, Mohnstore, Pa.; 3d John F. Sellers, Pottstown, Pa.; 4th Frank Schofer, Reading. Pullet, 1st Woods & Bro.; 2d and 3d Frank G. Bean, Fairview Village, Pa.; 4th Frank Shafer, Pen, 1st Ridgely; 2d John F. Sellers, Pottstown, Pa.; 3d Frank G. Bean; 4th Werner.

WHITE PLYMOUTH ROCKS.—Cockerel, 1st and 2d, W. W. Kulp; 3d Bean. Pullet, 1st Bean; 2d and 3d Kulp. Pen, 1st Bean; 2d Kulp.

BUFF PLYMOUTH ROCKS.—Cockerel, 1st Geo. Woods & Bro.; 2d and 3d, G. W. Unger, Boyertown, Pa. Pullet, 1

BLACK GAME.—Cock, 1st, hen, 1st, cockerel, 1st, pullet, 1st, pen, 1st, H. H. Harms & Bro.

WHITE GAME.—Cock, 1st, hen, 1st, cockerel, 1st, pullet, 1st, pen, 1st, H. H. Harms & Bro.

BLACK B. RED GAME BANTAMS.—Hen, 1st Bernard Mohan, Reading; 2d George Carson; 3d Chas. T. Cornman, Carlisle, Pa. Cockerel, 1st Carson; 2d and 3d Bernard Mohan; 4th Carson. Pullet, 1st Carson; 2d and 3d Mohan; 4th Chas. T. Cornman. Pen, 1st Mohan; 2d Cornman.

RED PYLE GAME BANTAMS.—Cock, 1st, hen, 1st, Mohan. Cockerel, 1st Cornman; 2d and 3d Mohan. Pullet, 1st Carson; 2d Chas. T. Cornman; 3d Bernard Mohan. Pen, 1st Chas. T. Cornman.

WHITE GAME BANTAMS.—Cock, 1st, hen, 1st, pen, 1st, Cornman.

BLACK GAME BANTAMS.—Cockerel, 1st, pullet, 1st, pen, 1st, Cornman.

BROWN RED GAME BANTAMS.—Cockerel, 1st pullet, 1st, pen, 1st, Cornman.

GOLDEN DUCKWING BANTAMS.—Cock, 1st, hen, 1st, pen, 1st, Cornman.

SILVER DUCKWING BANTAMS.—Cock, 1st, hen, 1st, pen, 1st, Cornman.

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BLACK AFRICAN.—Hen, 1st Gottshall.

BLACK PEKINS.—Cock, 1st, hen, 1st, Klusmeyer.

PARTRIDGE COCHIN BANTAMS.—Cock, 1st, hen, 1st, Cornman.

WHITE PEKIN BANTAMS.—Cock, 1st, Cornman; 2d C. Allen. Hen, 1st Cornman; 2d Allen. Pen, 1st, Cornman.

WHITE JAPANESE BANTAMS.—Pullet, Thos. C. Allen.

WHITE SILKIES.—Cockerel, 1st, pullet 1st, pen, 1st, Cornman.

WHITE CRESTED POLISH BANTAMS.—Pullet, 1st, Cornman.

BUFF PEKIN BANTAMS.—Cock, 1st, Allen; 2d Bean; 3d Temple. Hen, 1st, Temple; 2d Bean; 3d Allen. Cockerel, 1st Steffy & Hatt, Adams-town, Pa.; 3d Temple. Pullet, 1st Bean; 2d Steffy & Hatt; 3d Temple. Pen, Bean.

PEKIN DUCKS.—Cock, 1st Grosh; 2d Bean.

Awards at Albion, Illinois, Dec. 19 to 23.

LIGHT BRAHMAS.—Cock: 1st 92½. Hen: 1st 93, 2d 92½, 3d 91. Cockerel: 1st 93, 2d 91, Albion Poultry Yards, Albion, Ill.; 3d 89½, Lee Woods. Pullet: 1st 93, Albion Poultry Yards; 2d 92 (tie), Albion Poultry Yards and Woods; 3d 91½ (tie), Albion Poultry Yards and Woods. Pen: 1st 185½, 2d 183½, Albion Poultry Yards; 3d 181, Woods.

DARK BRAHMAS.—Hen: 2d 88½. Pullet: 2d 87, 3d 86½, Mrs. S. D. Clodfelter, West Salem, Ill.

PARTRIDGE COCHINS.—Pullet: 2d 89, 3d 87, Mrs. S. D. Clodfelter.

S. C. BARRED PLYMOUTH ROCKS.—Cock: 2d 87. Hen: 1st 93½, 2d 90, 3d 88, Albion Poultry Yards. Cockerel: 1st 91, S. N. Weaver; 2d 90, Albion Poultry Yards; 3d 88, M. T. Porter. Pullet: 1st 93, George Weaver; 2d 92½, Albion Poultry Yards; 3d 92, G. Weaver. Pen: 1st 182½, Albion Poultry Yards; 2d 179 5-16, S. N. Weaver; 3d 178½, G. Weaver.

S. C. WHITE PLYMOUTH ROCKS.—Hen: 1st 90½, Albion Poultry Yards. Cockerel: 1st 93½, 2d 93, Albion Poultry Yards; 3d 89, Mrs. Clodfelter. Pullet: 1st 96, 2d 95, 3d 94½, Albion Poultry Yards. Pen: 1st 188½, 2d 186½, Albion Poultry Yards; 3d 180½, Mrs. Clodfelter.

LANGSHANS.—Pullet: 1st 94½, 2d 93½, 3d 93, Chas. Crackles, Browns, Ill.

BUFF COCHINS.—Cockerel: 1st 90½, 2d 89½, 3d 89. Pullet: 1st 91½, 2d 88½, 3d 87½. Pen: 179½, Herbert Hodgson.

CREVE COEURS.—Cockerel: 2d 88. Pullet: 1st 93, 2d 91½, E. E. Ebricht.

GOLDEN SPANGLED POLISH.—Cockerel: 1st 90. Hen: 1st (2) 92. Pullet: 1st (3) 91½, 2d 90, 3d 89½. Pen: 180½, Albion Poultry Yards.

HOUDANS.—Cockerel: 1st 87. Pullet: 1st 91, 2d 88, Herbert Hodgson.

S. L. WYANDOTTES.—Cock: 2d 84½, Mrs. Clodfelter. Cockerel: 2d (2) 85, Albion Poultry Yards. Hen: 2d 89½, Mrs. Clodfelter. Pullet: 1st (2) 90, Albion Poultry Yards; 2d (2) 89½, Mrs. Clodfelter; 3d (2) 88½, Albion Poultry Yards. Pen: 2d 174½, Albion Poultry Yards; 3d 173½, Mrs. Clodfelter.

WHITE WYANDOTTES.—Cockerel: 1st 95½. Hen: 1st 95, 2d 93½. Pullet: 1st 95½, 2d 95. Pen: 1st 190½, Albion Poultry Yards.

GOLDEN WYANDOTTES.—Cockerel: 2d 87, 3d 84. Pullet: 1st 91, 2d 90½, 3d 90. Pen: 1st 177½, Albion Poultry Yards.

BLACK MINORCAS.—Cockerel: 1st 92, 2d (2) 91, Albion Poultry Yards; 3d 90½, Herbert Hodgson. Pullet: 1st 94, 2d 93½, 3d (3) 92½, Albion Poultry Yards.

BLUE ANDALUSIANS.—Cockerel: 2d 89, 3d 88½. Pullet: 1st 94, 2d 93, Herbert Hodgson.

COLORED DORKINGS.—Cock: 2d 84. Hen: 2d 88½, 3d 87. Pullet: 1st 90½, 2d 90. Pen: 1st 173, Albion Poultry Yards.

SILVER GRAY DORKINGS.—Cock: 1st 90½, 2d 90, Albion Poultry Yards; 3d 87, Mrs. Clodfelter. Hen: 1st (3) 94, 2d 93, 3d 92½. Pullet: 1st 93½, 2d 93, Albion Poultry Yards; 3d 92, Mrs. Clodfelter. Pen: 1st 184½, 2d 182½, Albion Poultry Yards.

BLACK JAVAS.—Cockerel: 1st 95, 2d 94½, 3d 93½. Pullet: 1st 95½, 2d 95, 3d 94½. Pen: 1st 190½, 2d 187½, Herbert Hodgson.

B. B. RED GAMES.—Cockerel: 1st 95½. Pullet: 1st 94½, 2d 94, 3d 92. Pen: 1st 188, Albion Poultry Yards.

GOLDEN SEBRIGHT BANTAMS.—Cock: 1st 93. Cockerel: 1st 92½, 2d 90½. Hen: 1st 93½, 2d 93, 3d 92½. Pullet: 1st 94½, 2d 94, 3d 93. Pen: 1st 186½, Albion Poultry Yards.

BLACK SPANISH.—Cockerel: 1st 94½, Albion Poultry Yards; 2d 93½, Mrs. Clodfelter. Pullet: 1st 95, 2d 94½, 3d 94, Albion Poultry Yards. Pen: 1st 189½, Albion Poultry Yards; 2d 186½, Mrs. Clodfelter.

S. C. WHITE LEGHORNS.—Cock: 1st 92½. Cockerel: 1st 94½, Albion Poultry Yards; 2d 93 (tie), Albion Poultry Yards and Hodgson; 3d 92½. Hen: 1st 95½, 2d 94½, 3d 94. Pullet: 1st 96, 2d 95½, 3d 95. Pen: 1st 188½, 2d 188½, 3d 187½, Albion Poultry Yards.

S. C. BROWN LEGHORNS.—Cockerel: 1st 94, Albion Poultry Yards; 2d 93, Mrs. Clodfelter; 3d 92½, Albion Poultry Yards. Pullet: 1st 95, 2d 94, 3d 93.

Mrs. Clodfelter; 2d 94½, 3d 94, Albion Poultry Yards. Pen: 1st 188½, Albion Poultry Yards; 2d 186½, Mrs. Clodfelter; 3d 185½, Albion Poultry Yards.

BLACK LEGHORNS.—Pullet: 1st 96½, 2d 95, 3d 94½, George Horton.

SUMATRA BLACK GAME.—Cockerel: 1st 93½. Pullet: 1st 95½, 2d 94½, Mrs. Clodfelter.

INDIAN GAMES.—Pen: 1st, Albion Poultry Yards; 2d, Horton; 3d, Samuel Churchill, Albion, Ill.

TRIOS.—1st, Albion Poultry Yards; 2d Horton; 3d Churchill.

BUFF LEGHORNS.—Pen: 1st, Hodgson; 2d, Albion Poultry Yards; 3d, Churchill.

TRIOS.—1st, Albion Poultry Yards; 2d, Churchill.

MISCELLANEOUS.—Black Wyandottes, Pen: 1st, Trio: 1st, Churchill. Best display of Poultry by one exhibitor: Albion Poultry Yards. Best display of Pigeons: Albion Poultry Yards.

TURKEYS.—Highest scoring pair Bronze Turkeys, Tom: 98. Hen: 96, Moses Michels, Albion, Ill.; 2d highest scoring pair Bronze Turkeys, Tom: 96. Pullet: 97, John Marshall, Grayville, Ill.; 3d highest scoring pair Bronze Turkeys, Tom: 97. Hen: 93 (tie) Cockerel: 96. Pullet: 94, John Landrigan, Albion, Ill., and Mrs. Clodfelter. White Holland Turkeys, Tom: 90½. Hen: 87½, Albion Poultry Yards.

DUCKS.—Pekin Ducks: 1st and 2d, Landrigan.

BUFF PLYMOUTH ROCKS.—Trio: 1st, Harry Bower, Albion, Ill. Eureka Sprays, Trio: 1st, W. T. Scheetz, Flora, Ill.

C. A. Emry, Judge.

Awards at Ottumwa, Iowa, December, 18 to 22, 1893.

BARRED PLYMOUTH ROCKS.—Cock, 2d 89 1-2, G. W. Stout, Rose Hill; 3d 88 1-2, E. S. Linderman, Oskaloosa; 4th 87 1-2, W. S. Russell, Ottumwa. Hen, 1st 93, E. Lee, Marshalltown; 2d 91, O. C. Graves, Ottumwa; 3d 91, H. H. Davis, Ottumwa; 4th 90 1-2, Russell. Cockerel, 1st 92, F. E. Baldwin; 2d 91 1-2, Stout; 3d 91 1-2, J. M. Holt, Marshalltown; 4th 90 1-2, Alford & Morrison, Ottumwa. Pullet, 1st 93 1-2, Alford & Morrison; 2d 93, Holt; 3d 93, Lee; 4th 92 1-2, Stout. Pen, 1st 182 1-2, Holt; 2d 182½, Stout; 3d 183½, Davis; 4th 179½, Alford & Morrison.

WHITE PLYMOUTH ROCKS.—Cock, 1st 92, Russell; 2d 91, hen, 1st 93 1-2, 2d 93, 3d 92, C. S. Shadford, Ottumwa; 4th 92, E. M. Durham, La Plata, Mo. Cockerel, 1st 91, Russell; 2d 90 1-2, 3d 90 1-2, Durham; 4th 90 1-2, T. M. Lambert, Ottumwa. Pullet, 1st 95 1-2, Russell; 2d 95, Stout; 3d 95, Durham; 4th 95, C. A. Seyler, Bloomfield. Pen, 1st 185, Russell; 2d 183 1-2, Shadford; 3d 183½, Durham.

GOLDEN WYANDOTTES.—All to F. O. Green, Des Moines.

SILVER LACED WYANDOTTES.—Cockerel, 1st 91, Simon & Budde, Mt. Pleasant; 2d 89 1-2, W. J. Leavitt, Mason City; 3d 88, J. W. Osborn, Fertile; 4th 87 1-2, Leavitt. Pullet, 1st 91, Simon & Budde; 2d 90, H. M. Hanson, Mt. Pleasant; 3d 89 1-2, J. F. Bauer, Ottumwa; 4th 89, Hanson. Pen, 1st 183½, Simon & Budde; 3d 174½, Hanson; 4th 172½, Bauer.

BUFF WYANDOTTES.—Cockerel 1st, hen 1st, pullet 1st, Green.

LIGHT BRAHMAS.—Cock, 1st 93, 2d 92 1-2, 3d 89 1-2, Robert Cameron, Ottumwa; 4th 88, Alford & Morrison. Hen, 1st 91 1-2, Mrs. Anna Pollard, Washington; 2d 91, Cameron; 3d 90, Alford & Morrison; 4th 90, Stout. Cockerel, 1st 91 1-2, M. D. Burket, Oskaloosa; 2d 91, G. C. Griswold, Henry, Ill.; 3d 90 1-2, A. W. Baker, Ottumwa; 4th 89 1-2, Stout. Pullet, 1st 94, Griswold; 2d 92 1-2, Burket; 3d 91 1-2, Griswold; 4th 91, Stout. Pen, 1st 183½, Cameron; 2d 182½, Griswold; 3d 179½, Anna Pollard; 4th 179½, Stout.

DARK BRAHMAS.—Hen, 1st 92 1-2, 2d 91, cockerel, 1st 93, 2d 90 1-2, A. G. Humphrey, Henry, Ill.; 3d 88 1-2, Arthur Palmer, Ottumwa; 4th 84 1-2, C. Hughes, Ottumwa.

BLACK JAVAS.—Hen, 2d 91 1-2, 4th 86 1-2, cockerel, 2d 91, pullet, 2d 91 1-2, 3d 91, pen, 2d 182½, O. C. Graves.

PARTRIDGE COCHINS.—Cock, 1st 91, Alford & Morrison. Cockerel, 1st 93 1-2, 2d 91 1-2, Baldwin; 3d 92, Walter S. Coen, Ottumwa. Pullet, 1st 94, 2d 92 1-2, 4th 91 1-2, pen, 1st 186, 2d 183 1-2, Baldwin; 3d 181½, Alford & Morrison; 4th 174½, Hanson.

BUFF COCHINS.—Cock, 1st 94, hen 2d 91, 3d 90 1-2, 4th 89, J. R. Sheaffer, Bloomfield. Cockerel, 2d 90, Stout; 3d 89, Green; 4th 88, Sheaffer. Pullet, 1st 93, 2d 92, 3d 91 1-2, Stout; 4th 90 1-2, pen, 1st 184 1-2, Sheaffer; 2d 181½, Stout; 3d 177½, Green; 4th 175½, Sheaffer.

BLACK LANGSHANS.—Cock, 3d 89 1-2, hen 1st 95 1-2, 2d 93, Green; 3d 93, W. F. Ryan, La Plata, Mo.; 4th 89 1-2, Henry Daggett, Ottumwa. Cockerel, 1st 94, Mrs. M. A. Smith, Gilman; 2d 93 1-2, 3d 93, Graves; 4th 93, Stout. Pullet, 1st 95 1-2, 2d 95, Griswold; 3d 95, 4th 94 1-2, Stout. Pen, 1st 187½, Griswold; 2d 187½, Stout; 3d 183, Green; 4th 182½, James Hanley, Knoxville.

HOUDANS.—Cockerel, 1st 90 1-2, Graves; 2d 85, Louis Garing, Ottumwa. Pullet, 1st 91 1-2, W. A. Pye, Waverly; 2d 91, 3d 91, 4th 90 1-2, pen, 1st 184, Graves; 4th 168, Garing.

W. C. B. POLISH.—Hen, 1st 95, pullet, 1st 95, cockerel, 1st 93 1-2, D. S. Lain, Ottumwa.

WHITE LANGSHANS.—Hen, 1st, 2d, 3d, cockerel, 1st, pullet, 1st, Stout; 2d, 3d, F. N. Whitney, Kirkville.

W. F. B. SPANISH.—Cock, 1st 94½, hen, 1st 95, 2d 94 1-2, John Wilson, What Cheer. Cockerel, 1st 94, James Wylie, Sigourney; 2d 93 1-2, 3d 93 1-2, 4th 92 1-2, Wilson. Pullet, 1st 95, Wylie; 2d 94 1-2, 3d 94, 4th 94, pen, 1st 188½, Wilson.

R. C. BROWN LEGHORNS.—Hen, 1st 93, W. D. Armstrong, Sandwich, Ill.; 2d 92 1-2, Jacob Vandor, Muscatine; 3d 92 1-2, Armstrong; 4th 90 1-2, P. M. Plummer, Prophetstown. Cockerel, 1st 93, H. M. Walker, Leigh, Neb.; 2d 93, Armstrong; 3d 92 1-2, Vandor. Pullet, 1st 94, Plummer; 2d 93 1-2, 3d 93 1-2, 4th 93, pen, 1st 186, Walker; 2d 185½, Armstrong.

S. C. B. LEGHORNS.—Hen, 1st 95, 2d 94 1-2, George Kranz, Muscatine; 3d 93 1-2, Mrs. James Beatty, Thornburg; 4th 93 1-2, Linderman. Cockerel, 1st 95, 2d 94 1-2, Mrs. James Beatty; 3d 94, Linderman; 4th 94, pullet, 1st 95 1-2, Kranz; 2d 95, 3d 94 1-2, Mrs. James Beatty; 4th 94, Linderman. Pen, 1st 189, Mrs. James Beatty; 2d 188½, Kranz; 3d 187½, Linderman.

S. C. W. LEGHORNS.—Cock, 1st 94, Wylie; 2d 90, E. D. White, Van Orin, Ill.; Hen, 1st 95, Mrs.

James Beatty; 2d 93, 3d 91, White. Cockerel, 1st 96, G. S. Lough, St. Paul, Minn.; 2d 95 1-2, 3d 94 1-2, Mrs. James Beatty; 4th 94, Wylie. Pullet, 1st 96, 2d 95 1-2, Lough; 3d 95 1-2, Wylie; 4th 95 1-2, pen, 1st 91 1-2, Lough; 2d 190, Mrs. James Beatty; 3d 188½, Wylie; 4th 185, Lambert.

B. B. RED GAME.—Cock, 1st 91 1-2, Russell. Hen, 1st 94 1-2, John Owens, Beacon; 2d 93 1-2, T. J. Price, Beacon; 3d 93 1-2, Owens; 4th 91 1-2, N. J. Potter, Ottumwa. Cockerel, 1st 95, 2d 94 1-2, Owens; 3d 94, Price; 4th 92 1-2, John S. Wolf, Ottumwa. Pullet, 1st 94, 2d 94, Owens; 3d 93, 4th 92 1-2, Price. Pen, 1st 188 1-2, Owens; 2d 185½, Price; 3d 183 1-2, Wolf; 4th 172 1-2, Potter.

S. D. W. GAME.—Cockerel, 1st 94 1-2, pullet, 1st 94 1-2, 2d 93 1-2, 3d 93 1-2, 4th 92 1-2, pen, 1st 188, Price.

INDIAN GAME.—Cock, 1st, W. C. Tanner, Atwood; 2d, John Nebbergall, Moberly, Mo.; 3d, Simon & Budde; 4th, Nebbergall. Hen, 1st, Mrs. Anna Pollard; 2d, 3d, Tanner; 4th, E. D. Patterson. Cockerel, 1st, Tanner; 2d, F. H. Stranahan, Independence; 3d, Mrs. Anna Pollard; 4th, Wolf. Pullet, 1st, 2d, 3d, Tanner; 4th, Wolf. Pen, 1st, Tanner; 2d, Patterson; 3d Wolf; 4th, Patterson.

BLACK MINORCAS.—Cockerel, 1st 94, E. G. Marquardt, Burlington; 3d, 89 1-2, 4th 88 1-2, pullet, 1st 92 1-2, Plummer; 2d 92 1-2, Marquardt; 3d 91 1-2, 4th 91 1-2, pen 1st 183½, Plummer.

S. S. HAMBURG.—Cockerel, 1st 93, Arthur Palmer; 2d 92, hen, 1st 92 1-2, 2d 92 1-2, 3d 92 1-2, pen, 1st 184, Burket.

GOLDEN POLISH.—Cockerel, 1st 92½, hen, 1st 94 1-2, 2d 94, 3d 93 1-2, 4th 93, pen, 1st 188 1-2, W. H. Garland, Aurora, Ill.

RED CAPS.—Hen, 1st 88, 2d 89 1-2, C. A. Seyler, Bloomfield.

S. C. BUFF LEGHORNS.—Hen, 1st, cockerel, 1st, pullet, 1st, 2d, 3d, pen, 1st, Marquardt.

PEKIN BANTAMS.—Cockerel, 1st 93 1-2, pullet, 1st 94 1-2, 2d 91, Green.

GOLDEN SEBRIGHT BANTAMS.—Cockerel, 1st 92 1-2, F. N. Whitney, Kirkville; 2d 91 1-2, Mrs. W. S. Russell, Ottumwa. Pullet, 1st 93 1-2, Whitney; 2d 92, Russell.

B. B. RED GAME BANTAMS.—Cockerel, 1st 90 1-2, pullet, 1st 92, Dan Carlos, Ottumwa.

BRONZE TURKEYS.—Tom, (o.d.) 1st, Wylie; 2d, Tanner; (young) 1st, Wylie; 3d, Geo. Hoffman, Ottumwa. Pullet, 1st, Wylie.

DUCKS.—Best pair Rouen, John Winters, Mendota, Ill.; 2d, E. N. Sterner, Agency.

PIGEONS.—1st, J. C. Lawson, Fairfield; 2d, Simon & Budde.

BEST COLLECTION.—1st, Stout; 2d, Green; 3d Graves; 4th W. S. Russell.

Awards at Dayton, Ohio, Dec. 26 to 30, 1893.

BARRED PLYMOUTH ROCKS.—Hen: 2d 88, J. Heil, Dayton, O.; 3d 86, C. O. Grauser; 4th 86, P. Mitchell. Cockerel: 1st 93 1-2, 2d 93 1-2, 3d 91 1-2, 4th 91 1-2, Geo. M. Leeffel, Springfield, O. Pullet: 1st 93 1-2, C. C. Davidson, Dayton, O.; 2d 92, Leeffel; 3d 92, 4th 92, F. Peterson. Pen: 1st, Peterson; 2d, Leeffel; 3d, Grauser; 4th, Davidson.

WHITE PLYMOUTH ROCKS.—Hen, 1st 94, cockerel, 1st 94, 2d 93, pullet, 1st 94, 2d 93, pen, 1st, all to J. M. Linson, South Solon, O.

SILVER WYANDOTTES.—Pullet: 1st 91, Morton Ingalls.

WHITE WYANDOTTES.—Cock, 1st 94 1-2, hen, 1st 91, 2d 90 1-2, Mitchell. Cockerel: 1st 91½, L. A. Dosch, Miamisburg, O. Pullet: 1st 92½, Dosch; 2d 92 1-2, 3d 90, Mitchell; 4th 89 1-2, Dosch. Pen: 1st, Mitchell.

LIGHT BRAHMAS.—Cock, 1st 92 1-2, hen, 1st 91 1-2, cockerel, 2d 91, P. N. Barnes, Troy, O.; 3d 89, P. Mitchell, New Carlisle, O.; 4th 88 1-2, Barnes. Pullet: 1st 91½, Geo. Prass, Dayton, O.; 2d 91 1-2, Barnes; 3d 89 1-2, Prass.

DARK BRAHMAS.—Cock: 3d 89 1-2, F. Peterson, Xenia, O. Hen: 2d 90 1-2, C. O. Grauser, Dayton, O.; 3d 88 1-2, Peterson.

WHITE COCHINS.—Cockerel, 1st 92, pullet, 1st 92½, 2d 92½, 3d 91 1-2, 4th 90, pen, 1st, all to Peterson.

PARTRIDGE COCHINS.—Hen: 1st 95, D. B. High, Dayton, O.; 2d 90, Mitchell; 3d 89, 4th 87 1-2, High. Cockerel: 1st 92 1-2, Mitchell; 2d 91, 3d 90½, High. Pullet: 1st 93 1-2, 2d 93, 3d 93, 4th 92 1-2, pen, 1st, 2d, High.

BUFF COCHINS.—Cockerel: 2d 90 1-2, M. M. McMaster, Dayton, O.; 3d 88, B. H. Lambers, Dayton, O. Pullet: 1st 91, Lambers; 3d 88, McMaster.

BLACK LANGSHANS.—Cock, 1st 93, hen, 1st 91 1-2, 2d 91 1-2, 3d 89 1-2, H. Hardesty, Dayton, O. Cockerel: 1st 91, Watt & Barnhart, Dayton, O.; 2d 90, Hardesty; 3d 89, E. N. Simon, Youngstown, O.; 4th 85½, H. Huber, Dayton, O. Pullet: 1st 92½, Hardesty; 2d 91 1-2, Mitchell; 3d 91, Huber; 4th 89 1-2, Simon. Pen: 1st, Hardesty; 2d, Watt & Barnhart.

BLACK MINORCAS.—Hen, 1st 91 1-2, cockerel, 2d 90 1-2, pullet, 1st 93, all to H. F. Roberts, Dayton, O.

WHITE MINORCAS.—Cock, 3d 88, cockerel, 1st 92, Wm. Klaus, Dayton, O.

R. C. B. LEGHORNS.—Hen, 1st 92 1-2, cockerel, 3d 89, pullet, 1st 93 1-2, 2d 93, 3d 92, pen, 1st, A. Shirer, Dayton, O.

BUFF LEGHORNS.—Cock, 1st, hen, 1st, 2d, 3d, 4th, Klaus. Cockerel, 1st, 2d, pullet, 1st, 2d, 3d, 4th, pen, 1st, De Wiant & Berringer, Marion, O.; 2d, Klaus.

W. C. B. POLISH.—Hen, 2d 90, cockerel, 1st 92 1-2, W. Gerken, Dayton, O.

PIT GAMES.—Cock: 1st, High; 2d, Geo. Lynam, Dayton, O.; 3d, High. Hen: 1st, Lynam.

INDIAN GAMES.—Pen: 1st, Morton Ingalls, Middletown, O.

HOUDANS.—Cockerel, 1st 93½, pullet, 1st 94, 2d 93, 3d 91 1-2, 4th 90½, Peterson.

RED CAPS.—Cock, 2d 90 1-2, Hen, 3d 88 1-2, pullet, 1st 91, 3d 88 1-2, Mitchell.

S. L. S. BANTAMS.—Cockerel, 3d 89, pen, 1st 93 1-2, Grauser.

W. H. TURKEYS.—Old pair, 1st, young pair, 1st, Samuel Millihan, Brookville, O.

PIGEONS.—Fans: White crested, 1st, white smooth, 1st, Frank Husman, Dayton, O.

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Awards at Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 14 to 20, 1893.

BARRED PLYMOUTH ROCKS.—Cock, 1st 94½, Chas. McClave, New London, O.; 2d 92, L. M. Minard, Elyria, O.; 3d 91, Joe Carl, S. Cleveland, O. Hen, 1st 94½, McClave; 2d 94, 3d 94, Joe Farmer, Flushing, O. Cockerel, 1st 94½, Mc Lave; 2d 94, Farmer; 3d 92½, Minard. Pullet, 1st 94½, Farmer; 2d 93, McClave; 3d 93, Taylor Bros., E. Cleveland, O. Pen, 1st 87, Farmer; 2d 183½, Taylor Bros.

WHITE PLYMOUTH ROCKS.—Cock, 1st 90½, hen, 1st 92½, C. F. Michael, Fremont, O. Cockerel, 1st 88, pullet, 1st 92½, 2d 91, 3d 90, pen, 1st 178½, F. W. Carroll, Collinwood, O.

BUFF PLYMOUTH ROCKS.—Cock, 1st, cockerel, 1st, pullet, 1st, 2d, S. W. Rhorbacker, Tiffin, O.

WHITE WYANDOTTES.—Cock, 1st 92½, hen, 1st 93½, 2d 93½, 3d 93, cockerel, 1st 91, F. R. Hunt, Cleveland, O.; 2d 88, Joe Kroesen, Belden, O. Pullet, 1st 94½, 2d 94½, 3d 93½, pen, 1st 186½, Hunt; 2d 180½, Kroesen.

S. L. WYANDOTTES.—Cock, 1st 89, hen, 1st 93, Mrs. A. Wise, Cleveland, O.; 2d 93, W. C. Teagle, Cleveland, O.; 3d 91½, Mrs. A. Wise. Cockerel, 1st 91, L. G. Andrus, Elyria, O.; 2d 91, Mrs. A. Wise; 3d 90, Teagle. Pullet, 1st 93, Mrs. A. Wise; 2d 93, Teagle; 3d 91½, pen, 1st 181½, Mrs. A. Wise.

BUFF WYANDOTTES.—Cock, 1st, hen, 1st, 2d, cockerel, 1st, F. A. Stuart, Marshall, Mich.; 2d, 3d, B. W. Bingham, Harrisville, Pa. Pullet, 1st, Stuart; 2d, 3d, pen, 1st, Bingham; 2d, Stuart.

GOLDEN WYANDOTTES.—Cock, 1st 91, J. M. Secker, Salem, N. J. Cockerel, 1st 91½, Kroesen. Pullet, 1st 92, Secker; 2d 91, 3d 90½, pen, 1st 184½, Kroesen; 2d 181½, Secker.

LIGHT BRAHMAS.—Cock, 1st 91, McClave; 2d 87½, Geo. W. Baker, Elyria, O.; 3d 87, H. C. Thomsen, Fremont, O. Hen, 1st 93, 3d 90, Baker; 2d 91½, Thomsen. Cockerel, 1st 93½, 3d 92½, Hutzman & Son, Kent, O.; 2d 93, F. F. Ogier, Cleveland. Pullet, 1st 92½, Hutzman & Son; 2d 92, Thomsen; 3d 92 (tie), Baker and Hutzman & Son. Pen, 1st 185½, Hutzman & Son; 2d 184½, Baker.

DARK BRAHMAS.—Cock, 1st 93, hen, 1st 94, McClave.

BUFF COCHINS.—Cock, 1st 92, Carl Herbig, Coshocton, O.; 2d 91½, 3d 88½, hen, 1st 94½, 2d 93, 3d 92½, Stuart. Cockerel: 1st 94, 2d 93½, E. T. Blood, Kent; 3d 92, pullet, 1st 94½, 2d 94½, F. W. Bellman, Dayton, O.; 3d 94½ (tie), Blood and Stuart. Pen, 1st 186½, Bellman.

PARTRIDGE COCHINS.—Cock, 1st 91, hen, 1st 92 1-2, 2d 92 1-2, M. A. Bartlett, Canton, O.; 3d 92, Herbig. Cockerel, 1st 93, pullet, 1st 92 1-2, 2d 92, Bartlett. Pen, 1st 179½, A. Derr, Wellington, O.

BLACK COCHINS.—Cockerel, 1st 92, 2d 91, pullet, 1st 93, 2d 91, Theron Johnson, Cleveland.

BLACK LANGSHANS.—Cock, 1st 93, hen, 1st 94, V. F. Porter, Canton, O. Cockerel: 1st 95 1-2, 2d 95, 3d 94, pullet, 1st 95, 2d 95, 3d 94, pen, 1st 180, C. M. Power, Kent, O.

WHITE LANGSHANS.—Cock, 1st, V. F. Porter, Canton, O.; 2d, W. G. Brumbaugh, Seville, O. Hen, 1st, Porter; 2d, cockerel

Blood; 2d 93, O. J. Rainey, Cleveland; 3d 92, Chas. H. French, Cleveland. Hen, 1st 96, 2d 95, 3d 95, Blood. Pullet, 1st 94, 2d 93, French.

S. S. BANTAMS.—Cock, 1st 91, hen, 1st 95, 2d 94, pullet, 1st 93 1-2 (tie), F. F. Ogier, Cleveland.

G. S. BANTAMS.—Cockerel, 1st 91, 2d 88, pullet, 1st 87, Ogier.

B. P. BANTAMS.—Cock, 1st 94, Allen; 2d 91 1-2, hen, 1st 96, 2d 94, 3d 93, Kroesen. Cockerel, 1st 94, Minard; 2d 94, Andrus; 3d 92, W. C. Schmidt, Cleveland, O. Pullet, 1st 95, 2d 95, 3d 95, Andrus.

B. R. C. BANTAMS.—Cock, 1st, cockerel, 1st 95, pullet, 1st 95, Bartlett.

PEKIN DUCKS.—Cock, 1st, McClave; 2d, Andrus. Hen, 1st, McClave; 2d, Schaaf. Pullet, 1st, McClave; 2d, Schaaf.

ROUEN DUCKS.—All to McClave.

EMDEN GEESSE.—All to Mrs. T. C. Jones, Brooklyn, O.

TOULOUSE GEESSE.—All to McClave.

BRONZE TURKEYS.—All to McClave.

Awards at Franklin, Ohio, Dec. 19 to 23, 1893.

BARRED PLYMOUTH ROCKS.—Cock: 1st 91, W. C. Hankinson, Blue Ball, O.; 2d 90, W. M. Clark, Middletown, O.; 3d 89 1-2, N. J. Grovy, Franklin, O.; 4th 89 1-2, 2d 90, Clark; 3d 89, O. McCabe, Piquette, O.; 4th 85 1-2, A. L. Young, Franklin, O.; Cockerel: 1st 92, Clark; 2d 91 1-2 (tie), Hankinson and Clark; 3d 90 1-2 (tie), Clark and Hensley, Middletown, O.; 4th 90, Clark. Pullet, 1st 91 1-2, Hensley; 2d 91, 3d 90, 4th 88, pen, 182 3/4, Clark.

WHITE PLYMOUTH ROCKS.—Cock: 1st 90, McCabe; 2d 87 1-2, Chas. Simpson, Blue Ball, O.; Hen: 1st 93 1-2, Clark; 2d 92, 3d 90 1-2, Simpson; 4th 89 1-2, McCabe. Cockerel: 1st 93, Clark; 2d 89 1-2, Simpson; 3d 86 1-2, McCabe. Pullet: 1st 92 1-2, 2d 92, Clark; 3d 89 1-2, McCabe. Pen: 1st 184 1-2, Clark.

SILVER WYANDOTTES.—Cock: 2d 88, Hensley; 3d 85, hen, 1st 91 1-2, 2d 90 1-2, F. D. Miller, Franklin, O.; 3d 90, 4th 90, Hensley. Cockerel: 1st 91, 2d 89, Miller; 3d 86, Morton Ingall, Middletown, O. Pullet: 1st 94 1-2, Ingall; 2d 93, 3d 92, Miller; 4th 91, Ingall. Pen: 1st 182 3/4, Miller; 2d 178 3/4, Ingall; 3d 177 3/4, Hensley.

GOLDEN WYANDOTTES.—Cockerel, 1st 90, pullet, 1st 91, Ingall.

BUFF WYANDOTTES.—Pullet: 1st 92, Ingall.

WHITE WYANDOTTES.—Cock, 2d 87 1-2, hen, 1st 91 1-2, J. A. Gregg, Springsboro, O. Cockerel: 1st 94, Simpson; 2d 89, 3d 88 1-2, Gregg; 4th 87 1-2 (tie), Bridge and Gregg. Pullet: 1st 93 1-2, 2d 92, Gregg; 3d 91 3/4, Geo. Bridge, Franklin, O.; 4th 91, pen, 1st 181 1-2, Gregg.

BLACK WYANDOTTES.—Hen: 1st 93 1-2, 2d 92 1-2, Clark. Cockerel: 1st 90 1-2, Miller; 2d 90, pullet, 1st 95 1-2, 2d 95, Clark; 3d 90 1-2, Miller. Pen: 1st 184, Clark.

LIGHT BRAHMAS.—Cock: 1st 90 1-2, Hankinson; 2d 87 1-2, hen, 1st 94, 2d 93 1-2, 3d 93, 4th 92 1-2, cockerel, 1st 90, Groby; 2d 89, pullet, 1st 90 1-2, Hankinson; 2d 90, pen, 1st 183 1/4, Groby; 2d 180 1-2, Hankinson.

DARK BRAHMAS.—Cock, 1st 87 1-2, hen, 1st 94 1-2, 2d 93 1-2, 3d 92 1-2, 4th 91 1-2, pen, 1st 180, Groby.

BUFF COCHINS.—Cock, 1st 92 1-2, 2d 90 1-2, hen, 1st 94 1-2, 2d 93 1-2, 3d 93, 4th 92 3/4, cockerel, 1st 94, Hankinson; 2d 92 1-2, F. W. Bellman, Dayton, O.; 3d 89 1-2, Hankinson. Pullet: 1st 93 1-2, 2d 93, 3d 93, 4th 92 1-2, Bellman. Pen: 1st 184, 3d 180, Hankinson; 2d 182, Bellman.

PARTRIDGE COCHINS.—Cock: 1st 90, Groby. Cockerel: 1st 94, Carl Smith, Dayton, O.; 2d 87, McCabe. Pullet: 1st 91 1-2, Smith; 2d 91, 3d 90 1-2, 4th 90, pen, 1st 187 1/4, McCabe.

BLACK COCHINS.—Cock, 3d 85 1-2, hen, 1st 94 1-2, 2d 93, 3d 92 1-2, 4th 91, pen, 178 1/4, Groby.

WHITE COCHINS.—Cock, 1st 90, hen, 1st 92 1-2, 2d 91 1-2, cockerel, 1st 91, pullet, 1st 92 1-2, 2d 92, pen, 1st 183, Groby.

BLACK LANGSHANS.—Cock, 2d 89 1-2, hen, 2d 89 1-2, Groby.

S. C. B. LEHIGHNS.—Hen, 1st 93 1-2, 2d 93, cockerel, 1st 94, F. G. Tullis, Blue Ball, O.; 2d 93, Simpson; 3d 92 1-2, Bridge; 4th 92, Clark. Pullet: 1st 94 1-2, Tullis; 2d 94, Groby; 3d 93 1-2, Bridge; 4th 93, C. E. Conarroe, West Elkton, O. Pen: 1st 187 1-2, Tullis.

R. C. W. LEHIGHNS.—All to Groby.

S. C. W. LEHIGHNS.—Hen, 1st 92 1-2, cockerel, 1st 93, Conarroe; 2d 91 1-2, pullet, 1st 94 1-2, Bridge; 2d 94, Conarroe.

R. C. W. LEHIGHNS.—All to Tullis.

BUFF LEHIGHNS.—All to Simpson.

BLACK MINORCAS.—All to Groby.

W. F. B. SPANISH.—Hen: 1st 95, 2d 94 1-2, 3d 94, Miller. Cockerel: 1st 93, Tullis; 2d 92 1-2, pullet, 1st 94, pen, 1st 187 1/4, Miller.

SILVER GREY DORKINGS.—All to Groby.

B. B. R. GAMES.—Cock, 1st 95, hen, 1st 95, cockerel, 1st 96, 2d 95 1-2, pullet, 1st 95 1-2, Simpson.

G. D. GAMES.—Cock, 1st 93, hen, 1st 93, Simpson; 2d 92, Groby.

INDIAN GAMES.—Cock: 1st, Ingall; 2d, hen, 1st, Groby; 2d, pullet, 1st, 2d, 3d, 4th, pen, 1st, Ingall.

PIT GAMES.—Cock, 1st, 2d, hen, 1st, 2d, Simpson. Stag: 1st, Miller; 2d, 3d, Budd Van Horn, Franklin, O.; 4th, E. F. Schatz, Franklin.

Pullet: 1st, 2d, Miller; 3d, Horn; 4th, Schatz. Pen: 1st, Simpson.

BRONZE TURKEYS.—All to Simpson.

SLATE TURKEYS.—All to McCabe.

WHITE TURKEYS.—Cock: 1st 94 1-2, Clark; 2d 89 1-2, Joseph Briminger, Franklin. Hen: 1st 91 1-2, Clark; 2d 90 1-2, young cock, 1st 94, young hen, 1st 96, Briminger.

PEKIN DUCKS.—All to McCabe.

BOOTED WHITE BANTAMS.—All to Miller.

B. B. R. GAMES.—All to Clark.

DOGS.—Wire Haired Scotch Terrier: Old dog, 1st Miller; 2d Clark; old bitch, 1st Miller, 2d Clark; dog puppies, 1st Miller; young bitches, 1st, 2d, 3d, Clark. Irish Setter: Dog puppies, 1st, 2d, Groby.

PIGEONS.—Pouters, all to Brede; Middletown, O. Swallows, Carriers, and Fantails, all to Wisebrodt. Black and White Fantails, W. A. Woodmanson, Middletown, O. Yellow Fantails, Miller.

Awards at Akron, Ohio, December 24.

BARRED PLYMOUTH ROCKS.—Cock: 1st 90 1/2, S. M. Minard, Elyria, O.; 2d 90, W. B. Metlin, Akron, O.; 3d 89 1/2, J. H. Vanscoy, Gwynnville, Ind. Hen, 1st 92, 2d 92, 3d 91, Vanscoy. Cockerel, 1st 93, Vanscoy; 2d 92, Eli Shetler, Navane, O.; 3d 91 1/2, M. E. Wurtz, Chatham Center, O.; 4th 91 1/2, Gorsuch & Bacher, Massillon, O. Pullet, 1st 93, Frank Hawley, Le Roy, O.; 2d 92 1/2, Wurtz; 3d 92 1/2, Shetler. Pen, 1st 183 3/4, 2d 180 3/4, Vanscoy.

WHITE PLYMOUTH ROCKS.—Hen, 1st 92, 2d 89 1/2, H. A. Strole, Akron, O. Cockerel, 1st 91, Strole; 2d 90 1-2, John S. Tibbals, Kent, O.; 3d 89, Strole. Pullet, 1st 94 1-2, Strole; 2d 94, 3d 92, Tibbals. Pen, 1st 182 1/2, Tibbals.

SILVER WYANDOTTES.—Cock, 1st 92 1-2, E. A. Harvey, Canton, O.; 2d 89 1-2, James Sterling, Canton, O. Hen, 1st 94, 2d 93, 3d 92, Cockerel, 1st 90, Harvey. Pullet, 1st 93 1-2, Sterling; 2d 93, 3d 93, Pen, 1st 182 1-2, Harvey.

GOLDEN WYANDOTTES.—Cock, 2d 88 1-2, Hen, 1st 90 1-2, 2d 89 1-2, 3d 88, Tibbals.

LIGHT BRAHMAS.—Cock, 2d 89 1-2, 3d 84 1-2, Tibbals. Hen, 1st 91 3/4, 2d 91, 3d 90 1-2, Cockerel, 1st 91, O. G. Reese, Acme, O.; 2d 88, C. E. Hibbs, Akron, O.

BLACK COCHINS.—Hen, 1st 93, Cockerel, 1st 91, Pullet, 1st 94 1-2, Reese.

BUFF COCHINS.—Cock, 1st 91 1-2, 2d 90 1-2, 3d 88 1-2, Hen, 1st 93, 2d 91 1-2, 3d 91 1-2, Cockerel, 1st 90 1-2, Pullet, 1st 93, 2d 91, 3d 90 1-2, Pen, 1st 182 1-2, 2d 181 1-2, A. E. Myers, Akron, O.

BLUE LANGSHANS.—Cockerel, 1st, Pullet, 1st Reese.

S. C. BROWN LEHIGHNS.—Cock, 1st 93, Sterling; 2d 90, J. M. Saffer, Akron, O. Hen, 1st 93, 2d 93, Sterling; 3d 92, Ed. A. Reed, Canton, O. Cockerel, 1st 93, 2d 93. Pullet, 1st 94, Reed; 2d 89 1-2, Saffer.

BLACK LEHIGHNS.—Cockerel, 1st 92 1-2, 2d 91 1-2, Pullet, 1st 95, William Markwalder, Akron, O.

BUFF LEHIGHNS.—Cockerel, 1st, Pullet, 1st and 2d, Pen, 1st, J. H. Stoye, Mount Vernon, Ohio.

S. C. WHITE LEHIGHNS.—Cock, 2d Strole. Hen, 1st 95 1-2, 2d 95, F. H. Martin, Cleveland, O.; 3d 90, Strole. Cockerel, 1st 94, Martin; 2d 91 1-2, Strole. Pullet, 1st 94 1-2, 2d 93 1-2, Martin; 3d 93, Strole. Pen, 1st 188 3/4, Martin; 2d 181 3/4, Strole.

BLACK MINORCAS.—Cock, 1st 91, Robert Merritt, Akron, O. Hen, 1st 91, W. B. Metlin, Akron, O.; 2d 89, Merritt. Cockerel, 1st 93 1-2, 2d 92, Geo. Bissel, Akron, O.; 3d 91 1-2, Mrs. W. C. Warner, Akron, O. Pullet, 1st 94, 2d 93, 1-2, 3d 93 1-2, Pen, 1st 186 3/4, 2d 184 3/4, Bissel.

GOLDEN POLISH (PLAIN).—Cock, 1st 91, Strole; 2d 89 1-2, H. Fletcher, Akron, O.; 3d 89, D. Benson, Akron, O. Hen, 1st 92, Fletcher; 2d 91 1-2, Pullet, 1st 87 1-2, Benson; 2d 87, Fletcher. Pen, 1st 178 3/4, Benson; 2d 178 3/4, Fletcher.

WHITE POLISH.—Hen, 1st 92 1-2, 2d 90 1-2, Strole.

W. C. BLACK POLISH.—Cock, 1st 92 1-2, W. M. Scanton, Ravenna, O.; 2d 88 1-2, S. T. Gulliford, Akron, O. Hen, 1st 95, Gulliford; 2d 93 1-2, Cockerel, 1st 93, 2d 93. Pullet, 1st 94, 2d 94, 3d 93 1-2, Scanton.

W. F. BLACK SPANISH.—Cock, 1st 92 1-2, Hen, 2d 89 1-2, Cockerel, 1st 93, Pullet, 1st 93 1-2, M. W. Houshalter, Akron, O.

BLACK HAMBURGERS.—Cock, 1st 92 1-2, Hen, 1st 93, 2d 92 1-2, W. A. Orr, Akron, O.; 3d 92 1-2, H. S. Baish, River Styx, O. Cockerel, 1st 92 1-2, Pullet, 1st 90, Pen, 1st 184 1/4, Orr.

GOLDEN PENCILLED HAMBURGERS.—Cock, 1st 91, Hen, 1st 93 1-2, 2d 92 1-2, 3d 92, Pen, 1st 183 3/4, J. H. Dague, Wadsworth, O.

GOLDEN SPANGLED HAMBURGERS.—Cock, 1st 92 1-2, 2d 92 1-2, Strole; 3d 92, Julius Frank, Akron, O. Hen, 1st 93, 2d 93, 3d 92 1-2, Frank. Cockerel, 1st 94 1-2, 2d 92 1-2, Strole; 3d 92, Frank. Pullet, 1st 93, Pen, 1st 186 3/4, Strole; 2d 184 3/4, Frank.

SILVER SPANGLED HAMBURGERS.—Cock, 1st 93, 2d 92, 3d 91 1-2, Hen, 1st 94, 2d 92 1-2, 3d 92 1-2, Cockerel, 1st 94, 2d 93, 3d 92 1-2, Pullet, 1st 94, 2d 93 1-2, 3d 93 1-2, Pen, 1st 187 1/4, 2d 185 3/4, Frank.

WHITE HAMBURGERS.—Cock, 1st 94, Hen, 1st 93, Cockerel, 1st 92 1-2, 2d 91 1-2, Pullet, 1st 95 1-2, 2d 95, 3d 93 1-2, Pen, 1st 188 1/4, Frank.

HOUDANS.—Cock, 1st 91 1-2, 2d 91, Hen, 1st 92 1-2, 2d 89 1-2, Cockerel, 1st 91 1-2, 2d 89, Pullet, 1st 90, 2d 89, Pen, 1st 182 3/4, 2d 180 3/4, A. D. Olin, Ravenna, O.

BLUE ANDALUSIANS.—Cockerel, 1st 91, Pullet, 1st 91 1-2, Reese.

B. B. RED GAMES.—Cockerel, 2d 87 1-2, Pullet, 2d 89, Dague.

BROWN RED GAMES (STANDARD).—Cock, 1st 90 1-2, Hen, 1st 90 1-2, N. S. Munson, Akron, O. Cockerel, 1st 91, Dague. Pullet, 1st 92, Munson; 2d 91, Dague; 3d 88 1-2, Pen, 1st 180 1-2, Munson.

BLACK SUMATRAS.—Cock, 1st 90 1-2, Hen, 1st 94, Cockerel, 1st 93 1-2, Pullet, 1st 92 1-2, Pen, 1st 186 1/4, A. Rastner, Akron, O.

MALAYS.—Cock, 1st, Hen, 1st and 2d Stoye.

INDIAN GAMES.—Cock, 1st John H. Stoye, Mount Vernon, O.; 2d J. H. Dague, Wadsworth, O.; 3d H. F. Peck, Akron, O. Hen, 1st John H. Stoye, Mount Vernon, O.; 2d J. H. Dague, Wadsworth, O.; 3d H. F. Peck. Cockerel, 1st James Leonard, Canton, O. Pullet, 1st James Leonard, Pen, 1st J. H. Stoye; 2d H. F. Peck.

PIT GAMES.—Cock, 1st 95, Otto Wagner, Cockerel, 1st 95, Wagner; 3d 94 1-2, Wagner. Cockerel, 1st 95 1-2, Wagner; 2d 95, Wagner; 3d 93, George Hansch, Akron, O. Pen, 1st Geo. Hansch.

GINGER RED PIT GAMES.—Cock 1st 95 1-2, Wagner; 2d 93 3/4, George Hansch; 3d 92 3/4, Hansch. Cockerel, 1st 94 1-2, F. D. Kidder; 2d 90 1-2, Geo. Hansch; 3d 89, Geo. Hansch. Pen, 1st George Hansch.

RED QUILL PIT GAMES.—1st 93 1-2, George Hansch. Cockerel, 1st 90 1-2, Hansch. Pen, 1st Hansch.

B. B. R. PIT GAMES.—Cock, 1st 95, L. Seffler, Akron, O. Cockerel, 1st 94 1-2, John Dun, Akron, O.; 2d 94, F. D. Kidder; 3d 93 1-2, John Dun.

BROWN RED PIT GAMES.—Cockerel, 1st 92 1-2, John Dun; 2d 92, F. D. Kidder; 3d 91 3/4, Kidder. SPANGLED PIT GAMES.—Cock, 1st 93, Wagner. RED PYLE PIT GAMES.—Cock, 1st 93 1-2, Wagner.

DERBY PIT GAMES.—Cock, 1st 93, Wagner. Cockerel, 1st 90 1-2, Hansch.

SPOONEY PIT GAMES.—Cock, 1st 91 1-2, F. D. Kidder. Cockerel, 1st 91 1-2, Wagner.

IRISH GRAY PIT GAMES.—Cockerel, 1st 91 1-2, John Dun; 2d Otto Wagner.

DUCKWING PIT GAMES.—Cock, 1st, 90 1-2, Dun.

GRIST CHAMPION PIT GAME.—Cockerel, 1st 92 1-2, H. S. Bash, Riverstyx, O.

BLUE BOTTOM PIT GAMES.—Cockerel, 1st 92 1-2, S. Seffler; 2d 91, Seffler.

PHOENIX.—Cock, 1st, A. Kastner, Akron, O. Hen, 1st Kastner.

FRIZZIES.—Cock, 1st Rottman, Benton, O. Hen, 1st S. Rottman.

SILKIES.—Hen, 1st 92 1-2, Kastner. Cockerel, 1st 92 1-2, Kastner; 2d 91, Kastner. Pullet, 1st 95, Kastner.

MALAYS BANTAMS.—Cock, 1st Rottman. Hen, 1st Rottman.

SILVER SEBRIGHT BANTAM.—Cock, 1st 91 1-2, S. F. Gulliford, Akron, O. Hen, 1st 93 1-2, Rottman; 2d 93, Gulliford. Cockerel, 1st 94 1-2, Rottman; 2d 92 1-2, Gulliford; 3d 92, Kastner. Pullet, 94 1-2, Gulliford; 2d 93, Gulliford; 3d 93, Gulliford. Pen, 1st 185 3/4, Gulliford.

ROSE COMBED WHITE BANTAMS.—Cock, 1st 91, Seffler. Pullet, 1st 92 1-2, Seffler.

ROSE COMBED BLACK BANTAM.—Cock, 1st 95, Rottman. Hen, 1st 96, Rottman; 2d 95 1-2, Rottman; 3d 95 1-2, Rottman.

PEKIN OR COCHIN BANTAM.—Cock, 1st 94 1-2, Rottman; 2d 93 1-2, G. H. Stickney, Akron, O. Hen, 1st 93 1-2, Rottman. Cockerel, 1st 95 1-2, Rottman; 2d 93 1-2, Stickney. Pullet, 1st 94 1-2, Rottman; 2d 94, Stickney; 3d 93 1-2, Stickney. Pen, 1st 187, Stickney.

B. B. R. GAME BANTAM.—Cock, 1st 94 1-2, E. F. Blood, Kent, O. Hen, 1st 96, Blood; 2d 95, Blood; 3d 94, Blood. Cockerel, 1st 95 1-2, Rottman. Pullet, 1st 95 1-2, Rottman. Pen, 1st 188 3/4, Blood.

WHITE GAME BANTAM.—Cockerel, 2d 87, S. Seffler.

BROWN RED GAME BANTAM.—Cockerel, 1st 96, Rottman.

JAPANESE BANTAM.—Pullet, 1st 96 1-2, Rottman.

GOLDEN SEBRIGHT BANTAM.—Hen, 1st 93 1-2, Gulliford. Cockerel, 1st 94, Rottman. Pullet, 1st 93, Rottman.

RED PYLE BANTAM.—Hen, 1st 92, Kastner.

PIGEONS PER PAIR.—Red Fans Plain, 1st; Yellow Fans Plain, 1st; Yellow Fans Plain, 2d; S. F. Red Tumblers, 1st; S. F. Almon Tumblers, 1st; S. F. Red Tumblers, 2d; S. F. Silver Tumblers, 1st; Stars Plain, 1st; Stars Crested, 1st; Red Winged Turbids, 1st; Black Barbs, 1st; Blue Swallows Crested, 1st; Blue Swallows Plain, 1st; Black Swallows Plain, 2d, Geo. Hansch. Black Pouters, 1st and 2d; Red Pied, 1st, Dr. Seberman. Dun Antwerps, 1st; Silver Antwerps, 1st, Clyde Orr. Silver Antwerps, 2d, N. S. Munson. Akron, O. Birmingham Rollers, 1st, Harry Orr. Yellow Antwerps 1st; Black Antwerps 1st, Munson. Black Pied Pouters 1st; Black Pied Pouters 2d, Wm. Kastner. Blue Pied Pouters 1st, Kastner. Silver Pied Pouters 1st, Dr. Seberman. Silver Pied Pouters 2d, Kastner. Chequered Pied Pouters 1st, Kastner. White Fantails 2d, Kastner; 1st Hansch. Crested Black 1st, Hansch; 2d Kastner. Black Nuns 1st, Black Swallows 1st, Yellow Jacobins 1st, Blue Owls 1st, Kastner. Blue Antwerps 1st, Sam Hibbs; 2d Munson. White Trumpeters 1st, Kastner. Blue Chequered Antwerps 1st, Hibbs; 2d Munson. Red Chequered Antwerps 1st, Hibbs; 2d Munson. Blue Fantails 2d, Hansch; 1st Munson. Black Fans Plain 1st, Munson; 2d Hansch. Black Oriental Rollers 1st, Red Oriental Rollers 1st, S. F. Black Tumblers 1st, Booted 1st, Red Spashed 1st, Munson. White Pouters 1st, Henry Shuwacher, Akron, O. Red Jacobins 1st, Black Fans Crested 1st Hansch.

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BLACK LANG

PIGEONS.

Queries and Answers.

[All reasonable questions of interest to the fancy, pertaining to the care, management and health of fancy Pigeons will be answered in this column. The department is conducted by C. W. Butts, 1070 Madison Avenue, Columbus, Ohio, to whom all communications should be addressed.—ED.]

Query.—Will you kindly inform me what I can do to cure my Fans of the sore throat, or canker? I have a fine lot of Fans, but for some time I have been unable to raise any young ones on account of the disease I have among them. After the young ones are from ten days to two weeks old, something hard and yellow begins to form in the throat, and in three or four days it's so large that the old ones are unable to feed them. Some of them have a sort of cancer down by the tail. Now do you think that this is bred from the old ones, or is it just a disease, and can it be cured? I feed my birds on corn, wheat and peas. Can the disease come from the feed?

F. B. B., Charleston, S. C.

Answer.—A similar case to yours has been reported once before—a short time ago. The disease is probably contracted from the parents, or the latter being disordered in their crops, through unwholesome feed and water. Remove all the matter with a thin piece of wood and swab the throat out thoroughly with a very strong solution of alum water, using a camel's hair brush for the purpose; care should be taken not to get too much of the fluid down the bird's throat. If this treatment does not affect a cure, take carbolic acid one part to glycerine ten parts, apply with camel's hair brush. Treat the cancer at root of tail in same manner.

Query.—I have a White Jacobin that coughs a great deal in the morning and evening, but don't cough during the day or night, eats and drinks well, but it seems to be very dumpish; does not seem to pay attention to its mate or any other birds. What is the matter? I also have birds that have the diarrhoea. What do you prescribe for it? I feed corn, Canada peas and wheat.

A. J. C., Norwich, Conn.

Answer.—Your White Jacobin has a bad cold; remove to a dry warm pen (free from draughts) and give one drop of tincture of aconite in a teaspoon of water; a little quinine will also be beneficial (say $\frac{1}{2}$ grain morning and evening). Bathe the feet in warm water and dry well daily. (2) For diarrhoea administer a purge of castor oil ($\frac{1}{2}$ of a teaspoonful), should it pass into dysentery one to three drops of laudanum may be given in a teaspoon of boiled milk.

Pigeon Notes.

BY JOHN HOPEWELL.

Among the ailments of pigeons, if I may so term it, are creased beaks. This is a trouble that all varieties are subject to and one that begins soon after birth, and is consequently almost impossible to prevent. It is no doubt caused by the manner of the young bird taking its food from the parent bird, by which the mandibles are strained out of their natural shape while soft and pliable, and becoming fixed as the beak hardens produces the creased beak. Careful attention to the disfigurement, by paring it to as near a natural condition as possible with a sharp knife is a benefit to the appearance as well as the comfort of the bird; to neglect it allows it to become not only unsightly, but a hindrance to the bird in picking up its food, although we have seen birds with neglected bills of this kind become very expert in picking grain, especially corn, from the floor or ground, and getting it into their mouths. But a man who loves his pigeons and gives them proper attention never will neglect to keep a deformity of this kind as much under control as possible. As I have said a sharp knife frequently applied, trimming the bill each time as near the natural shape as possible without cutting

into the quick will make the pigeon presentable in appearance and at least comfortable. Short-faced birds are particularly subject to this trouble and the knife needs to be frequently applied to keep them in order.

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The claws or nails of some pigeons, especially old birds are inclined to grow long and need trimming as well as the beaks. Sometimes when neglected they gather the offal from the floor of the loft little by little, until balls collect on these nails as large as marbles, and the pigeon goes clattering around as though shod with hob-nailed shoes. This is rarely seen where pigeons have their liberty and fly out and in at will. But where pigeons are confined and not carefully tended, it frequently occurs. The only way to do is to catch the afflicted one and remove the balls and I have seen them so hard, caused by the constant pounding, as to have to be broken with a hammer before they could be removed.

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No doubt ere this time all young pigeons have developed to such an extent, as to show whether desirable to retain as breeders or not. As fast as any young bird proves that it is so deficient in quality as to unfit it for breeding purposes it should be made way with. Many breeders have so much love for their pets that they cannot kill them for the table, and so send them in a body to some dealer to be sold and scattered promiscuously about the country. This does not tend to improve the demand for fancy pigeons, nor to elevate the standard of the different varieties, and is positively a detriment to the pigeon interests. If I could have my way every poor fancy pigeon would be decapitated, and then every one with a taste for such pets would be obliged to purchase good ones, and not take the chances of breeding from the rif-raff continually thrown upon the market. A poor bird eats as much as a good one, and consequently costs as much to keep as a good one. So, except in the matter of first cost, there is nothing gained by purchasing refuse stock, and a cheap bird of this kind is too cheap for a true fancier to invest in. Many foully marked birds are bought up by unscrupulous persons, nicely plucked and trimmed, and sold to unsuspecting fanciers as clean and perfect specimens. Time develops the swindle, and the whole fancy suffers in a measure from such deceptions. If my plan was carried out there would be no foul-marked birds to pluck and consequently no chance to swindle.

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The temptation to pluck out foul feathers is a great one, where the pigeon is almost perfect in other particulars, and I cannot say I consider it wronging anyone for a breeder to do so, when a pigeon is not kept for sale and only for breeding purposes and one's own pleasure. Some excellent stock birds in a natural condition show foul feathers, and to remove these and so improve the appearance of the flock is not to be condemned. Still, many conscientious breeders will not allow foul feathers to be removed on any consideration. And I call to mind a visiting fancier who was unceremoniously hustled out of a loft for such an act. He had called upon a breeder of high class swallows to view his stock, and was given some of the finer specimens to handle for a closer view, as all know is customary. In the breast of one was a black feather, and under the impulse of the moment he quickly "jerked" it out, which so incensed the owner of the bird that he turned on the visitor with fury in his eyes and fairly drove him from the loft. Moral: When you visit a fancier's loft don't see any foul feathers.

A Correction.

Through an error of the compositor in the list of awards at the Baltimore show, Ryan & Gould were credited with winning 1st, 2d, 3d and 4th on Red Turbit hens. Wm. T. Levering won 1st, 2d and 4th, winning 1st with an 1893 bird of his own breeding. She was a beauty and won easily.

The White Fantail Pigeon.

A Monograph

BY JESSE M. RUTTER.

[Written for THE AMERICAN FANCIER.]

In replying to one man who really wishes to invest but \$5, the blindfold seller prices a \$20 pair; to a second applicant seeking to perhaps put \$25 into his purchase the misled vendor offers a \$10 couple. Neither party is further heard from, and all possibility of a satisfactory trade is at end. If posted upon the probable outlay of each writer, the fancier could have met the wants of both, or answered briefly that he was unable to supply the quality desired. By telling plainly what he is willing to pay, and putting the burden of selection upon the seller, any beginner will get square treatment from an honorable fancier. To rely upon an honest name is far wiser than to pay some shifty party unduly for the sake of flaunting a self-betraying self-sufficiency.

The second plan of starting Fantail breeding is to choose certain points as parent stems upon which further essentials are to be grafted. It is futile to write for Fantails "good in all points" These *rara-avis* specimens are the before-mentioned show birds upon which no novice is justified in lavishing heavy sums. His ignorance of pigeon practice may lead to loss, and if the dead Fantail happens to be an expensive prodigy, his ardor is likely to get a fatal chill. The Fantail family divides into two branches. One section is small, slender, graceful; dainty in outline, and proud in step—a true pigmy, wonderful in stylish action, but often lacking the Standard spread. The second offshoot shows a sharp contrast in organism, being big in body and lazy in motion. This larger sort is loosely muffled in feather, and is specially noted for the tremendous breadth of its circular tail. As these two diverse types will be carefully compared further on it is needless to here enlarge upon their peculiar points. Enough has been noted to teach the beginner how widely separate are the extremes of choice. But a seeker after truth says: "Why not take the happy medium?" Well, the coveted "happy medium" is either a grand show Fantail, or an ordinary specimen free from startling defects. The average fancier follows the same rut year after year chiefly because he uses tidy looking pairs which "match in the pen." These lukewarm—neither good nor bad—couples breed offspring equally passable, and no decided headway is ever made. By starting with Fantails strong in a few leading points, the breeder may justly hope to so augment the primary traits that the sought for "all-round excellence" will finally appear. But the first selections must be about perfect in the settled points, even if faulty in others. A man can safely begin at either end in building up his model Fantail.

If he decides to take body properties as his breeding basis, regular "Shakers," nearly faultless in shape should be sought. He must secure smoothly feathered tails even though they are narrow. Scraggy spreads formed of feathers erratically stuck into circular shapes are worthless. Such raggedly arranged tails resemble the half-open slats of a swivel-blind, and as a clever fancier says "lack system." During the past year I have had exceptional chances to visit many Fantail lofts, and to inspect strains which were said to be noted for broad, flat tails. Among a few solidly filled spreads were numbers of the irregular, useless stamp which their owners actually thought valuable. In face view, these ill-arranged fans looked fairly well, but from other positions it was possible to see clear through the tails, just as one gazes between the pickets of a fence. The feathers did not touch each other in clinging overlaps, but stood huddled around the circle at all sorts of angles. An even "tunnel" tail, as a breeding factor, is far ahead of this jumbled order. If the strain builder does not at the start admire the shaking Scottish body, he can stock his loft with the big tailed variety, and try to reduce the bulky flesh without losing the broad feather. The Standard Fantail is an artificial mean between two normal extremes, and nature ever tends towards

The domestic fowls have been bred almost entirely from the Leghorns. No effort, however, has been made to keep the breed pure, and the result is a mixed breed, which is nevertheless admirably adapted to the exigences of the climate. The fowls are uniformly of a medium size, showing almost invariably white or brown bodies, with occasionally black feathers about the neck; but more frequently extending from the neck along the back and upper portion of the wings. Yellow, featherless legs and yellow skin predominate; a few are found with black legs, but they are considered inferior, both as egg-producers and for food purposes. The cocks have extremely brilliant red combs of more than usual proportions; the combs are single and very long and high and are highly esteemed as a culinary delicacy.

None of the fowls here breed true to type and color. A very few gentlemen in the district amuse themselves in breeding pure breeds of fowls as a pastime. Their number is, however, very small, and most of the fowls are of imported stock. There is to be held next spring at Palermo a "chicken show," where all the best fowls bred in Italy will be exhibited.

The common variety of domestic fowls are non-sitters. Turkeys are sometimes impressed into service as sitters.

The fowls are principally kept for their eggs, immense quantities of which are annually exported to England. They are of good size and uncommonly white.

There are no particular or peculiar breeds of fancy fowls here.

Artificial incubation is not employed, except in a few rare instances where chickens are bred solely for amusement.

During the months of December, January, and February the weather is cold—uniformly and unvaryingly cold—the mercury ranging from 10 degrees F. at night to 34 degrees or 36 degrees during the day. There are usually a few days each winter when the mercury falls below zero. A few heavy snowstorms usually occur during the winter. November and March are not so cold. In April, May, September, and October the temperature is pleasantly warm. During the first two months named more or less rain usually falls. June, and particularly July and August, are for the most part very hot.

PERCY McELRATH.

Commercial Agent.

Turin, June 30, 1893.

MALTA.

Poultry is, in no sense, an industry in these islands. Very many fowls are kept by private individuals and small farmers, but no special pride or care is taken in their breeding. Nearly every family throughout the islands keeps a few fowls. In the large towns they are kept in coops, or allowed to run about in the limited spaces of the terraces or flat stone roofs of the dwellings. Fowls are never seen in the fields or gardens, being raised and fed in the coops. The price of eggs is from 12 to 20 cents per dozen and the price of chickens, dressed, from 12 to 16 cents.

Information kindly supplied by the acting chief secretary of the government goes to show that the Malta fowl is not a large bird, but is a good layer. The feathers are either jet black, white, spotted, or gray. It is crested, has an upright comb, but no feathers on legs.

The only fancy fowls bred are Bantams, Dorkings, and a variety of Cattaro. All fowls, including turkeys, peacocks, ducks, geese, and Guinea, Barbary, and Odessa fowls, are kept both for their eggs and flesh.

JOHN WORTHINGTON,

Consul.

Malta, October 10, 1893.

[To be Continued.]

Transfer.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

I have this day sold my entire stock of Black Rose Comb Bantams, which includes all my prize birds at Camden, Philadelphia and New York, to Mr. Emil Garnjost, Yonkers, N. Y., and would recommend him to parties wanting Bantams.

W. J. ANDRUS.

Hackensack, N. J., Jan. 8, '94.

one or the other of her chosen borders. The stylish little body rarely carries a correct spread, and scientific mating constantly struggles to unite the two properties which nature usually parts.

Between the plan of confiding entirely to the seller for the first purchase, and that of stating the exact points wanted by the buyer, there is less difference than appears on the surface. Every Fantail fancier finds his strain always swaying towards broad tails, or shaking style. His flexible material is never quite still. When an epistle comes putting the burden of selection upon the specialist himself, he naturally sends Fantails strong in points most common among his lot at that time. The novice thus gets a good grip upon the most permanent properties of another strain, and can add others by careful culture. "Only old blood will tell," must be kept clearly in mind. Likely looking accidentals picked from a crowd of inferior companions are utterly unreliable. Barring away cases of prepotency, each fine looking exception to its humble family will breed young closely patterned after those despised relations. To ensure permanent success, good visible points must be backed by an invisible pedigree equally good. This "pedigree" question has been roughly handled in the past, and covered with ridicule by careless carpers. Still, a descriptive pedigree, recording the exact points which have been bred in line, is a safe guide to steady progress. Certainly no competent strain-builder fails to keep a private register reciting the salient features of each individual Fantail in his reserve. Reference to his word pictures will explain just why that split feather keeps cropping out, or what ancestor is probably responsible for the sudden coming of an extra heavy count. Grand Fantails are seldom bred by men who work in the dark. By slightly twisting an old saying, one may assert that "their note-book often reveals the hidden reason with pitiless candor."

Thus far the question of price has been ignored, but well-bred stock Fantails can seldom be flooded with Fantails unknown in ancestry, and uncertain in breeding ability. Money is about thrown away when invested in these ill-bred mongrels. From \$10 prices mount up to \$50 or \$75 per pair in America, and across the water a few picked specimens are said to have sold at \$100 each. If the novice feels able to pay more than \$10 per pair, the extra expense will profit him in the end. Judiciously placed, every added dollar should stand for an adequate amount of points and pedigree. Neither extravagance, nor stinginess ought to govern the first purchase. Make the pigeons fit your purse, and remember the adage, "Well begun is half done."

(To be Continued.)

Transfer of Stock.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

From loft of J. H. Kuhn, Louisville, Ky., to Edwin Loker, Frasier Park, St. Louis, 1 pair Blondinettes, cock 1st, N. Y. 92; 1 pair Owls, cock 1st, N. Y., 92

I have disposed of my entire stock of Oriental Frills to Mr. H. L. Hayden, Plymouth, Mass. HENRY E. OWEN.

No. 40 West 56th street, New York, Jan. 8th, 1894.

From J. H. Kuhn, Louisville, Ky., Priest and Shelled Trumpeters in all colors, to H. T. Klusmeyer, Jr., Easton, Pa.

From F. A. Roumell, of Baltimore, Md., to same, entire stud of Shelled Trumpeters in black, red, yellow, silver and checkers.

From Oscar Seifert, of Newark, N. J., to same, 1st prize cock, Yellow Shelled Trumpeter, and 1st hen, Yellow Shelled; also 1st cock and hen Homing Pigeons, at Baltimore show.

From W. Moore, to same, entire stud of Short Faced Tumblers in all colors; also entire stud of Jacobins in all colors.

From H. Tiemann, Baltimore, Md., 1 pair Black Magpies, 1 pair B. Mottled Russian Trumpeters, 3 pair Swallows, 1 pair Jacobins.

From H. T. Klusmeyer, Jr., to H. Tiemann, Baltimore, Md., entire stud of Pouters in all colors.

H. T. KLUSMEYER, JR.
Easton, Pa., Jan. 3, '94.

Human Pouters.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

This is no new breed, as many might imagine by the heading, but a breed that has always been and it seems to me always will be. It seems a pity a man cannot write on some subject without blowing his horn. If these writers wish to give the public some of their experience in breeding and showing fowls and pigeons, I give them credit for it, but when you read their article and begin to think the matter over, it looks very much like an account of a coming show in the newspaper marked at the bottom of it, ad. If some of these writers had been breeders of the Pouter (pigeon), I could readily have forgiven them, but, so far, they are not. Being a novice in writing, I do not wish to rain a hornet's nest of wrath, so for the present, seek the shelter of a *nom de plume*.

AJOSE.

600 Dollars Worth of Pigeons Sold.

Enclosed find check in payment for one quarter of a year's advertising. I have disposed of near six hundred (600) dollars worth of birds since the World's Fair, so you see I have been right "in it," and have plenty of inquiries.

I have transferred to Mr. J. C. Norris, of Concord, N. H., 4 pairs Blue Laced Blondinettes, 4 pairs Satinettes, and 1 pair Black Laced Blondinettes, all A-No. 1 birds. R. S. GROVES.

Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 6, '94.

Pouter Lost.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

Would you kindly inform the readers of your paper that I have lost a red pointer hen at the Baltimore show? Most likely the bird was placed in some other exhibitor's coop as I did not receive her.

If any of the exhibitors of the Baltimore show are in receipt of the above pigeon I would be very much obliged if he would return the same to me.

The band number of the pigeon is 29. I am very sorry that such a mistake should occur, as I am a young fancier. Such a mistake is enough to discourage me about going to other shows.

CHR. WAGNER.

No. 116 Willis ave., west, Detroit, Mich.

Pigeon Flying.

Notice to Subscribers.

Our subscribers are informed that we have arranged that all inquiries relating to the breeding, training and management of homing pigeons, and upon all questions bearing upon the history of pigeon flying, both at home and abroad, will be answered by "Fritz" through his columns in THE AMERICAN FANCIER weekly, and at the earliest possible opportunity, and should be addressed to

MR. T. FRED. GOLDMAN,

832 Herkimer Street,

Brooklyn, N. Y.

[All matter that he deems of general and practical interest, or of value to the young and inexperienced fancier, will be embodied in his weekly notes, while other matter will be sent direct by mail. —ED. A. F.]

Points in the Flying Fancy.

A Weekly Review of Events in the Homing World.

BY FRITZ.

Whenever I have had occasion to refer to that most contemptible of thieves, the *Homing Pigeon thief*, and his nefarious practice, I invariably denounce him in the strongest language at my command, for none but a thorough fancier of our game pets can realize the amount of serious damage done to an active flying loft by such robbery, nor the serious set-back and disarrangement which invariably follows them, even when some of the stolen birds return. Some lofts rarely

recover from such misfortune, and the labor and study of years can be ruthlessly wiped out in a single night by these vampires.

It seems to me that, heretofore, far more attention has been paid to the actual perpetrations of such robberies in bringing them to justice, than to the mediums whereby the proceeds become converted into cash—a very great mistake. The old adage that "the receiver is as bad as the thief" would seem to be forgotten, and for this reason I touched upon the important point in recent notes, whereby it devolved upon all flying fanciers to *caution the local dealers* and other likely sources visited by the contemptible thieves to dispose of their ill-gotten gains, against making such purchases in the absence of satisfactory explanation of ownership and sale.

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It is particularly gratifying to me, therefore, to learn that our friends in Philadelphia are taking active steps towards the suppression of these robberies and striking in the right direction.

At the hearing before Magistrate Eisenbrow recently, Albion R. Stain, bird dealer of 229 Callowhill street, was held under five hundred dollars bail for his appearance at court, to answer the charge of buying the pigeons stolen from the loft of Arthur McGinn. An additional count in the indictment charges Stain with the *detention of marked Homers*, which is a misdemeanor under the law.

It appears that as soon as the robbery was committed, the defendant was one of a number of bird dealers who were furnished with a full description of the birds, many of which bore the owner's name and address on the flight feathers, and requested to place any one who offered them for sale under arrest.

In spite of the warning, Private Detective C. H. Jones (Federation race secretary), who had the case in charge, found the birds in the defendant's possession, and under the advice of the owner, at once had him arrested on the charges named.

Counsel for the defense claimed there was no case, as the defendant had not been notified personally, but the magistrate held that Stain was *undoubtedly answerable for the acts of the man in charge of his establishment*. This is highly important. In alluding to the increase in the number of pigeon-loft robberies, a prominent official of the National Organization of American Homing Pigeon Fanciers stated yesterday that his body intended "to take a hand in such cases in future, and by the employment of detective C. H. Jones, discover the thieves and not let up on them until brought to justice. In the present instance Pigeon dealer Stain has only himself to blame for his predicament, as had the slightest precaution been exercised in the purchase, the fact would have been disclosed that many of the birds were marked in both wing and leg."

Good, and I hope the flying sections outside of the Quaker City will be equally watchful and energetic in going for the rascals. If they do, these thefts will soon cease, as they won't warrant the risk.

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I am pleased to chronicle the establishment of the Hamilton Homing Club, of Philadelphia, an organization of well-known Homing pigeon fanciers, mostly resident in West Philadelphia, with Arthur M. Wood as president; James A. Storell, vice-president; Perry E. Clarke, secretary and treasurer; race committee, John G. Hunt, J. H. Milligan and W. S. Torkington, Jr.—certainly a good combination. The following well-known flying fanciers are also identified with the new club: John D. Munro, Mark Smith, A. B. Shull, S. Brook Thomas, George Connell, C. R. Torkington, Howard Avil and possibly H. B. Stites, should that gentleman receive the birds that were stolen from him recently, several of which returned, but in miserable condition. In making comment upon this new club of pigeon flyers, the *Item*, of January 4th, remarks:

"As an indication of the way the wind is blowing, it may be stated that the Hamilton Homing Club, which was organized a few days ago in West Philadelphia, is composed of fanciers prominent in the councils of both League and

Federation, and the alliance thus formed is a sure indication of a speedy settlement of the difficulties which have kept the membership of these two prominent pigeon flying organizations apart for the past two years."

I hail with pleasure this new combination, and wish the club an enjoyable and successful flying season during 1894.

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I am also very pleased to learn that our old friend, A. C. Butts (of Albright fame) has, together with Mr. A. C. Saunders, Mr. Chas. W. Clark and others, just organized the No. 1 Fulton County Pigeon Flying Club, of Gloversville, N. Y., and will fly under the rules and for the honors of the national organization during 1894. This club will surely grow.

From various points I am in receipt of advices conveying the pleasing intelligence of the formation of various new clubs for the 1894 season, and perhaps one of the most pleasing to me was a communication from our old friend, Mr. H. V. Lansdale, of Washington, D. C., who writes me that they have recently organized the South Washington Homing Club, with H. V. Lansdale, president; R. B. Youngs, race and recording secretary; treasurer, Geo. W. Phillips; and Messrs. Wm. Reagan and D. Tabler as members also.

The club will fly under the rules and for the honors of the national organization, and with such excellent fanciers in the management, cannot fail to be a success.

I feel sure that the excellent material which constitutes the makeup of the other large and influential associations of pigeon flyers in Washington, whom I recorded in recent notes as determined to fly under their own independent rules and management for the year, will yet be induced to enroll themselves as members in the national organization, and all fly in equitable competition for its honors, as it should be.

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A correspondent from the far west, writes me as follows: "Our fanciers read your weekly notes in the AMERICAN FANCIER with great interest, and we have gathered much valuable knowledge from them. A short time ago you mentioned that the celebrated loft of Monsieur Offermans was to be sold, and included the celebrated *Eleven flighted strain* of birds, which is a puzzler to us, and beg an explanation from you at your convenience as to what you mean by *Eleven flighted strain*," etc. It was my intention to write the correspondent by mail, as I frequently do in replying to scores of queries which reach me, but which I deem of but personal interest to the parties submitting the queries; but it occurred to me that there possibly may be many in the fancy to whom the term *Eleven flighted strain*, is equally unintelligible, as used by me in my notes about the celebrated fancier of Antwerp, Belgium, and for this reason make the explanation a public one.

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The strain of the Eleven flighted of M. Gustave Offerman, originated from M. Ulen's strain of birds.

From a red cock and blue chequered hen of M. Ulen's, Offerman got the dam of his celebrated Eleven flighted strain. She had *eleven distinct primal flight feathers*.

Two blue chequered hens from this pair did considerable flying work, and winning many prizes for him.

Out of one of these young hens, paired to a dark chequered cock, which being a late batch M. Offerman had subsequently sent to his father, who was in America, and which had been a time in the loft of Wm. Verrinder, Jr., he found that that pair gave him superb youngsters which never missed gaining a prize, so he wrote to his father here, to send him that cock back, which he did. Out of a young hen from this pair, mated to a Mealy cock of M. Ulen's strain, he bred his celebrated *Eleven flighted* hen, which flew three 250 miles races when only 4 months old.

She flew when a year old, two 150 mile races, and one 400 miles race. Always with great success. She was mated to a blue chequered cock, which won the 10th prize of honor from Tours, (390 miles) 890 birds competing, and when only 3 months old. This cock I have in my loft

now, having received him from abroad some years ago, and he is the sire of many grand birds I have flown 100 to 500 miles. From this pair of birds M. Offerman bred every year stock which was always between the six first birds home, in races of 250 to 300 miles, and always 1000 to 1500 birds competing.

Apropos of this popular-fancier and the sale of his birds, I learn from recent articles, that it was his intention to move from his present residence after January 1, and wished to dispose of all of his crack birds, intending to start afresh early in 1895, business interests demanding his sole attention during 1894.

But he could not realize the high price demanded by him for his choicest specimens, and sold but 21 out of his stock of 52. He therefore retains his best for future breeding and work, but it is questionable whether he continues active during this year. There are many like him in this respect, but he will bob up serenely by-and-by, just like many others in this respect.

I have been fairly besieged with letters of inquiry, during the past week, from members of the league and others, upon the questions of seamless bands for 1894 youngsters, and the prospect of unity between the League and Federation. It is needless for me here to dwell at any length upon the subject, for the columns of the present issue of the AMERICAN FANCIER supply all the necessary information.

I will remark, however, that although I can scarcely claim to be fully and completely satisfied with the situation, still I personally accept the ultimatum, because of the impetus given towards a certain and glorious unity of the entire fraternity in the near future.

A unity that must necessarily result in equitable and correct pigeon flying, as laid down in the constitution and by-laws and rules of the League of American Homing Club, and a conducting of the sport on correct lines.

This individual pigeon flying on different dates and under different flying conditions, and the picayune competition that has characterized much of the American sport, will surely fade out of sight, and national honors, will in the near future, be placed where they belong. The laurel wreath which has adorned the diplomas of the past, will unquestionably, attain a higher distinction and deeper significance in the eyes of American flying men, and be valued for itself alone, and the honor it implies, and not for the notoriety it may bring to the winner as a valuable medium for the sale of stock, legitimate though it be, for it will at least possess the virtue now, of having been bravely and equitably gained.

I now call upon all American flying fanciers, to bury all the issues of the past, and to remind those admirers of the League principles that their united membership and presence in the National organization—call it by what name you please—cannot but make itself felt, and become important factors in its future councils.

Remarkable Flying.

On December 28th, Mr. E. W. Birkby, of Leesburg, Va., made the following remarkable fly from the city of Baltimore, Md., under the auspices of the Pigeon show, then in progress at that point. Distance air line 53 miles; time of liberation, 1:03 P. M.; time of arrival 2 P. M., making 53 miles in 57 minutes, or an average speed of 1636.50 yards per minute.

The bird making this fly was a grand Blue Checker cock, bred by Mr. Birkby, its only previous training being from Washington, D. C., which is south-east from Leesburg, while Baltimore is north-east making the fly all the more creditable.

The prize offered by the Pigeon show was \$10, which was won by this youngster, with nearly 1000 yards per minute.

Leesburg, Va.

An Open Letter.

To the Members of the League of American Homing Clubs:

I was entrusted with the proxy vote of the entire League membership in the recent conference between the representatives of League and Federation in Philadelphia towards amalgamation, and as I informed you at its termination did not feel warranted in enrolling you as members of the proposed National organization upon the lines laid down by the Federation committee and representatives at that time. Subsequent negotiation between the adherents of the proposed consolidation (knowing that the great majority of American flying men favored the unity) has, I am very pleased to say, not only rendered the question as possible of solution—but now an assured fact.

In this issue of THE AMERICAN FANCIER is submitted a copy of the rules, etc., which will govern the work during 1894. The rules which are now being remodelled to suit the changes made in the general rules will be published shortly.

The basis upon which an agreement has been reached is found in the concession of the following three points by the Federation representatives:

First—An increase in the Executive Committee to make room for seven representative League men—who will be appointed.

Second—The arrangement of sectional flying so as to prevent the disruption of any club at present established.

Third—The encouragement of sectional flying in competition for distinct hours by the adoption of a rule calling for a meeting of secretaries about three months after the annual meeting to arrange a date for the season's flying from the various distances for old and young birds, with proviso as follows:

If twenty or more fanciers in a district do not want to fly their birds on the dates named by the district meeting, such fanciers in the district shall have the opinion of naming other dates upon which to fly their birds for first-class record.

Any district shall have the power to name two dates provided Sunday has been named and fanciers in the district have objection to flying their birds on that day.

The provision for the naming of two sets of dates is made for the protection of sections in which the fanciers are few in number and a small number are opposed to Sunday flying.

The incorporation of these rules in the by-laws should remove all points of difference between Federation and League.

While individual flying will be allowed the awards for speedy returns which flights will be so insignificant in comparison with those made in sectional competition that it is difficult to imagine a fancier who has the opportunity to fly in competition neglecting the same in order to try his hand alone.

The first-class diplomas go to sectional competition only, and each independently. Now with regard to the title or name of the National organization.

The joint committee had no power to amend the name of the organization, but the committee from the Federation on amending the rules pledged themselves as a committee to recommend to the Executive Committee that the name be so changed that the rules as amended, and the name of the organization be the same as was fully reported by both organizations at the conference—"The National Union of American Homing Pigeon Fanciers," or "The League and Federation of American Homing Pigeon Fanciers," or some such title.

The recent annual meetings of both League and Federation being now passed the name of either cannot now be changed until due notice and at the next annual meetings.

This at first seems to me a serious obstacle and stumbling block towards the successful carrying out of the consolidation. But I am pledged by the Federation President, Treasurer, Secretary and Rec. Secretary, that the change in name will be made at the first meeting that is qualified to make the change.

This seems to be the shortest end to a successful termination of this vexed ques-

tion. There is no backing down on the one side, nor advantage taken upon the other, but only a fair and manly settlement without any friction.

All that I have corresponded with are for consolidation in a kind and fraternal spirit, and that is the feeling of the great majority. Those that are opposed to such means are but an insignificant few, and will be swept aside with indifference.

All that remains now is to forward to Mr. C. H. Jones, Rec. Secretary, to So. Broad street, Philadelphia, Pa., your dues for 1894, one dollar per member, and follow your by-laws. You can also at once order from Mr. Jones the official seamless band for 1894 young birds; money for same to accompany order.

As you are aware the League has duly elected a board of officers for 1894, who will at the earliest possible moment render to its members an official statement and such diplomas due the various sections.

At present this cannot be done owing to the books, stationery, diplomas and necessary detail being still incompetent, and a portion still in the possession of the late Secretary Bowerman, and which from a recent letter to me is claimed as inaccessible, being stowed with his household furniture and effects in Newark, N. J., and through business reverses likely to remain so for a while, himself and family now residing in the East.

There will be no dues collected by the League for 1894, nor any seamless band issued.

In case the unity of Federation and League into one National organization proves successful and satisfactory to all concerned during this 1894 season, then during December, 1894, both organizations will be replaced by the one new National Association of Fanciers.

In case, however, things don't work smoothly during this year on the lines now drawn up, then the friends and supporters of the League of American Homing Clubs can assemble in convention and reorganize for 1895, and aided by the experience of the past three years.

The same equally applies to the followers of the Federation but I anticipate no such serious division in case the points conceded by the Federation are seriously and fully lived up to.

I have nothing further to add beyond to thank you all for the kind and respectful consideration you have always extended to whatever I have advanced for the interests of the sport, and for your proxy vote entrusted to me in the recent conference.

I now leave it with you to enroll yourselves as members of the National organization for 1894, and recommend such membership and seamless bands to you, feeling assured that the gentlemen of the Federation of American Homing Pigeon Fanciers with whom I have been in conference will conscientiously and to the letter carry out all that has been agreed upon between us and for the good of the sport.

If there exists any point upon which you desire information I shall be pleased to explain.

Respectfully and fraternally,
T. FRED GOLDMAN.

832 Herkimer st., Brooklyn, N. Y.

The New Constitution and Rules of the National Association for 1894.

ARTICLE 1. *The object of the Association*—The breeding, training, and flying of Homing pigeons, that the greatest degree of intelligence, speed, and endurance may be developed in the birds.

And that through association intercourse, and fraternity the best methods of breeding, training and shipping birds may be imparted.

Bringing the fanciers of Homing pigeons into a closer fellowship, and instructing the new beginner in the fancy as to the best methods of organizing clubs, procuring reliable strains of birds, and such other information as shall promote the sport and save the novice much loss and vexation.

And through a few plain rules so legislate for both veteran and novice that the sport may be popularized and placed along the front line of American sports.

ARTICLE 2. The affairs of the organization shall be administered by an executive committee consisting of the following officers: president, two vice-presidents, a secretary and treasurer, and race secretary, and nine other members, to be elected at the annual meeting, and whose term of office shall be for one year, or until their successors are elected. The manner of electing these officers shall be as follows: On the second Thursday of December of each year, after the business of collecting dues, the meeting shall immediately proceed to the nomination of officers for the ensuing year, and on the nominations being closed shall proceed to vote for president, two vice-presidents, secretary, treasurer, and race secretary, and nine members of the executive committee, and the persons receiving the highest number of votes for the several offices shall be declared elected for one year, or until their successors are elected.

No person shall be eligible to vote whose dues have not been paid for the ensuing year.

Votes may be recorded by proxy provided the names of the officers to be voted for are plainly written upon the face of the proxy, by the sender of the proxy.

ARTICLE 3. The president shall preside at all meetings and exercise the usual functions of the presiding officer of a deliberative body. In the absence of the president, or his inability to act, the first vice-president shall preside, and in his absence the second vice-president shall preside. The secretary shall conduct the general correspondence of the organization and have the custody of the same; shall keep the minutes of the meetings, and have charge of all matters, books, papers, etc., pertaining to this office; shall keep a correct list of members, and date of their election. The treasurer shall be the custodian of the funds belonging to the organization, and shall pay all the bills and expenses when approved by the executive committee; shall notify members when dues are to be paid, and shall receipt for the same when paid. Shall have books, papers and accounts always open for the inspection of the executive committee or any of its members.

ARTICLE 4. It shall be the duty of the race secretary to have all birds flying for record properly countermarked, to select reliable persons to liberate birds, to receive returns of the same, to make record of the distance flown, rate of speed made, etc., the same to be entered in a book kept for that purpose only, and the same to be subject to the consideration and confirmation of the executive and race committees at meetings conjointly held for that purpose (as provided in Article 8). The race secretary shall receive three-quarters of all sums paid for annual dues for services rendered, and shall keep memoranda of, and be reimbursed for, all amounts paid for stationery, postage, telegrams, etc.

ARTICLE 5. The Federation of American Homing Pigeon Fanciers shall be divided in districts. Each district having full power to frame its own laws for self government, provided such laws do not conflict with the general laws and rules of the organization.

ARTICLE 6. *The formation of districts*—Whenever clubs are established outside of, and not near to a district, such clubs can make application to the race secretary for the formation of a district, giving the number of clubs, total number of members in each club, and such other information as shall give the race secretary a clear understanding of their situation.

Sec. 1. In all applications for the establishment of a district, as many clubs and as much territory should be embraced within the district as practicable, so that race rules from 8 to 11, inclusive, can be fully complied with.

Sec. 2. In regard to the size of a district, more regard should be paid to the number of fanciers within its limits than to its territorial dimensions.

Sec. 3. The race secretary, with the approval of the president, shall have power to establish districts but all applications for the establishment of a district must be made in writing, and all facts fully set forth.

Such application to be filed for future

reference. Should any dispute arise in regard to the formation of a district, such dispute shall be referred to the executive committee and their action shall be final.

Sec. 4. In the event of district lines being formed that shall shut out any member belonging to any club at present established, such member shall have full power to fly his birds in the district in which his club is located.

Sec. 5. On or before the second Monday in March of every year the race representatives of each district shall meet and prepare a race schedule for their district. And whenever there are twenty fanciers who do not want to fly their birds on the day set by the district meeting, such fanciers shall have the option of naming a day on which they will fly their birds for the district diplomas.

Any district shall have power to name two dates for flying their birds for diplomas, provided the district meeting has named Sunday as the day upon which the race is to be flown; so that those objecting to fly birds on Sunday shall have a day to fly their birds for diplomas.

Sec. 6. The race committee elected or appointed by a district shall, in conjunction with the race secretary, have full charge of and manage all races flown for records, and a full report of such races must be made to the national race secretary within twelve days from the day the race was flown or no record of the race will be made on the record book, or diplomas issued in the race.

Sec. 7. The charge of five cents per bird shall not be paid by the district to the race secretary for countermarking, providing that the countermarking, shipping and arranging with liberator is done by the race committee of the district. This applies only to districts that can not be controlled by the race secretary.

ARTICLE 7. *District Diplomas.*—There shall be a line of diplomas issued to each district for the best speed made in competitive flights from 100, 200, 300, 400 and 500 miles, old bird races. Old bird flights to close not later than Aug. 15.

Sec. 1. Also diplomas for best speed from 100, 200, 300, 400 and 500 mile flights for young birds. Such flights for record to close prior to November 1st.

ARTICLE 8. The race committee shall conjointly with the race secretary receive, mark, and ship birds to be flown for record, and shall give instructions to liberators as to time and method of liberating, and such other instructions as will insure prompt, safe, and careful liberation, but in no case shall birds be shipped until a fee of five cents per bird and the express and liberator's charges are paid, the race representative under whose direction the birds are shipped being responsible for the prompt payment of these charges. Provided that so much of the rule relating to the duties of the race secretary shall not be binding upon the members of a district where provision is made for a local race representative.

ARTICLE 9. The executive committee shall have full power to determine all questions in regard to a fair interpretation of the By-laws and Rules of the organization, and conjointly with the race secretary and race committee shall correctly determine all distances flown, speed made, such being final, unless a written appeal be made at the annual meeting. Five members of the executive committee shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE 10. The Executive Committee shall investigate any written report of a member being guilty of dishonorable conduct or fraud, and if it recommends a vote to be taken at the next meeting, the member so offending shall be deprived of the benefits of membership in the organization if a majority of the black balls appear in the ballot.

ARTICLE 11. Any homing pigeon fancier in America in good standing shall be eligible as a member of the organization, provided his application be signed by at least one member of the organization.

ARTICLE 12. Any homing pigeon fancier desiring to become a member of the organization may do so by sending his name and address with one dollar to the secretary, together with the endorsement or signature of a member in good standing. This payment to entitle him to all the privileges of membership from the

date of payment to the time of holding the next annual meeting. Any one desiring to have birds entered upon the register of the organization, or to enter birds for competition, or for record for journeys under organization, or to enter birds for competition, or for record for journeys under organization management must first become a member of the organization.

ARTICLE 13. Each member shall pay to the Secretary in advance \$1.00 per annum as dues; the year to date from the annual meeting of the year. At this meeting no member is to be allowed to vote until his dues for the ensuing year are paid. Any member three months in arrears, after being notified, shall be dropped from the roll.

ARTICLE 14. The regular meeting of the organization shall be held on the second Thursday of December of each year and notice given by the Secretary to each member, and be it known as the annual meeting. At this the officers for the ensuing year shall be elected, the reports of the officers and committees be made, and any business transacted.

ARTICLE 15. Four members of the organization, if it shall include either the president, a vice-president, treasurer, and one other member of the executive committee, shall constitute a quorum at any meeting regularly announced and held, such meeting to be subject to the call conjointly of the president and secretary.

ARTICLE 16. In the event of the organization being dissolved, which it cannot be without a majority vote of the entire membership in favor, the money in the treasury, and whatever may result from the sale of the effects, shall be equally divided among the members.

ARTICLE 17. These By-Laws may be altered or repealed at the annual meeting by a majority vote of the members of the organization, provided the proposed change or repeal be publicly announced in the official paper of the organization at least fifteen days from the date of issue to the date of proposed action and each member notified by the secretary. Thus giving him the opportunity to vote by mail or telegram.

At the annual meeting the order of business shall be as follows: Roll call, addresses and reports of retiring officers and committees, collection of dues, election of officers, unfinished business, new business, adjournment.

ARTICLE 18. A full set of diplomas will be given to the birds making the best speed from 200, 300, 400 and 500 miles during the old bird flying season in non-competitive flights.

ARTICLE 19. *Interstate National Blue Ribbon Diploma.*—There shall be issued annually a full set of Royal Blue National Diplomas to the birds making the best first and second speed from 100, 200, 300, 400, and 500 miles. The records to be made in competitive flights, and, as far as practicable, the 400 and 500 mile flights to be flown in interstate contests in which prizes may be given.

A special Blue Ribbon Diploma to be given to the bird making the best average speed in the 200, 300, 400, and 500 mile competitive races.

A special diploma shall be issued to all birds breaking previous records. Royal Blue Ribbon National diplomas shall be issued for young bird flights from 100, 200, 300, 400, and 500 miles.

In flying birds for Blue Ribbon diplomas, all entries must be plainly marked, *Contest for National Blue Ribbon Diploma.* No fancier can fly his birds more than once from any station in contests for national diplomas. No diplomas can be awarded unless the entry is so marked and forwarded to the race secretary on the day preceding the shipping of the birds.

Race rules will be published later after remodelling to agree with the changes made in By-laws, etc.

Westfield Homing Club.

To THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

At the first meeting of the year 1894 the following officers were elected: Pres., E. B. Woodruff; Vice-Pres., Wm. H. Winter; Treas., Frederick Brunner; Sec'y, George W. Peek, Jr.

The club, I am happy to say, presents a very favorable and flourishing condition, as this is only the second year of its existence. We have laid out a course up to 400 miles, and expect to put 250 birds in training as soon as the weather settles. GEO. W. PEEK, JR., Sec'y. Westfield, N. J., Jan. 6, 1894.

Miscellaneous.

Ringlets Scored.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

I read "Ringlets" on corn in one of your recent issues. It will be a surprise to some to know that all that is required to rear show birds is to give them *no* care, and feed only corn. Of all things I ever saw in a poultry paper that article takes the cake. It's a stunner and I don't know just what he means. Does he want us to understand that choice fowls can clean their own coops, keep their water pure and fresh and dishes clean? Keep themselves free from lice? Cure their own diseases, and grow into fine show birds from chicks, fed on corn *only*? If he can do this he is a dandy. I can't, and I don't believe any one else can. I have seen birds in the show room and in breeder's yards, that I thought had tried the above method, but I didn't want to try it myself. I don't believe that "Ringlets" wants poultry breeders to try the above method; still just what he does mean I am at a loss to know. Corn in its place is all right, but to feed *all* corn is way off. I have bred Brahmas, Cochins and Rocks for about 12 years, and am a heavy feeder of corn in fall, winter and spring, but I watch my birds closely and as soon as any of them get fat, no more corn is fed until fat is worked off. Corn is a bad thing to feed old birds of the Asiatic and American breeds in any quantity; it will ruin them if fed largely. Try it and see. What is a beginner going to do when one man tells him corn is *the* thing to feed his birds, and some one else tells him it won't do at all, and it will ruin his birds if he does? I am not telling what *others* say or what I have read, I am giving *only* my own experience and I have reared birds that won in some of the largest shows in the United States. A breeder and judge once told me he never saw a man that could put birds in a fall fair in as *good* condition as I could. My whole aim has been *condition*; without it *no* birds can win. I give them good care every day in the year, am a heavy feeder of a *variety*. I feed a good deal of soft feed, wet up with milk when possible. Middlings are a great thing with me; it is the *best* of feed on earth to grow chicks. I mix bran and some ground corn and oats with it. As a whole feed wheat is the best thing, then corn next. Understand me, I feed lots of good sound corn to young birds, but to old ones I use it very carefully. If fed too much it will make them fat and good for nothing. I mean here birds after they are *full* grown; you can ruin pullets by getting them too fat as well as hens. Male birds will stand more corn than females without injury. My experience tells me as plain as the nose on your face, that extra *good care all the time*, good feed of a *variety* and good blood tells the whole story. The *best* of blood with poor care *never* will do anything. Am I wrong? After 12 years of hard work; will poor care and nothing fed but corn bring the best of show birds? What say you fanciers? Let us hear from you. This is an interesting subject.

F. M. BRONSON.

Vermontville, Mich., Dec. 12th, '93.

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Your paper brings more inquiries than any paper I have ever advertised in. It improves with each issue. Long may it live.

H. E. BISSELL.

Charleston, S. C., Dec. 31st, '93.

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F. D. FOGLESON.

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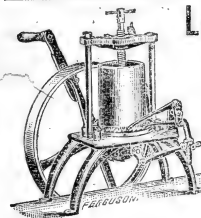
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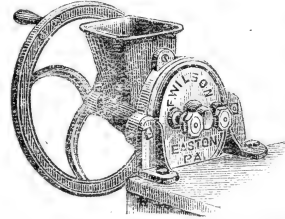
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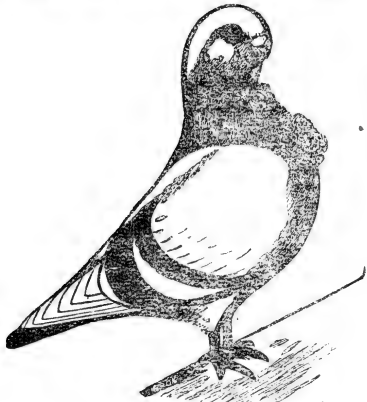
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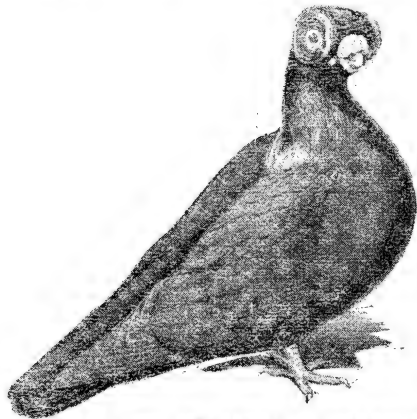
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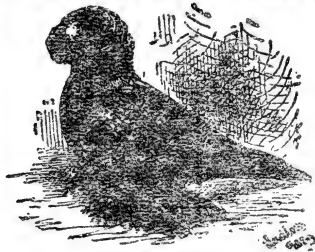


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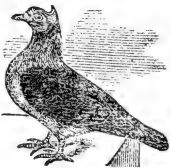
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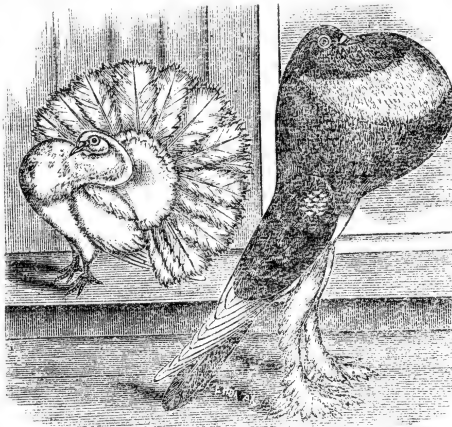
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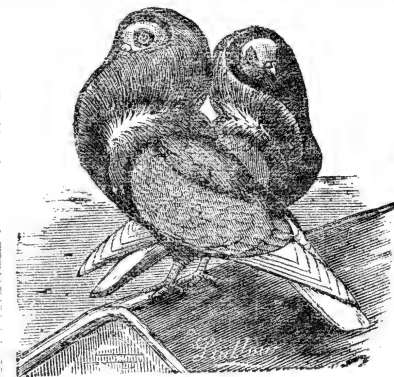
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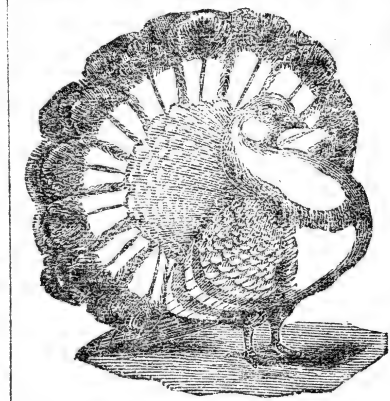
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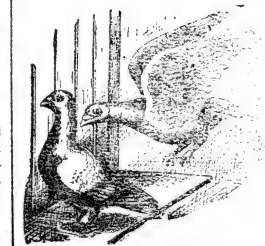
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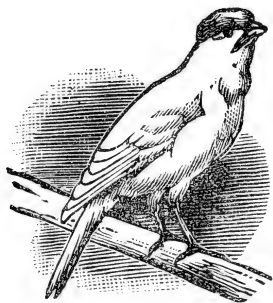
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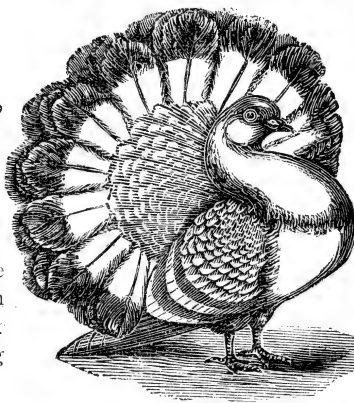
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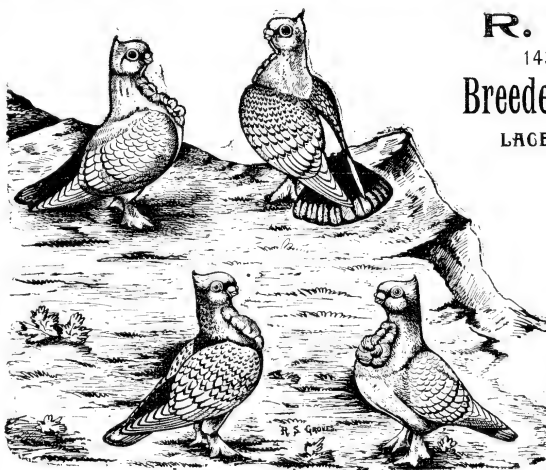
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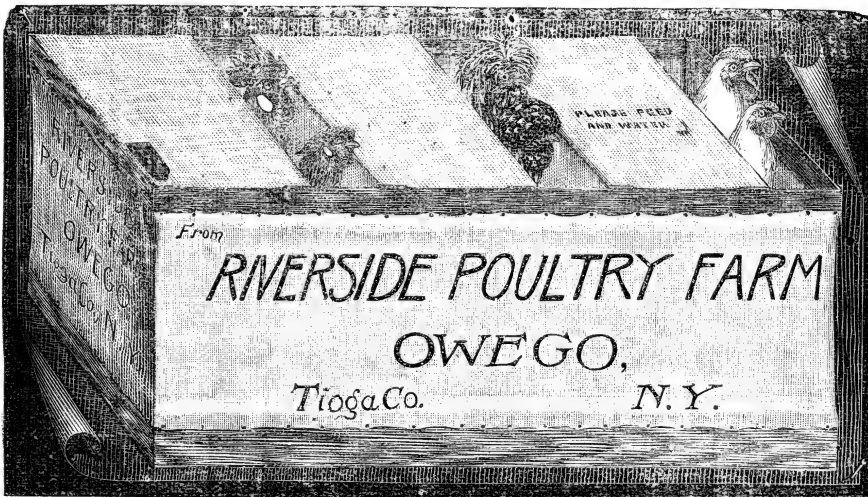
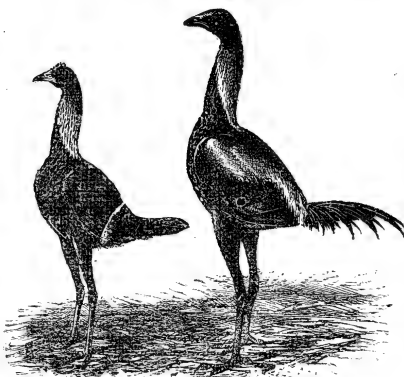
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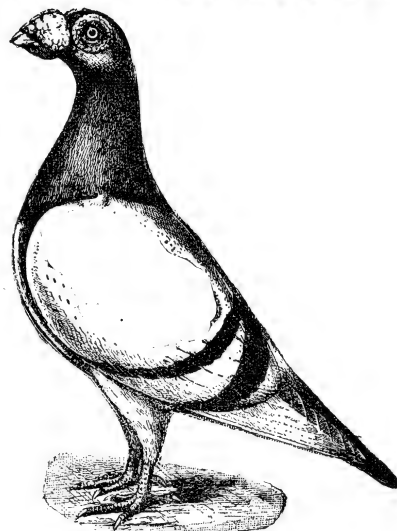
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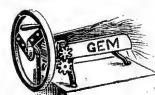
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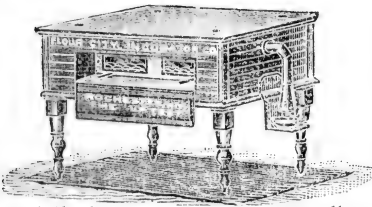
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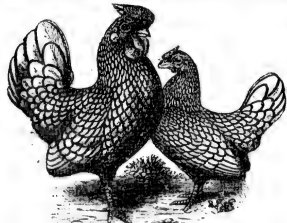
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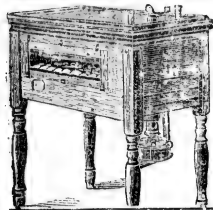
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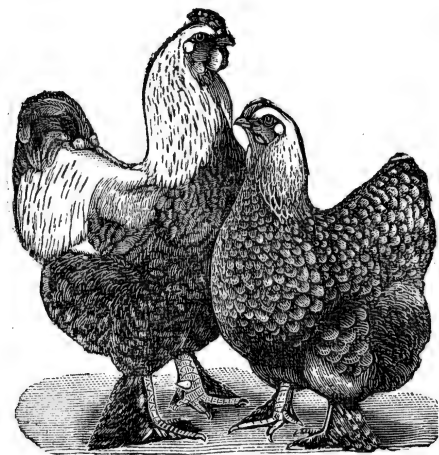
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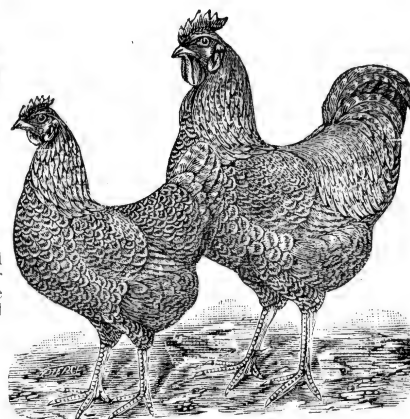
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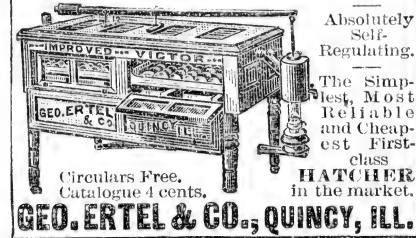
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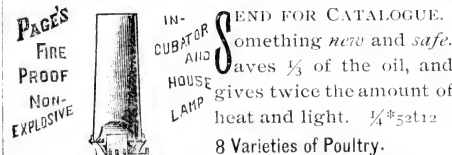
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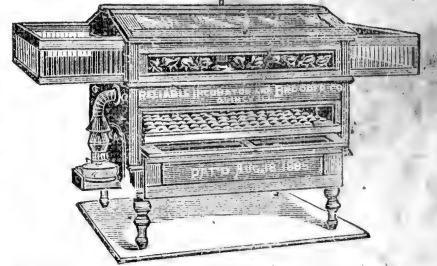
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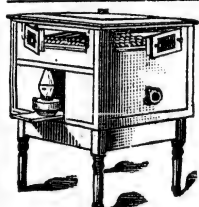
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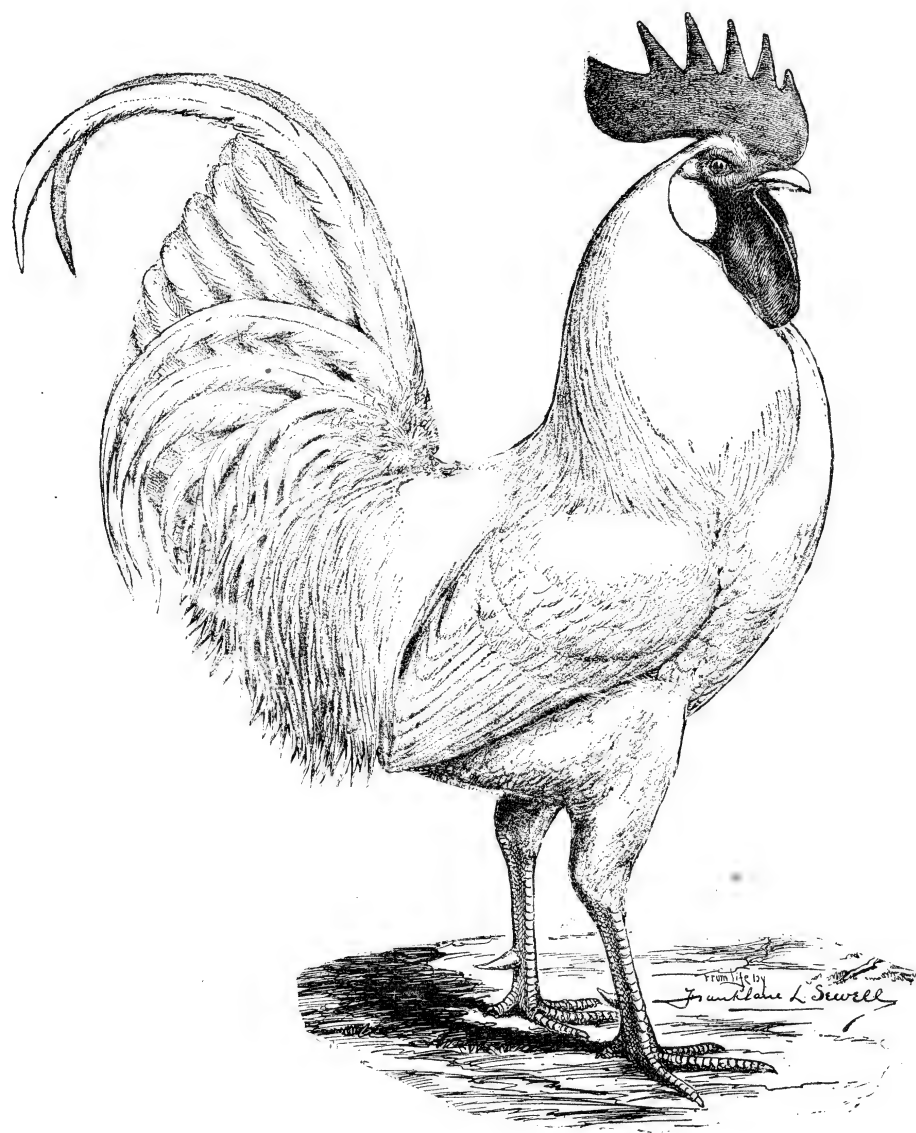
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Show Calendar.

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Jan. 23-25.—Vermilion County Poultry Association, at Danville, Ill. C. E. Ellsworth, P. O. Box 362, Danville, Ill., secretary.

Jan. 23-26.—Pittston Poultry and Pet Stock Association, Amory Hall, Pittston, Pa. J. J. Bryden, secretary.

Jan. 23-26.—New Orleans Fanciers' Club, New Orleans, La. G. W. Seutell, Jr., secretary, P. O. Box 1404, New Orleans, La.

Jan. 23-26.—Port Hope Poultry, Pigeon and Pet Stock Association, Port Hope, Ontario, Can. Joseph Hooper, secretary.

Jan. 23-27.—Harrison Poultry Association, Harrison, O. John C. Small, secretary.

Jan. 25-27.—North Baltimore Poultry Association, North Baltimore, Ohio. G. B. Smith, secretary.

Jan. 30-Feb. 2.—Montreal Poultry and Pigeon Association, Montreal, P. Q., Can. F. W. Molson, secretary.

Feb. 5-10.—The Midcontinental, Kansas City, Mo. J. J. Cassidy, secretary, Box 562, Kansas City.

Feb. 6-9.—Eastern Ontario Poultry and Pet Stock Association, Ottawa, Can. Alfred Geddes, 344 Stewart St., Canada, sec'y.

Feb. 6-18.—Eastern Ohio Poultry Association, New Lisbon, O. C. S. Anglemeyer, secretary, Lenton, Ohio.

Feb. 8-13.—New York Poultry and Pigeon Association, Madison Square Garden, New York City. H. V. Crawford, secretary, Montclair, N. J.

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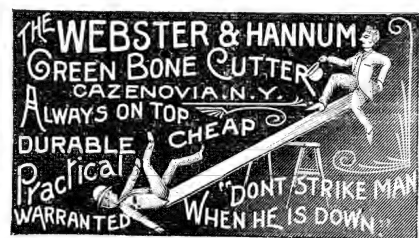
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POULTRY.

From the Editor's Perch.

We received an interesting communi-
cation from H. P. Clarke, in which he
kindly explains the difference between
Campines and Hamburgs, and inti-
mates that if he had been present at the
A. P. A. meeting at Chicago, the "fool
enthusiast" who proposed the Campines
for admission to the Standard, would not
have had such an easy time of it. Mr.
Clarke would have Campines called Sin-
gle Combed Hamburgs.

His communication was intended for
publication in the AMERICAN FANCIER, but
we declined to publish it, for the simple
reason that it was an advertisement for
Mr. Clarke. The latter was to spend the
winter in Belgium and France and kind-
ly offered to purchase Campines and
other French and Belgium fowls for any
or all fanciers who would favor him with
their orders. We have no objection to
any writer who wishes to pitch into any
new breed, provided he does not use his
articles to advertise himself.

As to what Mr. Clarke would have done
had he been present at the A. P. A., is a
matter of little importance. The first
thing such a brilliant and learned writer
and fancier should do, is to join the A. P.
A. The latter is hardly capable of trans-
acting its business, or formulating a
standard without such help as Mr. Clarke
can give. That's the impression we get
when reading H. P. Clarke's communica-
tion.

We have received the information from
headquarters that a young "Ringlets"
has made his appearance at the home of
Edward B. Thompson. The happy father
claims that the youngster yells "blue
bars" already.

The great poultry show at Atlanta,
Ga., was a financial success, thanks to
the good management of its projectors.
The attendance was good, and several
thousand dollars worth of birds changed
hands.

Scott Maxwell, of Vancluse, S. C., was
most successful in disposing of exhibits,
and went home minus three-quarters of
his cock birds. The prices paid in most
instances were large.

A poultry, pigeon, dog and pet stock
show, of tremendous dimensions, will be
held in the fall of 1895, at Atlanta. It
will be held in connection with the great
Southern Cotton Exposition. Some five
million dollars will be subscribed by the
progressive and hustling citizens of At-
lanta, and it is safe to say that the entire
affair will be a success from inception.

One of the officials of the enterprise in-
formed us that, particular pains will be

taken to make the poultry, pigeon, and
dog exhibition the largest ever held. It
is proposed to offer cash prizes on cocks,
cockerels, hens and pullets, amounting to
25 to 50 dollars in each class. The com-
petition will be open to the world,

This will be an opportunity for the best
fanciers in the United States, Canada
and Europe, to come together and furnish
the exhibition with the choicest speci-
mens of the feathered tribe in existence.
As the show will be held in November,
there is no reason why birds should not
be shown in good condition.

Atlanta itself is an attraction. It is
the wonderful city of the great south, and
to-day offers unsurpassed inducements
in the way of hotel accommodations,
besides containing many points of his-
torical interest, beautiful drives, and a
delightful climate.

Macon, Ga., is another city that will
help the poultry industry of the south, to
judge by the remarks of some of its lead-
ing citizens and fanciers. A fine poultry
show is promised for next winter, with
liberal cash prizes.

The value of poultry shows to the south
is attested by the fact, that since the first
great exhibition at Charleston, the qual-
ity of the fowls exhibited has improved
to a remarkable degree, but what is more,
hundreds of new fanciers have sprung
up, and many southern planters are be-
coming interested in practical poultry
culture. We believe it is only a question
of a few years when the south will equal
if not surpass the north in raising fine
poultry.

The advantages of the climate are with
the southern breeder. The winters are
mild and early chickens are easily had.
Hens lay when eggs are high in price,
and it seems to us that the south should
be able to supply thousands of dozens of
fresh eggs to the large cities of the north,
when the hens in the latter section are
battling against blizzards and extreme
cold. There are thousands of acres of
magnificent land to be had in the south
that are well adapted for all kinds of
stock farming, and it is a mystery to us
why so few seekers after new fields should
ignore this section.

The exhibit of Black Langshans at At-
lanta, was the finest we ever saw, and it
is questionable if another such will be seen
in a long time in point of quality. There
was not a poor bird on exhibition. The
three winning cockerels were gems.

We might say the same of the Silver
Wyandottes. These were, with the ex-
ception of the grand class at Philadelphia
last year, the best lot ever shown. Wyand-
ottes are unusually popular in the
south.

Dr. S. T. Lea will probably enter the
second prize cockerel and first prize pul-
let, Langshans, at the New York show.

We understand that Dr. A. T. Beckett
sent a few Barred Plymouth Rocks to
Westchester, Pa., and waltzed off with a
blue ribbon or two. Now that the doctor
has started on Rocks it will do well to
keep an eye on him.

Colonel "Tom" Ware, of East Point,
Ga., the veteran Pit Game breeder thinks

seriously of going to the New York show
in 1895 with a big string of his famous
birds.

The Indian Game is becoming very
popular in the south, and to judge by the
fine exhibit at Atlanta of this breed,
northern breeders will have to look sharp
or they will not "be in it." We never
saw a healthier and stronger lot of Indian
Games than those shown at the show
above referred to.

We regret that P. H. Scudder, one of
the judges at the the Atlanta show, was
taken seriously ill on the first day and
unable to leave his bed. He will remain
in the south under the care of Dr. Tuggle
and hope he will recover his health com-
pletely.

The Poultry Association of Ontario.

To THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

I have sent you under separate cover
by this mail list of prize winners of the
Ontario Poultry show, held at New
Hamburg, Ontario, Canada, on January
1 to 6, 1894.

The following is a synopsis of the
proceedings of the meeting of the
association: C. F. Ernst, Hamburg,
president; Allen Bogue, London, first
vice-president; O. S. Oldrieve, Kingston,
second vice-president; directors, William
McNeil, London; Fred Goebel, Hamburg;
R. E. Kent, Kingston; D. C. Trew,
Lindsay; Thos. Rice, Whitby; M. T.
Burn, Tilsonburg; Wm. Barber, Toronto;
John Colson, Guelph; and John Cole,
Hamilton; Geo. G. McCormick, London,
treasurer; Thomas A. Browne, London,
secretary; H. B. Donovan, Thos. A.
Duff, Toronto, auditors; delegates
Industrial Exhibition, Toronto, Messrs.
J. Dilworth and William Barber.

A very interesting and instructive
meeting was held, at which quite a few
essays and addresses were given by
prominent members of the association.

About 80 members and 100 visitors
were present. The Hon. John Dryden,
Minister of Agriculture for this Province,
and Mr. J. L. Livingston, M. P., were
also present and addressed the meeting
at some length.

A banquet was given to the members
and their friends at the Royal hotel, at
which the honorable gentlemen before
mentioned were present; also Senator
Merner. The guests numbered nearly
one hundred. Speeches, songs, etc.,
were the order of the evening.

It was decided to hold the meeting
again at New Hamburg in 1895.

Yours very truly,

THOS. A. BROWNE, Sec'y.
London, Ont., Jan. 9th, 1894.

America's Leading Show.

To THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

Will you kindly say in your next issue
that the premium list of the New York
Poultry and Pigeon Association is now
ready, and all who have not received
same can do so by addressing the
secretary. H. V. CRAWFORD, Sec'y.
Montclair, N. J.

P. S.—Will you also kindly state that
I will not be an exhibitor in the open
classes for Jacobins. H. V. C.

Burned Out.

To THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

Mr. Rudolph Smidt, one of the largest
Capon breeders of our section, had the
misfortune to be burned out the 2d inst.,
losing over eight hundred Capons and
his entire building, 24 by 300 feet long,
making a loss to Mr. Smidt of some 1,500
dollars, and it was no doubt incendiary.
But Mr. Smidt, being one of those
untiring and enterprising poultrymen,
has decided to rebuild.

JNO. W. FLENNIKEN,
Sec. East Tenn. Poultry Ass'n.
Knoxville, Tenn., Jan. 8th, 1894.

Sternberg's Sallies.

Bright and Pithy Sayings
From the Great West.

BY THEODORE STERNBERG.

[Written For THE AMERICAN FANCIER.]

I see *Partridge Veteran* gently takes me to task for suggesting that the Partridge Cochin be given a separate Standard and a different shape than the Buff Cochin. The fact is I quit breeding Partridges because of this very lack of Cochin feathering. Our judges so generally having made color the chief point, it was quite impossible to win with good shape over anything with color. But more than anything else, I wished to bring out plainly this question of shape and of feather in Partridge and sound breeders on the subject. Get them to express themselves, and let's find out if Partridge breeders themselves wish their birds to be fuller feathered or not. The whole thing is in the hands of breeders. The breeders should form a club or come into our Cochin Club of America, which favors ample feather in all Cochins, and by making a stand for feather, judges will be compelled to come to the breeders.

One thing is certain, there can be no more magnificent show bird than a 13 pound broad chested, full feathered orange hackle and saddle, Partridge Cochin cock. The reference to the late lamented Mr. Crosby touched me. I too knew him, but only by letter. Mr. Crosby was one of the very first of the really prominent breeders of Cochins to write me and thank me for the stand I had taken for the full feathered Cochin. He wanted all the feathers which could be got and preferred to have his culls, culls, because of vulture hock than culls, because of too scanty feathers.

A friend writes me and asks me to criticise the address of Mr. Felch, before the Rhode Island society and published in THE AMERICAN FANCIER. Now there are some things in that address I agree with; for instance I firmly believe in the crossing of two kinds of thoroughbreds as being good business for the market poulterer, but these cross breeds should never be bred from. Then again as the editorial extract puts it, Mr. Felch is a genius, and we all know geniuses are not to be measured by the same rules other men are to be measured by. Mr. Felch has the genius of making statements of which he has no bottom knowledge whatever. He never bred full feathered Cochins. He cannot personally know whether they be less prolific in egg than scanty feathered ones. He has never made any personal experiments as to the effect of hock feather on egg production or on the grain of the meat, but being a genius, he assumes that to be true, which he does not know to be true, and which other men as good as Mr. Felch, know to be untrue, but these other men not being geniuses, their practical personal knowledge don't count.

Therefore Mr. Felch starts with an assertion, begs the whole question and by his genius stamps as a fact, that which is not a fact. When these little pleasantries of Mr. Felch are shown up, he claims to be personally attacked and his gushing friends answer for him that he is a genius, and is not to be called down while he is chiseling. Now this whole question of feather and its effect or non effect on the productive qualities of fowls, Mr. Felch and myself fully debated in the *Fanciers' Journal*, verdict against Felch, so far as this question is concerned. Mr. Felch has added nothing new to the subject in his Rhode Island address, he has simply reiterated what he said before and I answered him. Mr. Clemens of Ohio in a little side tilt with Mr. Felch, stated that his English Brahmas kept side by side with Felch Brahmas, out-laid the Felch. This is the statement of a fact, but Mr. Clemens not being a genius his fact don't stand a minute with the bare, naked assertion of one who never bred an English Brahma, nor does my statement of a simple truth, that my English Cochins lay vastly better than any Ameri-

can Cochin of the type Mr. Felch admires, I ever owned, go for anything when confronted by the bare assertion, the hearsay testimony of an acknowledged genius who chisels.

Mr. Felch has the genius of putting into his antagonist's mouth words he never used; of putting his opponent on ground he never occupied, and then laughing his aforesaid opponents to scorn and of tearing his substitutions into metaphorical fragments. Mr. Felch says: "My warfare is only against the extremists who are striving to make vulture hocks a feature." No one but a genius could make such a statement. No Cochin fancier is trying to do that. At no time even in the heat of the Cochin controversy did I occupy any such position, but on the contrary, time and again I repudiated it. This Mr. Felch knows, but being a genius he is not bound by anything but the imaginary facts of his own creation.

I once read of a man who testified that a horse was sixteen feet high. When asked if he did not mean sixteen hands high, he asked, "Did I say sixteen feet?" Upon being assured by the court that he did, he stoutly replied them, "be gorra, I'll stick to it." I have always thought that that man was a genius, for an ordinary man would have admitted his mistake. And then there was that famous lady who kept saying scissors, scissors, until the end. This whole Cochin business is amusing.

Mr. Felch, for some reason peculiar to himself has taken a certain position and he will stick to it to the end, meanwhile the Cochin fancy will go on as usual, and breed their beautiful full feathered birds and sell them also to those who admire beauty, unmindful of and in open contempt of Mr. Felch and his pet hobbies, and the future antiquarian, in looking up antique inscriptions on the walk of Cochin literature, will come to one of these chiselings of Mr. Felch, and upon submitting the hieroglyphic stone to the Tittlebat society for decipherment, the antiquarian world will be wild over the valuable discovery, until some plain practical man shall come along and point out that it is only another case of Bil Stamps, his mark.

In regard to Standard changes, the position of Mr. Felch is untenable. If a Standard is to be like the laws of the Medes and Persians unalterable, then the first Standard of the A. P. A. should be the unaltered Standard of to-day. For if the principle be correct, it was correct when the first Standard was adopted. Now Mr. Felch does not now, and never did, believe in his own rules he so solemnly enunciates. I have before me many of the annual reports of the meetings of the A. P. A. These reports are full of suggested changes in the Standard made by Mr. Felch, changes which were adopted and made Standard. No longer ago than the Charleston meeting, Mr. Felch as chairman of the committee on changes in the Standard, reported a large number of changes which were adopted and the laws of the Medes and Persians did not bother Mr. Felch at all. One is forced to the conviction, that all Mr. Felch means by a Standard like the laws of the Medes and Persians, unalterable is, except by Mr. Felch, he being a genius can safely chisel at it.

A Standard should not be easily or rashly altered, but as fast as it is discovered that it needs amending, it should be amended. New breeds should be admitted whenever proper. Now all that was done at Chicago was similar in character to former actions of the society on the recommendation of Mr. Felch. Of course Mr. Felch in this Rhode Island address had to run in an advertisement for his decimal card; he would have been a chump and not a genius if he had neglected his opportunity and I have yet to hear the charges made against Mr. Felch, that he ever was known even in the highest flights of his genius to neglect Felch.

Mr. Felch wishes to see every fancier a market poulterer and *vice versa*. Now

this is simply impossible. The great body of fanciers are those who have other avocations in life, who turn to the fancy for pleasure, for rest, for recreation, and to them beauty to the eye is the main thing for which they keep fowls. To such the rules suitable alone to the market poulterer are of no value.

It is from this great class of fanciers that the poultry press, that the whole fancy poultry interests as such, receive their entire support. These men have tastes and feeling, likes and dislikes, which no one but a genius would trample on. They have the right to follow their fancies for fancies' sake without insult, and they will not stand patiently for genius to chisel on them.

I had hoped that this whole subject which Mr. Felch and I have fully discussed before could rest. I am sorry Mr. Felch could not have made his address without stirring up the old embers, but he has seen fit to use that occasion to run in on the Rhode Islanders his old writings. He should have given them something new. He is capable of it. There is another thing. I ask the fancy this question—Do you note the tones of contempt towards all who do not agree with Mr. Felch running all through this Rhode Island address? I will give a chromo to anyone who will find a paragraph, a sentence, yes a word, in all of Mr. Felch's published writing, which treats with the slightest respect the views and opinions and experiences of any one who differs from Mr. Felch. I have on more than one occasion taken especial pains to speak highly of certain characteristics of Mr. Felch which I admire. In fact on one subject I feel very warmly towards him. His repeated attacks on the full feathered Cochins has called the attention of discerning minds towards them to that extent, that the full feathered beauties have paid the mortgage which was on my house. There may be those who can appreciate this, if so they will agree with me when I say that I always touch my hat to the Cochin with the crinoline.

And yet sometimes I do feel that a letter from one of the oldest and most respected judges of poultry in the land received this morning, states the truth when it says, "Felch has done much good to poultry, but he has done more harm."

I note that a son of the Sage of Natick, never heard of Silver Campines. There is possibly several things in this world the aforesaid son never heard of, but that don't do any harm to the Campines. They never heard of Felch & Son. If Felch read French, and subscribed to the *Mentor Agricole*, a large and well supported poultry paper published at Antwerp, Belgium, he would not have been so ignorant. Belgium is a country in Europe. It can be found on the map, so possibly it may be assumed that there is such a place, even if young Felch never saw it, or heard of it. Well, if young Felch had read the poultry literature of the European continent, he would have learned that the Silver Campine was a thoroughbred fowl, bred so before he was hatched and thoroughbred before the senior Felch broke the shell. That it has a written Standard. But I'll admit the one who only reads Felch, while he will read a vast number of pages, will have but a limited vision of what is going on outside the Felch family. But of course matters outside of that are of no moment. The Campine is a useful fowl. It is a handsome fowl, and it can get along without the help of any of the Felch brood.

A Correction.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

Please correct the awards in your next issue on Black Tail Japanese Bantams at Canajoharie show. You should have said: Hen, 1st, cockerel, 1st, B. W. Mosher, Johnstown, N. Y.

B. W. MOSHER, JR.
Johnstown, N. Y., Jan. 9, 1894.

KEPT BUSY ANSWERING LETTERS.
Will send copy for change of ad. soon. Have been too busy answering letters from customers the result of advertising in THE AMERICAN FANCIER.
JAS. E. HAZARD.
Elmira, N. Y., Nov. 21, 1893.

The Ontario Show.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

The twentieth annual exhibition of the Ontario Poultry Association was held at New Hamburg on January 1st to 6th. It was, without question, the most successful winter exhibition ever held in Canada. The Ontario is the oldest association holding annual exhibitions in America. It is the New York show of Canada, and it is satisfactory to note that there was a considerable increase in the entries over last year.

The building in which the show was held was not at all adapted to the purpose; the roof was too low and the light very poor.

Mr. Fred. Goebel was superintendent, and discharged his duties to the satisfaction of all. He worked hard to keep the birds well watered and fed, and so far no complaint has been made of the manner in which his department was managed; he had a good word for all.

The judges on poultry were, Messrs. Sharpe Butterfield, Windsor; T. H. Smelt, Woodstock; L. G. Jarvis, London; on pigeons and pet stock, Mr. I. B. Johnson, Toronto. With the exception of the Games and Bantams the poultry was all scored.

The annual meeting of the association was held on the afternoon of Thursday the 4th January, the president Mr. L. G. Pequegnat, in the chair. There was a large attendance of members from all parts of the province. In addition a number of spectators graced the meeting by their presence. Valuable papers were read by Messrs. J. E. Meyer, Kossuth; G. G. McCormick, London; C. J. Daniels, Toronto; C. F. Ernst, New Hamburg, and others. These essays were discussed at considerable length by the members present, and much useful information imparted. It would, I think, be well if other associations would set apart a day for the reading and discussion of essays as much good could be done by hearing well-known breeders give their experience and knowledge; there is no better place to do this than at a large exhibition.

Addresses were delivered by the Hon. John Dryden, Provincial Minister of Agriculture; John D. Moore, M. P. P., and Messrs. Bogue, Plumb, Dilworth and others which were well received.

Hon. M. Dryden was warmly received. He opened his address by congratulating the association upon the success they had achieved as breeders and exhibitors at the World's Columbian Exposition. He said it was now an established fact that Ontario held a foremost rank in this regard, as well as in many other of her products. He pointed out, however, that the common poultry of the province was very far below the standard of these exhibition birds. It was badly bred; badly housed, and badly looked after, and, as a general rule, brought in very bad returns as well. He said that the end and aim of the association was not attained merely by the holding of an exhibition of prize poultry, useful as that undoubtedly was. As head of the Department of Agriculture in the province, he had the interests of the farmer prominently before him. He wished to see the average poultry product of the country improved, and that could be brought about only by the infusion of superior blood, such as was to be seen at these shows.

But before any advancement could be made in this direction, it was necessary, he said, that the interest of the farmers should be aroused—that they should become more enthusiastic for the improvement of their poultry. He said it was the office of that association to awaken that interest, and that it could be done in two ways; first, by the inspiration that the association's annual show must create, and secondly by the dissemination among the farmers of the association's report through the department.

No one who was at all interested in poultry could see such a splendid display of birds as these exhibitions brought together, without it being an incentive to him to improve his own stock. These exhibitions, therefore, presented to the farmer and poultry raiser the ideal that he must strive to attain to, and without which but little progress could be made.

In order that the farmer might be successful in his efforts to improve his poul-

try it was necessary that he should have sufficient information on the subject at his command. This, Mr. Dryden said, he was anxious to supply through the medium of the report that the association presented to his department. To be useful this report should contain the papers and essays read at the annual meeting by the members of the association on all subjects connected with poultry raising, and also the discussions thereon.

Just as much care and attention, Mr. Dryden said, should be exercised by the farmer in the management of his poultry as would be devoted to the other stock of the farm. Improvement should be aimed at by the judicious selection of birds most suitable for the purpose intended. They should be properly housed, carefully attended to, and given such food as would bring about the most satisfactory results. This was the kind of practical kind of information the farmer wanted—information that those present had at their finger ends, and could readily be elicited through discussion and interchange of opinions.

By these means he hoped to be able to stimulate the poultry industry, and then increase the wealth of the farmer, the poultry breeder and the province as a whole.

Mr. Dryden then adduced statistics to show the present dimensions of the industry, and pointed out to the meeting its future possibilities. He said many people considered it a small matter and altogether unworthy of attention, but he assured his hearers that it was already too great to remain unnoticed, and was worthy of the best efforts that could be put forth to advance it and develop it still further.

At the close of Mr. Dryden's address there was keen bidding for the next annual exhibition, the competing places being New Hamburg, Guelph and Port Hope. On the third ballot New Hamburg was again selected as the place for holding the exhibition of 1895.

The election of officers resulted as follows:

President, C. F. Ernst, New Hamburg; First Vice-President, A. Bogue, London; Second Vice-President, G. S. Oldrieve, Kingston. Directors, Messrs. William McNeil, London; F. Goebel, New Hamburg; D. C. Trew, Lindsay; M. T. Burn, Tilsonburgh; W. Barber, Toronto; Thomas Rice, Whitby; John Cole, Hamilton; R. E. Kent, Kingston, John Colson, Guelph. Delegates to Industrial Exhibition, Messrs. J. Dilworth and W. Barber, Toronto. Delegates to Western Fair, Messrs. J. H. Saunders and G. G. McCormick, London. Auditors, Messrs. H. B. Donovan and Thomas A. Duff, Toronto.

A meeting of the newly-elected board of directors was held after the annual meeting when Mr. T. A. Browne, London, was again elected secretary, and Mr. G. G. McCormick, London, treasurer.

The New Hamburg Poultry Association tendered the visiting exhibitors a banquet in the evening, at which about 150 sat down and partook of an elegant spread. Short and pithy speeches, songs and recitations were the order of the evening. It was well on in the "we sma' hours" when the gathering broke up.

Considerable discussion was indulged in by the exhibitors relative to showing at New York in February, but no definite conclusion was arrived at. I understand, however, that Messrs. McNeil, Bogue, McCormick, McCurdy, Goebel, Barber and Duff have the matter under their consideration, and it is not unlikely that there will be a fair Canadian exhibit.

BROWN RED:

The following report is from the pen of Sharp Butterfield:

The 20th Ontario show has passed and gone, and it was considered by far the best collection of birds ever brought together in Canada. And from my own memory, for I have judged at the Ontario show since its inception, I must say I have noticed the classes of birds, and the improvement is so marked that one would almost think he was at Crystal Palace or Birmingham show, and nearly in every class there were birds which would not pass unnoticed even at those two leading shows of England. Of course, the American Light Brahma and the English Light Brahma, according to American and English fanciers, are much

at variance. While we don't require the heavy leg and toe feathering our cousins do, nor yet the length and fluffiness of feather and short backs; still, mine eyes have become so educated that I think I see more beauty in a first class American Light Brahma than I do in our cousins' type. The American Light Brahma has filled the bill for a long time as the best general purpose fowl in this country, and at present may not be in the lead, but still it maintains its popularity amongst fanciers, that its beauty is worth quite a consideration, while the English Brahma would require considerable more care to keep the feet and leg feathering in show shape, and probably would not be so good for practical purposes, and still to be an A No. 1 Light Brahma the feet require graceful middle toe feathering, which hides the toe, and which adds finish to our artistic Brahma. All the winning Light Brahmas were really grand specimens, especially the first prize cock and hen. The cock lacked foot feathering and would have been better if the striping in neck ran higher up towards the head, and a little heavier striping would make him rank pretty high. The first hen was a model Light Brahma, with no Cochins cushion or fluff. Her plumage was grand, the white as white as snow, no creamy tinge, though she is not standard requirements for flights, but has got a really good wing, so good that several judges have scored her one for wing; tail just about perfect in color, with beautiful black tail coverts and finely banded; her hackle very glossy and well defined, but feathers hardly pointed enough or would call it a perfect neck. What a lovely low comb, with distinct serrations; had to cut one because was not standard size. But, oh! her feet; of course it would take a lady's foot to be more perfect. Second was a good hen, but more after the English type, too loose in feather. Third a grand hen, but a little lighter in tail and not so good in neck; still they looked like three sisters, for they were all full in breast and body and beautiful concave sweep from shoulders to tail. Oh! if George Purdue had been there, he would have talked of entering an action for infringement of tail and tail coverts. The first cockerel was a very large young bird and so much resembled first prize hen that one would feel sure it was his dam. The second prize cockerel the most perfect model I ever passed upon. Had his neck been a little heavier in the black striping I could have pronounced it perfect; tail was an ideal both in color and shape, and probably as perfect coverts as we shall ever see. Third prize cockerel grand in surface color, but not so good in shape of body and breast, nor yet so good in hackle and tail, and lacked finish in foot feathering, still a good bird. Several fairly good birds had to be left out of the prizes.

Dark Brahmas.—First prize cock a beautiful bird both in shape and color, and he lacked for want of more dense striping in hackle and saddle, but the whiteness of his plumage was very fine. Same fault with the second and third prize birds. I only noticed one bird with any red in wing, and that one was very slight. The hens, especially first prize hen, was grandly pencilled all over, and the pencilling ran well up in throat. Second prize hen good, but much smaller in appearance. Third prize hen a good hen, but lacking in size. I noticed one cockerel with a crooked back, so had to disqualify him. One of the standers by said that was first prize cockerel at the World's Fair. I said it might not have been so prominent then as now, and the cockerel got the benefit of the doubt. First, second, and third looked much alike in color, but the best developed birds got the premiums. First pullet was grand surface color, lacked evenness of pencilling on back, but she was good Brahma shape and nicely furnished feet. Second prize pullet a grand young bird, but the pencilling on breast was cloudy and near the throat looked like small spangles. Third prize pullet was grandly pencilled, but lacked ground color. I am sure the Dark Brahma class, as a whole, was the best I ever judged at the Ontario show, and about the most of that variety.

Buff Cochins.—First and second cocks in great shape; both looked as if they

had come from some first class milliner, for the length of tail coverts was so immense that one would think they had cut a few feet of ribbon too much and they were bound to use it up, so they used it on coverts and sickles, and the color was one better than the standard. It was a rich, clear, deep golden buff, with immense foot and leg feathering. Third prize bird good, but much shorter in feather. The first and second prize hens were immense in size and very sound in color—just about standard color. They were clear buff, with grand Cochins shape. Third prize hen a good bird a year or two ago, but too small to go into such large and good company. First prize cockerel similar to the 1st and 2nd prize cocks in every particular. The 2nd and 3rd prize cockerels were great birds to score for color, and if they had been more massive in appearance I think I should have had to award three first prizes. I noticed a beautiful model for a Cochins cockerel, but most of his tail was gone, which marred his beauty. Pullets, 1st, 2d, and 3d, large and about perfect in color, and there is not much wanting in them, only a little higher in cushion would make them nearer perfection. Oh! if Theodore Sternberg had been at New Hamburg he would have spent one day sure looking at the Buffs, for I am sure our Ontario show never held so many good ones before.

Partridge Cochins.—Cocks made rather a poor showing, still there was one pretty good old cock, but the remainder only medium. Cockerels much better. First prize bird the best in shape, but a little too dark in color. The best colored cockerels were lacking in shape, hence had to take second and third places. Hens, one fairly good old hen, balance of class only medium. Pullets, 1st was a grand shaped Cochins and was well pencilled on cushion, and that is nearly always a weak place in Partridge Cochins. Second and third good pullets, but not distinct enough. I noticed quite a lot of light shafting on a good many of the pullets' breasts, and one pullet I had to disqualify for vulture hocks, a very unusual thing in Partridge Cochins, but no doubt bred to our Partridge Cochins it will help us much in getting good leg and toe feathering. Though she be disqualified for vulture hocks, she is worth much more than a bare middle toed Cochins, for in the New Standard bare middle toe on Cochins is a disqualification, and ought to have been so always. I think we find to-day that the Partridge suffers more for light leg and toe feathering than any other Cochins.

Black Cochins.—Cocks were fairly good. The prize winning cocks very high in color and very good in shape, and while one had almost too much feather on legs and feet the other one was lacking; still quite an improvement as a whole. Hens, first prize hen was rich in color and very large, but almost getting too old to do much winning, and if a little higher in cushion would take a real good one to beat her. Second and third prize hens looked small compared to her, still they were better in shape but not so high in color. Cockerels, the winning cockerels were good in shape and very highly colored, but lack looseness of feather, still they were good birds and may yet develop, for they looked quite young. Pullets, the same about them as cockerels, 1st, 2d, and 3d all very much alike. Taking the Blacks as a whole, they were much higher colored birds than we usually see.

White Cochins.—First prize cock Cochins all over and pearly white plumage, with grand leg and toe feathering, and if larger in size would be hard to beat. Second prize cock not so good in shape, but very fair in color. Hens, first prize hen Cochins from feet up, but lacks size. Second very good; third fairly good in size, but lacks Cochins shape. First prize cockerel a good Cochins, but loses all over for color, being of a yellowish tinge. Second prize cockerel much better in color, but away off in shape. First prize pullet, I think I judged her at the World's Fair, and Mr. Sternberg made the remark that she was Cochins from feet up. She is certainly a gem, neat head, short in neck, and grand in breast and back shape. Second prize pullet very similar, and third prize pullet close up. Third was not quite so good in beak

color as the other two, but she was really fine.

Barred Plymouth Rocks.—74 in number makes quite a Plymouth Rock display. First prize cock a very good bird, with a nice medium sized comb, but lacked enough serrations; still he was a really good bird except deficiency in tail, being short of barring, his breast was very even and very straight in barring, each feather ending with a nice bar. Second prize cock was a good bird all over excepting breast, being a little on the light side, tail very good for an old cock. Third prize cock very evenly barred, but the bars did not run so parallel as first and second. In most old cocks their weakness lays in tail color, and in balance of class showed their tail was the worst deficiency. Hens, first prize hen was very straight in barring and very clear in color, and showed none of the brown tinge so commonly seen on Plymouth Rocks; she would have been better if black bars had been a little narrower. Second prize hen very similar, but not so clean in color. Third prize hen grand in barring, but whether from age or being out of condition her feathers showed a slight brownish tinge. There were lots of good barred hens, but the greatest fault lay in the brown and grey tinges. Cockerels, first prize cockerel grand in shape, nice comb, and probably one of the best barred birds in Canada, barred right to the skin, and as parallel in barring as was ever seen on a Plymouth Rock cockerel. If he keeps healthy and well, he is a bird that will often be heard of when shown. Second prize cockerel probably the best combed bird in the show, about perfect in body, back, and tail shape, but too light on surface color, still very parallel in barring, and from outside appearances don't look near the first prize cockerel. Third prize cockerel a very similar bird to first prize, but lacked the cleanness of surface color the first prize bird possessed and not so good in comb. A good many nice cockerels I noticed, and birds their owners need not be ashamed of though they did not win. Pullets, probably the best one of the three winners was the third prize one, but the cockerel had so mused and broke her back feathers that she got a cut of one more than she ought to have had had her back feathers not been damaged. However, first prize pullet was right up, and having lost one for weight she had to make the weight or might have been very near a dead heat. I think there were three or four in the 92 1-2 class, and on looking them over by comparison it was a hard matter to tell which was the best or which to give the preference. The same can be said of the pullets as has been said of hens. Lots of good ones left out, some showing the brown and others the greyish tinge instead of bluish tinged plumage.

In Games, the first prize Black Red cock away ahead, probably one of the best cocks ever shown in Canada. What a pleasure to look at him. The moment he caught your eye he became a statue. His neck would straighten out and his eye would look you right in the eye, with his wings tucked up to his body, his tail like a whip, and his great breast and the wing fronts quite prominent, and his stern was so well cut away that it seemed it was made to be in harmony with his tail; he was a beauty. Second a fairly good bird, and same the third. First prize hen one of the grandest of bodies, nicely cut away in stern, and tucks her wings grandly to her body, fine in tail, a little on the short side in leg and head, but a grand, good colored Black Red hen. Second prize hen not as good. Third prize hen was getting too short on leg, but she had grandly shaped breast and body. I think I made a mistake on hens. One unnoticed hen ought to have been second, which belonged to Mr. Main, and but for the light been so bad I don't think it would have occurred. I noticed in looking over my awards to see if they were all right the second day after judging, that the hen mentioned had only one bad fault, and that was her wings crossing on her back. Cockerels, first prize cock's description would suit him all over, only cockerel was not quite so good in color. Second prize cockerel lacks breast and body shape and too long in back, and not hard enough in feather. The third very similar to second. In

pullets, first prize a gem. Same description of her as about the first cock and cockerel. I think her the best pullet I have ever judged. Second and third prize pullets both narrow in breast compared to the first prize one, still rare good pullets, but legs too slender. Golden Duckwings much better than last fall. I saw some new faces which will make quite a mark, health permitting. I liked the second prize cock better than the first, but he had not got quite over his sea sickness. First prize hen very good in style, reachy, and good color. Second fairly good hen, but lacks breast. Third very similar. Cockerels and pullets were really grand, and even some of them that did not win will probably win some other day or produce winners. Pyles nothing remarkably good; fair to medium. Brown Reds, one grand old cock; the others fairly good. Hens, first prize hen right up. I noticed one hen. I have placed a great many first prizes on her coop. Her legs are getting played out, and she has to give way to something younger. Cockerels, first prize just about as high as he ought to go. Pullets very good both in color and style, and had they been in better light and on a lower tier I could have been more explicit.

In Game Bantams quite a lot of new faces in chicks, and some really good ones won the prizes. In Black Red cocks the second prize cock should have been first but for his mottled breast and body. Second prize cock quite as small, but lacked style. Third prize cock close up. First, second, and third prize hens real good ones, excepting third prize being a little dark in color of back and wing. Cockerels and pullets, cockerels not hardly finished their plumage, otherwise good; lots of style and fashion. First prize pullet a little too thick in stern, and second prize pullet should have won but she had a slight concave back. Third prize a gem, but a little off in color. Duckwings, first and second both good birds, and third not so good in color. Hens, all the winners were good in color and style. First Duckwing cockerel a walk over both in color and make up. Second a good bird, but lacked in wing and back color. Third lacks style. The three winning pullets all good, and will be heard of later. Brown Reds, old birds pretty good. Chicks, first prize cockerel being more developed caused him to win over the second, though, if all goes well, the second will take the first place later. Pyles, the 1st, 2d, and 3d prize birds all about equal, and with different judges would probably all get first in their turn. Pullets, winners all good ones.

In Hamburgs, the most good birds ever seen together on this Continent. The World's Fair was not in it on Hamburgs, though probably one-half of them won first prizes there.

Spanish, a really grand class both in old and young, and lots to choose from. Polands, ever getting better, and lovers of Polands can see them at New York, where all will exclaim they never saw so good before.

White Plymouths grand in color, but probably not so good in shape, still lots of grand birds to choose the winners from.

Leghorns right up in G, and many good birds could not get the red tickets. Langshans in great force, and I would like some of our Langshan breeders to try their strength in New York.

Wyandottes, all had birds of great merit, especially Golden cockerels, of which several had perfect striped saddle feathers without any mousing and very distinct in striping, and grand, well opened, even breasts.

Houdans, heavy classes and show a marked improvement. I might say the poorest specimens would have been called good ones a few years ago. Premiums will show those who got the lion's share.

In Ornamental Bantams, suffice to say when Mr. McNeil and Richard Oke meet there is always a strong tussle for supremacy, and it always takes good ones to get first places.

The following are the awards:

BARRED PLYMOUTH ROCKS.—Cock (9), 1st 92½, J. E. Bennet, Toronto; 2d 91½, 3d 90½, hen (17), 1st 93, Haycock & Kent, Kingston; 2d 92½, Hiram Bander, Niagara Falls; 3d 91, Bennet, Cockerel (25), 1st 93½, Haycock & Kent; 2d 92, Bander; 3d 91½, E. H. Donnelly, Sandwich. Pullet (23), 1st 92½, T. A. Duff & Co., Toronto; 2d 92½, Donnelly; 3d 92½, Haycock & Kent.

WHITE PLYMOUTH ROCKS.—Cock (7), 1st 94½, Bender; 2d 92½, H. H. Wallace, Woodstock; 3d 92½, W. H. Reid, Kingston. Hen (11), 1st 97, Wallace; 2d 96½, 3d 95½, Bender. Cockerel (18), 1st 96, 2d 95½, Thomas Rice, Whitty; 3d 94½, Bender. Pullet (17), 1st 97, 2d 97, Rice; 3d 96½, Geo. Bogue, Strathroy.

SILVER WYANDOTTES.—Cock (6), 1st 93½, J. E. Meyer, Kossuth; 2d 91, J. K. Katzeminer, Hamburg; 3d 91, hen (8), 1st 92½, Meyer; 2d 92½, S. M. Clemo, Guelph; 3d 92, Meyer. Cockerel (11), 1st 94½, G. Bogue; 2d 93, 3d 93, pullet (12), 1st 95, 2d 94½, 3d 93½, Meyer.

GOLDEN WYANDOTTES.—Cock (5), 1st 92½, Haycock & Kent; 2d 92, 3d 89½, Thomas H. Scott, St. Thomas. Hen (4), 1st 92½, 2d 92½, 3d 91, Haycock & Kent. Cockerel (9), 1st 93½, Scott; 2d 94, Haycock & Kent.

BLACK WYANDOTTES.—Cock (2), 1st, hen (4), 1st, Duff & Co.; 2d, 3d, Webber & Robertson, Guelph. Pullet (2), 1st, 2d, Duff & Co.

WHITE WYANDOTTES.—Cock (4), 1st 95½, 2d 92½, Geo. G. McCormick, London; 3d 90, E. B. Cale, Stratford. Hen (9), 1st 95½, Haycock & Kent; 2d 95, 3d 94½, cockerel (6), 1st 96, 2d 96, 3d 94, pullet (7), 1st 97, 2d 96½, McCormick; 3d 95½, Geo. Bogue.

DOMINIQUE.—Cock (2), 1st 91½, G. Bogue; 2d 88, W. R. Knight. Hen (3), 1st 93½, Haycock & Kent; 2d 92½, R. Oke; 3d 89½, cockerel (3), 1st 94, G. Bogue; 2d 90½, 3d 86, pullet (2), 1st 92, Haycock & Kent; 2d 92, G. Bogue.

BLACK JAVAS.—Cock (5), 1st 93, H. M. Henrich, Hamburg; 2d 92½, C. J. Daniels; 3d 92, McCormick. Hen (6), 1st 96½, Daniels; 2d 95½, 3d 94½, cockerel (7), 1st 96½, McCormick; 2d 94½, Cale; 3d 94, pullet (9), 1st 96, 2d 96, McCormick; 3d 95½, Cale.

ANY OTHER COLOR JAVAS.—Cock (1), 1st, hen (2), 1st, 2d, cockerel (2), 1st, Daniels; 2d, Wm. Coon, Guelph. Pullet (2), 1st, 2d, Daniels.

LIGHT BRAHMAS.—Cock (7), 1st 91½, J. Cole & Co., Hamilton; 2d 91, Haycock & Kent; 3d 90½, J. H. Saunders, London. Hen (5), 1st 96, 2d 94, Donnelly; 3d 92½, Haycock & Kent. Cockerel (11), 1st 93½, 2d 92½, Donnelly; 3d 92½, Haycock & Kent. Pullet (10), 1st 95½, 2d 95½, 3d 95, Donnelly.

DARK BRAHMAS.—Cock (4), 1st 92½, 2d 92, Thorpe & Scott, London; 3d 91½, W. H. Readwin, Guelph. Hen (4), 1st 93, Saunders; 2d 91, Thorpe & Scott; 3d 89, Readwin. Cockerel (7), 1st 94, Thorpe & Scott; 2d 91½, Daniels; 3d 91½, C. S. Benson, Toronto. Pullet (8), 1st 94, Saunders; 2d 94, Thorpe & Scott; 3d 93, Benson.

BUFF COCHINS.—Cock (4), 1st 94½, 2d 92½, McCormick; 3d 92, F. C. Hare, Whitty. Hen (4), 1st 94½, 2d 94, McCormick; 3d 93, Hare. Cockerel (9), 1st 96, McCormick; 2d 94, 3d 93½, pullet (7), 1st 96, 2d 96, Hare; 3d 95½, McCormick.

PARTIDGE COCHINS.—Cock (1), 1st 91, L. G. Pequeguat, Hamburg. Hen (3), 1st 91, 2d 87½, Pequeguat & Chamberlain, Berlin. Cockerel (5), 1st 94, 2d 90½, L. G. Pequeguat; 3d 89½, A. Bogue, London. Pullet (8), 1st 94½, L. G. Pequeguat; 2d 92½, A. Bogue; 3d 92, L. G. Pequeguat.

BLACK COCHINS.—Cock (3), 1st 93½, McCormick; 2d 91, W. H. Reid, Kingston; 3d 91, McCormick. Hen (3), 1st 95½, Cole & Co.; 2d 92½, 3d 91, cockerel (2), 1st 93½, 2d 92, pullet (2), 1st 94½, 2d 93½, McCormick.

WHITE COCHINS.—Cock 1st 94½, hen, 1st 93½, Wm. McNeil, London; 2d 90, G. D. Smith, Preston. Cockerel, 1st 92, McNeil; 2d 89, Andrew McMeans, Brantford; 3d 85½, Smith. Pullet, 1st 96½, 2d 96, McNeil; 3d 94, Hy Emerick, International Bridge.

LANGSHANS.—Cock (6), 1st 94½, Robert McCurdy, London; 2d 93½, G. Bogue; 3d 93, J. M. Gneyerbiehl, Guelph. Hen (11), 1st 95½, McCurdy; 2d 94½, 3d 94, Fred Goebel, Hamburg. Cockerel (10), 1st 94½, Duff & Co.; 2d 94½, Goebel; 3d 94, McCurdy. Pullet (10), 1st 96, 2d 96, 3d 96, Goebel.

S. C. WHITE LEGHORNS.—Cock (6), 1st 95½, Rice; 2d 94, D. C. Trew, Whitty; 3d 94, John Pletsch, Shakespeare. Hen (9), 1st 97½, 2d 97, Rice; 3d 95, J. A. Laird, Brampton. Cockerel (13), 1st 96, Rice; 2d 95½, J. Lovegrove, St. George; 3d 94, Pletsch. Pullet (12), 1st 98, 2d 97½, Rice; 3d 96½, Pletsch.

S. C. BROWN LEGHORNS.—Cock (3), 1st 95, Rice; 2d 91½, Saunders; 3d 91, Ernst Frank, Hamburg. Hen (4), 1st 95½, Saunders; 2d 94½, Rice; 3d 94, Pletsch. Cockerel (10), 1st 95, 2d 94½, Rice; 3d 94, pullet (10), 1st 95½, Pletsch; 2d 95½, 3d 95½, Rice.

S. C. BLACK LEGHORNS.—Cock (4), 1st 92½, R. B. Puddicombe, Hamburg; 2d 92, J. A. Daniels, Haysville; 3d 91, John Schuler. Hen (6), 1st 95, Clemo; 2d 94, 3d 93½, cockerel (9), 1st 94½, Schuler; 2d 94½, Puddicombe; 3d 94, L. G. Pequeguat. Pullet (10), 1st 96, J. A. Daniels; 2d 96, Schuler; 3d 95½, Puddicombe.

R. C. BROWN LEGHORNS.—Cock (3), 1st 94, Haycock & Kent; 2d 91½, C. J. Daniels. Hen (5), 1st 94½, Haycock & Kent; 2d 93½, C. J. Daniels; 3d 93½, Haycock & Kent. Cockerel (6), 1st 95, 2d 93½, James Brown, Sackville St., Toronto; 3d 93, pullet (5), 1st 95½, Haycock & Kent; 2d 95, Greyerbiehl; 3d 94½, Haycock & Kent.

R. C. WHITE LEGHORNS.—Cock (3), 1st 93½, W. J. Bell, Angus; 2d 93½, Reid. Hen (6), 1st 96, Bell; 2d 95, Reid; 3d 94, Saunders. Cockerel (6), 1st 96½, Bell; 2d 95½, Saunders; 3d 93½, C. J. Daniels. Pullet (5), 1st 97, Bell; 2d 96, T. J. Keiley, London; 3d 95½, Reid.

ANDALUSIANS.—Cock (2), 1st 94½, W. H. Dustan, Bowmanville; 2d 92½, hen (3), 1st 95½, W. R. Knight, Bowmanville; 2d 95, 3d 93½, Dustan. Cockerel (5), 1st 95½, Knight; 2d 93½, C. J. Daniels; 3d 93½, C. Stockwell, London. Pullet (5), 1st 93½, Dustan; 2d 93, Knight; 3d 93, Dustan.

BLACK SPANISH.—Cock (3), 1st 94½, Hare; 2d 90½, Cale. Hen (8), 1st 94½, Hare; 2d 94½, Emrick; 3d 93½, Alex Fraser, Hamburg. Cockerel (5), 1st 94, Hare; 2d 94, Emrick; 3d 94, pullet (5), 1st 96, Hare; 2d 95, Fraser; 3d 94½, Hare.

BLACK MINORCAS.—Cock (2), 1st 90½, Clemo. Hen (5), 1st 95, T. J. Senior, Hamilton; 2d 94, C. W. Wood, Toronto; 3d 94, J. S. Munro, Goderich. Cockerel (13), 1st 96½, Rice; 2d 95½, Senior; 3d 95½, pullet (12), 1st 98, 2d 96½, Rice; 3d 95, McCurdy.

WHITE MINORCAS.—Cockerel (3), 1st 94, C. J. Daniels; 2d 92½, 3d 91½, Senior. Pullet (3), 1st 94½, C. J. Daniels; 2d 94½, 3d 94, Senior.

G. S. HAMBURGS.—Cock (3), 1st 93, McNeil; 2d 92, Oke; 3d 91½, Emrick. Hen (3), 1st 94½,

McNeil; 2d 93½, Emrick. Cockerel (4), 1st 96, McNeil; 2d 95½, Oke; 3d 94, Greyerbiehl. Pullet (4), 1st 97, McNeil; 2d 95, Oke; 3d 94½, A. Bogue.

S. S. HAMBURGS.—Cock (3), 1st 95, McNeil; 2d 90, J. Brown. Hen (4), 1st 96, McNeil; 2d 95, Oke; 3d 93½, A. Bogue. Cockerel (2), 1st 95½, McNeil; 2d 93½, A. Bogue. Pullet (2), 1st 96, McNeil.

G. P. HAMBURGS.—Cock (3), 1st 94½, McNeil; 2d 94, Oke; 3d 93½, A. Bogue. Hen (3), 1st 95½, McNeil; 2d 92½, Oke; 3d 92, A. Bogue. Cockerel (4), 1st 96, McNeil; 2d 94½, A. Bogue; 3d 93½, Emrick. Pullet (3), 1st 95½, McNeil; 2d 95, A. Bogue; 3d 93½, Emrick.

S. P. HAMBURGS.—Cock (2), 1st 93, A. Bogue; 2d 93, hen (2), 1st 95½, McNeil; 2d 92½, A. Bogue. Cockerel (3), 1st 96½, McNeil; 2d 93, Oke; 3d 93, A. Bogue. Pullet (3), 1st 97, McNeil; 2d 93, A. Bogue; 3d 93, Oke.

BLACK HAMBURGS.—Cock (4), 1st 96½, Oke; 2d 96½, McNeil; 3d 93, Emrick. Hen (5), 1st 96½, Oke; 2d 95, McNeil; 3d 94½, Emrick. Cockerel (9), 1st 96, 2d 96, McNeil; 3d 95½, Haycock & Kent. Pullet (7), 1st 96½, McNeil; 2d 95, Oke; 3d 95, Munro.

SILVER GRAY DORKINGS.—Cock (1), 1st 93½, hen (1), 1st 94½, cockerel (3), 1st 94, 2d 93½, pullet (1), 1st 95, 2d 92, A. Bogue.

COLOR DORKINGS.—Cock (1), 1st 93½, hen (2), 1st 96, 2d 94½, cockerel (3), 1st 93½, 2d 92½, A. Bogue; 3d 92, Reid. Pullet (3), 1st 95, 2d 94½, A. Bogue; 3d 93½, Reid.

WHITE DORKINGS.—Hen (2), 1st 96, 2d 94½, cockerel (2), 1st 94, 2d 93, pullet (2), 1st 95½, 2d 94, A. Bogue.

HOUDANS.—Cock (6), 1st 95, D. C. Trew, Lindsay; 2d 93, A. Bogue; 3d 92, hen (9), 1st 96, 2d 95½, Trew; 3d 95, Knight. Cockerel (8), 1st 94, Stockwell; 2d 94, A. Bogue; 3d 94, pullet (8), 1st 96½, 2d 96½, 3d 94½, Trew.

CREVE COEURS.—Cock (1), 1st 96½, hen (2), 1st 94½, 2d 91½, cockerel (1), 1st 92, pullet (2), 1st 96½, 2d 94, Oke.

LA FLECHE.—Cock (1), 1st 97½, Roke. Hen (2), 1st 95, Wm. McNeil; 2d 94, Roke. Cockerel (1), 1st 95½, McNeil. Pullet (2), 1st 90½, Roke.

W. C. B. POLANDS.—Cock (2), 1st 96, McNeil; 2d 94, A. Bogue. Hen (3), 1st 97, A. Bogue; 2d 96, McNeil. Cockerel (3), 1st 97, McNeil; 2d 95, A. Bogue. Pullet (2), 1st 95, Bogue; 2d 92, McNeil.

GOLDEN POLANDS.—Cock (3), 1st 94, Bogue; 2d 94, McNeil; 3d 90½, Jas. Brown. Hen (3), 1st 94, McNeil; 2d 93½, Bogue; 3d 91, Brown. Cockerel (2), 1st 94, McNeil; 2d 90½, A. Bogue. Pullet (2), 1st 95, McNeil.

SILVER POLANDS.—Cock (3), 1st 91, W. R. Knight; 2d 90½, McNeil; 3d 88½, A. Bogue. Hen (3), 1st 96, A. Bogue; 2d 93½, McNeil; 3d 92, W. R. Knight. Cockerel (2), 1st 90½, McNeil; 2d 90½, A. Bogue. Pullet (2), 1st 93½, A. Bogue; 2d 91, McNeil.

WHITE POLANDS.—Cock (3), 1st 96, A. Bogue; 2d 94½, McNeil; 3d 92, Andrew McMeans, Brantford. Hen (3), 1st 96½, McNeil; 2d 95, A. Bogue; 3d 94, McMeans. Cockerel (1), 1st 91, McNeil. Pullet (2), 1st 96, A. Bogue; 2d 92, McNeil.

G. AND S. UNBEARDED POLANDS.—Cock (2), 1st 91½, A. Bogue; 2d 91½, McNeil. Hen (2), 1st 93, Cockerel (2), 1st 94½, McNeil; 2d 91, A. Bogue. Pullet (2), 1st 95½, McNeil; 2d 92½, A. Bogue.

WHITE UNBEARDED POLANDS.—Cock (3), 1st 94½, A. Bogue; 2d 94, McNeil; 3d 90, McMeans. Hen (3), 1st 94½, A. Bogue; 2d 94, McNeil; 3d 93½, McMeans. Cockerel (2), 1st 93, A. Bogue; 2d 92½, McNeil. Pullet (1), 1st 94, McNeil.

BUFF LACED POLANDS.—Cock (2), 1st 92½, 2d 90, hen (2), 1st 93, 2d 89½, cockerel (2), 1st 92, 2d 92, pullet (2), 1st 93, 2d 92½, McNeil.

RED CAPS.—Cock (4), 1st 94½, S. H. Rowlin, Hamilton; 2d 93½, C. J. Daniels; 3d 91, Haycock & Kent. Hen (4), 1st 91½, Daniels; 2d 91½, Rowlin; 3d 88, Haycock & Kent. Cockerel (5), 1st 94, Haycock & Kent; 2d 94, J. S. S. Niven, M. D. London; 3d 93½, Haycock & Kent. Pullet (8), 1st 94½, Niven; 2d 94, Rowlin; 3d 93½, Haycock & Kent.

GAMES B. B. RED.—Cock (3), 1st Oldueni & Nicol, Kingston; 2d Wm. McLeod, London; 3d Wm. Barber, Toronto. Hen (6), 1st Wm. Barber; 2d McLeod; 3d Oldueni & Nicol. Cockerel (15), 1st Oldueni & Nicol; 2d W. J. James, St. Thomas; 3d Wm. Main, Milton. Pullet (15), 1st Barber; 2d James; 3d Main. Pullet (15), 1st Barber; 2d James; 3d Wm. Main, Milton.

GAME BROWN B. RED.—Cock, 1st Oldueni & Nicol; 2d Wm. Barber & Co.; 3d Tho. A. Duff. Hen, 1st Barber; 2d Duff & Co.; 3d Oldueni & Nicol. Cockerel, 1st, 2d Barhen. Pullet, 1st Barber; 2d Oldueni & Nicol; 3d Barber.

GAME DUCKWING.—Cock, 1st, 2d Barber. Hen, 1st, 2d Barber; 3d O. dueni & Nicol. Cockerel, 1st, 2d Barber. Pullet, 1st Oldueni & Nicol; 2d, 3d Barber.

GAME PYLE.—Cock, 1st, 2d Barber & Co.; 3d Oldueni & Nicol. Hen, 1st Barber & Co.; 2d Oldueni & Nicol; 3d Barber & Co. Cockerel, 1st Barber. Pullet, 1st, 2d Barber.

A. O. S. V. GAMES.—Cock, 1st, hen, 1st, 2d, cockerel, 1st, pullet, 1st, C. J. Daniels.

B. B. RED GAME BANTAMS.—Cock, 1st Barber & Co.; 2d Chas. Crowe, Guelph; 3d McLeod. Hen, 1st Barber & Co.; 2d McLeod; 3d Crowe. Cockerel, 1st Oldueni & Nicol; 2d Barber & Co.; 3d Crowe. Pullet, 1st Crowe; 2d Barber; 3d Crowe.

BROWN RED GAME BANTAMS.—Cock, 1st Oldueni & Nicol; 2d Barber & Co.; C. J. Daniels. Hen, 1st Oldueni & Nicol; 2d Barber & Co.; 3d Daniels. Cockerel, 1st Oldueni & Nicol; 2d Barber & Co. Pullet, 1st Oldueni & Nicol; 2d, 3d Barber & Co.

DUCKWING BANTAMS.—Cock, 1st Barber; 2d Oldueni & Nicol. Hen, 1st Oldueni & Nicol; 2d Barber. Cockerel, 1st Barber; 2d McLeod; 3d Oldueni & Nicol. Pullet, 1st, 2d Barber; 3d McLeod.

PYLE BANTAMS.—Cock, 1st Barber, hen, 1st Barber. Cockerel, 1st Oldueni & Nicol; 2d Barber & Nicol; 3d, 4d Barber.

GOLDEN SEBRIGHT BANTAMS.—Cock, 1st 94½, Oke; 2d 94½, McNeil. Hen, 1st 95, McNeil; 2d 91½, Oke, Cockerel, 1st 94, McNeil; 2d 94, Oldueni & Nicol; 3d 92½, Oke. Pullet, 1st 95, McNeil; 2d 93½, E. B. Cale, Stratford; 3d 93, Oke.

SILVER SEBRIGHT BANTAMS.—Cock, 1st 94½, McNeil; 2d 94, Oke; 3d 90, Reid. Hen, 1st 96½, McNeil; 2d 95, Oke. Cockerel, 1st 93, McNeil; 2d 92½, Oke. Pullet, 1st 95½, Oke; 2d 93½, Wm. McNeil.

WHITE OR BLACK ROSE COMB BANTAMS.—Cock, 1st 95, McNeil; 2d 93½, Oke; 3d 92½, E. B. Cale. Hen, 1st 94½, Oke; 2d 93½, McNeil; 3d 93,

Cale. Cockerel, 1st 97, Oke; 2d 94½, Cale; 3d 93½, McNeil. Pullet, 1st 94½, McNeil; 2d 93½, Oke; 3d 93, Cale.

PEKIN BANTAMS.—Cock, 1st 94, McNeil; 2d 88, C. J. Daniels. Hen, 1st 93½, McNeil; 2d 93, C. J. Daniels. Cockerel, 1st 93½, McNeil; 2d 92, Benson; 3d 91½, Pequeguet. Pullet, 1st 94½, McNeil; 2d 93½, C. J. Daniels; 3d 93, Oke.

COCHIN BANTAMS.—Cock, 1st, C. J. Daniels; 2d H. B. Donovan, Toronto. Hen, 1st Donovan; 2d C. J. Daniels. Cockerel, 1st McNeil; 2d, 3d, Donovan. Pullet, 1st Donovan; 2d C. J. Daniels; 3d H. B. Donovan.

WHITE BOOTED BANTAMS.—Cock, 1st 94½, hen, 1st 95, 2d 94, cockerel, 1st 92½, pullet, 1st 94½, Oke.

JAPANESE BANTAMS.—Cock, 1st 96, McNeil; 2d 91½, C. J. Daniels. Hen, 1st 95½, McNeil; 2d 93½, Oke; 3d 92½, C. J. Daniels. Cockerel, 1st 96, McNeil; 2d 94½, Oke; 3d 91, C. J. Daniels. Pullet, 1st 94½, McNeil; 2d 94½, Oke.

POLISH BANTAMS.—Cock, 1st 91½, Oke. Hen, 1st 96½, 2d 95, Donovan. Cockerel, 1st 94½, McNeil; 2d 93½, Oke. Pullet, 1st 96½, Oke; 2d 95, McNeil.

ANY OTHER VARIETY FOWLS.—Cock (4), 1st Oke; 2d C. J. Daniels; 3d Donovan. Hen (3), 1st C. J. Daniels; 2d Donovan; 3d C. J. Daniels. Cockerel (3), C. J. Daniels. Pullet (3), 1st C. J. Daniels; 2d Donovan; 3d C. J. Daniels.

CROSS BRED.—Cockerel (6), 1st C. H. Thornton, St. Thomas; 2d Webber & Robertson, Guelph; 3d A. Bogue. Pullet (8), 1st Pletsch; 2d Webber & Robertson; 3d Thornton.

BRONZE TURKEYS.—Cock (3), 1st W. J. Bell; 2d Wm. Main, Milton; 3d Thos. Somerville, Haysville. Hen (3), 1st Bell; 2d Main; 3d Somerville. Cockerel (3), 1st Bell; 2d Main; 3d Thos. Somerville. Pullet (3), 1st Main; 2d Bell; 3d Somerville.

TOULOUSE GEES.—Cock (2), A. Bogue; 2d Pletsch. Hen (2), 1st Pletsch. Cockerel (2), 1st, 2d, A. Bogue. Pullet (2), 1st, 2d, A. Bogue.

BREMEN GEES.—Cock (1), 1st, hen (1), 1st, cockerel (1), 1st, pullet (1), 1st, Wm. Main.

AYLESBURY DUCKS.—Cock, 1st 98½, 2d 96½, A. Bogue; 3d 95, Jas. McKee, Norwich. Hen, 1st 98, 2d 97½, A. Bogue; 3d 95, McKee. Cockerel, 1st 97½, A. Bogue; 2d 97, McKee; 3d 96, A. Bogue. Pullet, 1st 98½, 2d 98, A. Bogue; 3d 96½, H. H. Wallace, Woodstock.

ROUEN DUCKS.—Cock, 1st 96½, Main; 2

Atlanta's Great Show.

A Fine Display of Thoroughbred Fowls in the Sunny South.

When I arrived at Atlanta, Ga., at 5:30 A. M., Tuesday, January 9, and stepped into the corridor of the Kimball House, the first person to greet me was Geo. M. Downs, the editor of *Southern Fancier*. After exchanging the usual compliments chicken cranks are very apt to, the inner man was substantially satisfied by a rousing breakfast, and we proceeded to the Armory, where some 1,600 feathered beauties were imprisoned in Spratts cages, awaiting the admiring glances of visitors and fanciers. Here I found "Uncle Tom" Rackham busy as usual arranging the exhibits, and it is needless to say he is the same old Rackham, quiet, suave, polite, and gentlemanly as ever. In the pigeon aisles was Dr. T. W. Tuggle, the president of the association, a clever gentleman and genuine fancier, looking after the pigeons. Near him was the only original George Ewald, hale and hearty, with a joke or a criticism always in readiness. Dr. S. T. Lea hovered near his Langshans as if afraid something might inflame them. Scott Maxwell cast loving glances at his Silver Wyandottes, while Alfred Bertlandt couldn't keep away from his Cochins. A little gentleman with a linen duster and big badge and a voice as soft as the zephyrs of a quiet June day proved to be Loring Brown. Everybody in the south knows Mr. Brown and his birds. He is one of the oldest breeders there. Near the Pit Games stood the rugged and genial Colonel Tom Ware, and what he don't know about Pit Games isn't worth knowing. In fact, nearly every exhibitor was present, and from all outward appearances everyone enjoyed the show. There was no kicking over the awards, and the best of humor prevailed. Dr. Tuggle, G. M. Downs, R. O. Campbell, and Mr. Kennedy did everything in their power to entertain the judges and exhibitors, and the latter will always look back to the Atlanta show as a pleasant and profitable epoch in their lives. The only regrettable feature of the show was the illness of Mr. Scudder, one of the judges, who was stricken down the first day of the show and unable to leave his bed. I am glad to state that he is sufficiently recovered to go to Columbus, where under the care of Dr. Tuggle he will soon be able to regain his health. Mr. Scudder is deservedly a favorite here, and his qualifications as a judge so favorably known that kind words of sympathy and regret were plentiful.

As to the show itself, it was a financial and artistic success, and had Secretary Kuhn had the faintest conception of what his duties were to be, there could have been no complaint made, but Mr. Kuhn was rather slow in handling the cards and books, and gave the impression that he did not care whether school kept or not. I have no desire to do him any injustice, and if outside business prevented his giving entire attention to the show, he should have provided himself with an assistant. Mr. Downs did all he could to help the exhibitors and the judges, as did Dr. Tuggle.

The feature of the entire show was the Langshan exhibit. Some 80 birds competed, and I doubt if a better lot ever entered a show room. Although Dr. Lea won the principal honors with his magnificent team of Black Langshans, his competitors were by no means disgraced. So close was the competition that condition in a number of instances decided the prizes. In cockerels there were three birds that were simply superb. The first cockerel was almost perfect in comb, magnificent in style, grand in plumage, and shown in fine fettle; the second was an imported bird from the yards of Miss A. C. Croad. He was so close to the winner that only 1-2 point separated them; the third cockerel was the World's Fair winner, a grand styled bird, losing to the others in comb, wattles, and leg feathering only. Hens were nearly up to the above class in quality. In cocks, R. O. Campbell won with a beautiful bird in plumage and

style. In pullets the competition was very strong, although the first prize bird outclassed all others in style. She carried herself as a winner, and is probably one of the best pullets ever shown. Another grand pullet was disqualified for bare outer toes, otherwise would have hustled the winner.

White Langshans made a good class, the first pullet and hen being the best in class.

Light Brahmas a very strong class in quality and numbers, Oakland Farm, of Taunton, Mass., showing some grand birds, although Mr. Campbell pushed the winners hard with a very strong team of birds.

In Buff Cochins, Oakland Farm again won first honors with some beautiful specimens, but Alfred Bertlandt demonstrated that he knew what Cochins should be by showing a few excellent Buffs.

In Partridge Cochins Mr. Lloyd's pullet was a gem in color and the best in the class.

The American class was very strong. In Barred Plymouth Rocks the best bird was the first cockerel of R. Y. Hellams. He is a beauty in color and barring. The second was the Hagerstown, Md., winner, not as good as he was last fall. Dr. Tuggle won first and second with some very good pullets, which, if properly conditioned, should win anywhere. The first hen was a fine bird in shape, legs, beak, comb, and well barred, but the second should hustle the winner and beat her with a little more finish.

White Plymouths were very numerous, and I am inclined to think the best class I ever saw, quantity and quality considered. It was a hot fight between H. A. Kuhn and B. T. Smith, but the latter came out ahead. His birds showed splendid white plumage, good legs, and grand size. The absurd idea that white birds cannot be raised in the south without losing their whiteness has been thoroughly exploded. With a little more care in washing and conditioning fowls both Mr. Kuhn and Mr. Smith can win the highest honors at any show.

Silver Wyandottes were the best I ever saw in the south taken as a class, and it is refreshing to meet breeders like Scott Maxwell, who knows what a good Wyandotte should be like. The display of cocks and cockerels was a treat to Wyandotte fanciers. There was not a poor bird in the lot. In pullets the winners were magnificent specimens in lacing, but many of the others were far too dark. Over 300 dollars' worth of Wyandottes were sold during the show, and there is no question of the popularity of this grand fowl.

White Wyandottes made up a fairly good class, but were shown in poor condition.

Hamburgs and Polish small classes, but of good quality.

Leghorns quite strong in Whites and Browns, some very good pullets being shown of the latter variety and one excellent cockerel. Buff Leghorns rather weak in numbers and quality.

Black Minorcas an excellent class, judged by T. F. Rackham and well placed. Mr. Rackham also placed the awards on Dorkings by the score card, which caused him to lose his breath and his nerve, but he handled the pencil and the paste boards in good style.

Indian Games a splendid class, both the first and second cocks being grand specimens in style and plumage. The hens were equally good. In Exhibition Games only a few Black Reds were noticeable, but they were of high quality. In Pit Games there were many entries, but Loring Brown and Col. Ware scooped the deck with a lot of chickens, as they generally do when they show.

The Bantam exhibit was, excepting the Game variety, rather small. The winning B. B. Red Game Bantam cockerel was a good one, but the second came close to him. In pullets P. M. Orth's bird won first and outclassed all others.

The Red Pyle Games were good.

Turkeys made a grand showing, Bartie's Kentucky monsters scooping up ribbons easily, although B. T. Smith's Alabama birds were close seconds.

There was a fair display of ducks.

The awards will be published as soon as the secretary will find time to make them out and forward to us.

Poultry and Pigeons at Rochester, N. Y.

The first exhibition of the Rochester Poultry and Pigeon Association opened at Washington Rink on the 9th, the judges being J. Y. Bicknell, F. B. Zimmer, C. E. Rockenstyre and S. G. Jarvis, but the latter, owing to unavoidable reasons, did not show up. Mr. Bicknell could remain but one day and Zimmer and Rockenstyre really had the bulk of the exhibition to judge.

One word in reference to the officers and management of the Rochester Poultry and Pigeon Association.

Mr. W. J. Harrison, as president, is too well known in this section as an old poultry fancier. Mr. J. J. Sutton, vice-president, is the pigeon fancier of the society, and it was owing as much to his exertions that the pigeon department was so well filled with choice specimens as to any other one officer.

Frank Hilbert, the recording secretary, was enthusiastic and worked so hard that the last day he gave out and went home sick.

Mr. John F. Tallinger, secretary, was head and front of the whole exhibition, and from the day the show opened until it closed was found at his desk in the office. He even slept there and did not leave the rink from the commencing to the ending of the exhibition—his meals being brought into him. To his wonderful work is due the great success of this exhibition.

Fred Guenther, treasurer, every one knows "Happy Fred" as he is usually called, was always found at the desk selling tickets and taking in the cash, which kept him busy, for the Rochester Show paid all expenses and there was a handsome balance in the treasury toward helping the next exhibition.

There were about 1,000 fowls penned, and the classes were exceptionally good.

Am. Class—Barred Rocks, as a class, below the average. I noticed a fair cockerel and quite a nice pullet from Canada; two other quite good cockerels, but no world beaters; two quite nice hens.

White Rocks a class of twenty-five and about an average lot.

In Pea Comb Barred (3) I found the best cock I ever saw, and a good cockerel.

Silver Wyandottes, a small class, but quite creamy. O'Brien of Sherburne was there, and that is a guarantee enough that there was quality shown. Only a small class of Golden, but among them some really good birds.

Buff Wyandottes contained some bang up birds, in fact I came across as good a hen as I remember of seeing before. American Dominiques class not up in G as regards quality; some quite good Black Javas.

Light Brahmas a good class, and some good birds there too. Moore of Trenton Falls top of the heap as usual. Not satisfied with winning 11-12 of the prizes, he bought the winning cockerel to complete his string.

A small class of Dark Brahmas of fair merit.

A large display of Buff Cochins; quite a meritorious class. Several fine birds with pantalettes of the English order, and good even color.

The Partridge class, good in number and of fair quality.

White Cochins a small class, fair in quality.

The Langshans contained some good birds.

The Spanish class was a hummer close to 100 Brown Leghorns and some of them very creamy; over 70 White Leghorns and among them birds of high quality. I noticed among them the whitest cock I ever saw, and Mr. Cornell may well feel proud of him. He will be heard from at New York.

The Buff Leghorn class was the largest class I ever saw at any show; 40 single birds and 5 breeding pens; and Judge Bicknell pronounced the class the best by far ever seen in America. Mr. Ezra Cornell and Mrs. W. P. Wheeler's birds were the equal of most of the Cochins, and even superior in evenness of color to many. Mr. Cornell's Cochins, a fine exhibition color throughout, the buff extending even to the under web of primary wing and tail feathers. Neither black

nor white appears in any part of the plumage. He is a grand bird of the English Lesta Key type. The Buff breeders concede him to be the best exhibition bird which has yet appeared. I am glad to see so fine an American bred bird, and think he will make a hard fight against the imported prize winners if they meet at New York next month. The pullets were a fine lot throughout. Mrs. W. P. Wheeler's pullets scored as high as 93; Mr. Cornell's a close second. All a grand under color.

The Rose Comb White and Brown Leghorns were also out in force and a fairly good lot of birds.

Some first-class Black Leghorns and quite a large class. Only a fair Andalusian.

Black Minorcas nearly 100 and some of the very finest. There were several exhibits that spoke well of their owner's skill as breeders; birds of correct type and great size.

The Hamburg class was another very large class. The Silver Spangled variety were out in force, but Jimmy Hazard was there or rather his birds were, and that tells the tale as to where the prizes went. A nice display of Golden Spangled and a large and good class of both Silver Pencilled and Golden Pencilled. The Black class was a hot one, and a few good Whites.

Houdans was the only French representatives, and no extra good ones among them.

The Dorking class was represented by some good colored birds and a few Whites.

Polish, well yes there was some there. Bryant was on hand with a string of beautiful Whites, and a grand string of White Crested Blacks, and went home loaded (with prize cards). He also won a valuable special for largest exhibit. The Golden and Silver class were only a fair lot.

The Game class was not large, nor did it contain anything wonderful, but still there were a few good average birds in Ducklings, Red Pyles and Brown Reds. To us one grand feature of the show was that only five Pit Games reported for judgment.

The Bantam classes were represented by Golden and Silver Sebrights, Buff, White and Black Cochins, Rose Comb White and Black, White, Black and Black tailed Japs; and I noticed a grand old cock of the last named variety.

A pen of Dominique Bantams. In Game Bantams, were Pyles Brown Reds, and Black Reds, but nothing extra in quality.

The Pigeon class was very large, nearly 300 birds and of good quality.

Ducks, Geese and Turkeys out in force. Long Jim Seeley looked after the laurels on Toulouse and Pekins. I saw a Wolfe prowling around the Bronze Turkey coops and noticed some Turkeys of such proportions that it would take a Wolfe to get away with him.

A pair of White and a pair of Brown Leghorns donated by C. E. Howell for the state collection and mounted at Ward's Natural Science Establishment of Rochester was on exhibition in some of the coops and gave the boys lots of opportunities to laugh to see people reach in the coop to make them stir, and when they saw their mistake cast a glance around to see if anyone had noticed it, and the keepers who fed the birds also fed the mounted birds.

We noticed among the exhibitors and visitors at the show who are known to the fancy: B. D. Sarr, Will Fonda, Geo. Burgoth, C. E. Howell, W. L. Keyes, W. S. Moore, J. F. Knox, Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler, Ezra Cornell, G. M. Diven, John O'Brien, C. L. Miller, Geo. Wolfe, Jas. Seeley, A. A. Parker, M. Kleasen, T. C. Stanton, F. E. Becker, Preston & Newbold, O. E. Wheeler, Roath & Lane, C. Hammersmith, W. Brace, and others whose names we have forgotten at present writing.

THE AWARDS.

BARRED PLYMOUTH ROCKS.—Cock, 2d 88, N. S. Perkins, Fairport, N. Y.; 3d 86, G. M. Dwen, Box 108, Elmira, N. Y. Hen, 1st 92, Perkins; 2d 91½, T. & I. D. Van Wagonan, Greenwich, N. Y.; 3d 85½, 4th 85½, G. M. Dwen. Cockerel, 1st 91½, (tie), H. Emrick, International Bridge, Ont., and Perkins; 2d 90, G. Bateman, Ridge Road, N. Y.; 3d 89½, (tie), T. & I. D. Van Wagonan and J. Voss, Rochester; 4th 89, C. E. Remington, Rochester. Pullet, 1st 93½, Emrick; 2d 91, 3d 90, Bateman; 4th 89½, Perkins. Pen, 2d 172 5-16, D. M. Dwen.

WHITE PLYMOUTH ROCKS.—Cock, 1st 93, Geo. Geimer, Rochester; 2d 86½, Perkins. Hen, 1st 94, Geimer; 2d 93½, 3d 92, 4th 91½, Emrick. Cockerel, 1st 92½, 2d 90½, S. Sisco, Seneca Falls; 3d 90, (tie), Emrick and T. I. D. Van Wagonan; 4th 89½, Perkins. Pullet, 1st 95½, 2d 92, Sisco; 3d 91½, (tie), Sisco and Perkins; 4th 91, pen, 1st 185, Sisco; 2d 182, Emrick.

PEA COMB PLYMOUTH ROCKS.—Cock, 1st 91, cockerel, 1st 90½, 2d 88, Freeman & Button, Cottons, N. Y.

S. LACED WYANDOTTES.—Cock, 1st 91, J. O. Brian, Sherburne, N. Y.; 2d 87½, A. Broxholm, Rochester; 3d 87, Perkins. Hen, 1st 90½, Brian; 2d 89, Perkins. Cockerel, 1st 90, Brian; 2d 89½, D. L. Smith, Lestershire, N. Y.; 3d 87, Perkins. Pullet, 1st 94½, Brian; 2d 93½, Smith; 3d 91½, (tie), Smith and Brian; 4th 91, pen, 1st 183½, Brian; 2d 170½, Smith.

GOLDEN WYANDOTTES.—Cock, 2d 88½, hen, 1st 90, cockerel, 1st 90½, 2d 89½, pullet, 1st 92½, 2d 90½, 3d 90½, 4th 89½, pen, 1st 181½, A. P. Myer & Son, Mohawk, N. Y.

WHITE WYANDOTTES.—Cock, 1st 93, C. N. Mann, Rochester; 2d 91, J. F. Tallinger, Rochester; 3d 88, Perkins. Hen, 1st 93½, 2d 93, 3d 92½, Tallinger; 4th 92, Perkins. Cockerel, 1st 92, Broxholm; 2d 90, (tie), Perkins and Tallinger; 3d 88½, Tallinger. Pullet, 1st 95, Mann; 2d 93½, Perkins; 3d 92½, Tallinger; 4th 91½, (tie), Tallinger and Mann. Pen, 1st 183½, Tallinger.

BUFF WYANDOTTES.—Cock, 1st, W. H. Nicholas & Son, Newark, N. Y.; 3d, E. C. Hawkins, Batavia, N. Y. Hen, 1st, Nicholoy & Son; 3d, Hawkins. Cockerel, 1st, 2d, Nicholoy & Son; 3d, J. W. Caswell, Binghamton, N. Y.; 4th, Hawkins. Pullet, 1st, 2d, 3d, 4th, pen, 1st, Nicholoy & Son.

AMERICAN DOMINIQUE.—Cock, 3d 85½, hen, 2d 88½, J. B. Avery, Stittville, N. Y.; 3d 88, (tie), Avery and B. J. Dodge, Verona, N. Y. Cockerel, 1st 90½, 2d 89, Avery; 3d 86½, Dodge. Pullet, 1st 91½, 2d 89, 3d 87, pen, 1st 179½, Avery.

BLACK JAVAS.—Cock, 1st 93, hen, 1st 95½, 2d 95, 3d 94, 4th 93½, pen, 1st 187½, C. Hammer-schmidt, So. Buffalo.

LIGHT BRAHMAS.—Cock, 1st 91, G. S. Moore, Trenton Falls, N. Y.; 2d 90, Frank A. Tanner, Lyons, N. Y.; 3d 89½, 4th 88½, hen, 1st 94, 2d 92½, 3d 92½, Moore; 4th 90½, H. G. Hotchkiss, Jr., Lyons, N. Y. Cockerel, 1st 93, Hotchkiss; 2d 92½, L. S. Richardson, Newark, N. Y.; 3d 91½, 4th 90½, pullet, 1st 93½, Moore; 2d 92, (tie), Moore and Hotchkiss, Jr.; 3d 91, Moore; 4th 90½, Hotchkiss, Jr. Pen, 1st 184½, Moore; 2d 179½, Tanner.

DARK BRAHMAS.—Hen, 2d 89, 3d 88½, J. B. Huff, Tonawanda, N. Y. Cockerel, 1st 90, John Bidelman, Albion, N. Y.; 2d 87½, Huff; 3d 88½, Bidelman; 4th 88, pullet, 3d 87, 4th 86½, Huff.

BUFF COCHINS.—Cock, 1st 91½, R. C. Clark, Hurfville, N. Y.; 2d 90½, Hilbert & Brayer, Rochester; 3d 90, Clark; 4th 88½, F. Jockey, Rochester. Hen, 1st 94½, Clark; 2d 91½, (tie), Clark, Hilbert & Brayer and Jockey; 3d 90, Gus. Brishin & Co., Clyde, N. Y.; 4th 88, Hilbert & Brayer. Cockerel, 1st 92, Emrick; 2d 91, Clarke; 3d 87, T. & I. D. Van Wagonan. Pullet, 1st 92½, (tie), Jockey and Clarke; 2d 90½, A. W. Horn, Rochester; 3d 90, (tie), Jockey and T. & I. D. Van Wagonan.

WHITE COCHINS.—Cockerel, 1st 92, G. Plantz & Son, Johnstown, N. Y. Pullet, 1st 93, 2d 92½, Emrick.

BLACK LANGSHANS.—Cock, 2d 89½, W. W. Babcock, Addison, N. Y. Cockerel, 1st 94, 2d 88½, pullet, 1st 94, 2d 93, 3d 93, 4th 92½, pen, 1st 187½, Freeman & Button.

PARTRIDGE COCHINS.—Cock, 2d 89, hen, 1st 91, Clarke; 2d 89½, Plantz & Son; 3d 86½, R. F. Seeley, Waterloo, N. Y. Cockerel, 2d 89, Clarke; 3d 88, Seeley; 4th 87, L. Gordon, Brockport, N. Y. Pullet, 2d 89, Clarke; 3d 86, 4th 85, Gordon.

BLACK SPANISH.—Hen, 1st 94½, cockerel, 1st 93½, pullet, 1st 94, Emrick.

S. C. WHITE LEGHORNS.—Cock, 1st 95, E. Cornell, Ithaca, N. Y.; 2d 94, Bronson & Taylor, Albion, N. Y.; 3d 92, C. E. Howell, Elmira, N. Y.; 4th 91, hen, 1st 95½, 2d 94½, 3d 94½, Cornell; 4th 94, (tie), Cornell and J. H. Woodhead, Leicester, Mass. Cockerel, 1st 94, T. & I. D. Van Wagonan; 2d 93½, (tie), Cornell and Bronson & Taylor; 3d 93, (tie), Howell, Cornell and Hammerschmidt; 4th 92½, (tie), Emrick and C. E. Remington, Rochester. Pullet, 1st 96, Cornell; 2d 95½, 3d 95½, Emrick; 4th 95, (tie), Emrick, Howell and Hammerschmidt. Pen, 1st 190½, Cornell; 2d 187½, Emrick; 3d 187½, Cornell; 4th 187½, Howell.

S. C. BLACK LEGHORNS.—Cock, 1st 92½, Brace & Walling, Victor, N. Y.; 2d 92, M. Gabriel, Jr., Buffalo; 3d 90½, Brace & Walling; 4th 88½, J. F. Bryant, Johnson Creek, N. Y. Hen, 1st 94, Brace & Walling; 2d 92½, Howell; 3d 92, Brace & Walling; 4th 91½, (tie), Brace & Walling and W. Selmser, Johnstown, N. Y. Cockerel, 1st 95½, 2d 95, Brace & Walling; 3d 94½, (tie), Brace & Walling and Howell; 4th 94, pullet, 1st 96, 2d 95½, 3d 95, 4th 95, pen, 1st 190, 3d 189½, Brace & Walling; 3d 188½, Howell; 4th 184½, Selmser.

R. C. WHITE LEGHORNS.—Cock, 1st 90½, Bateman; 2d 90, hen, 1st 95, Hilbert & Brayer. Cockerel, 1st 93, (tie), Freeman & Button and G. Oliver, Rochester; 2d 92½, (tie), Oliver and Bateman; 3d 92, Ed. T. Hayward, Jr., Rochester; 4th 91½, Horn. Pullet, 1st 95, (tie), Freeman & Button, Oliver and Bateman; 2d 94½, Oliver; 3d 93, (tie), Hayward, Jr., and Horn; 4th 92, Oliver.

R. C. BLACK LEGHORNS.—Cock, 2d 89½, Perkins; 3d 87½, Brisbin & Co. Hen, 1st 92, (tie), Brisbin & Co., and Perkins; 2d 91, (tie), Freeman & Button and Perkins. Cockerel, 1st 92½, (tie), Freeman & Button and Perkins; 2d 91, pullet, 1st 90, 2d 90, Freeman & Button; 3d 89, Perkins.

BUFF LEGHORNS.—Cock, 4th 84½, hen, 2d 88, Rowe & Broughton, Syracuse. Cockerel, 1st 91½, Cornell; 2d 90, (tie), Mrs. W. P. Wheeler, Geneva, N. Y., and Rowe & Broughton; 3d 89, (tie), Mrs. Wheeler and T. E. Sherman, Franklinville, N. Y.; 4th 87, G. W. Randolph, Palmyra, N. Y. Pullet, 1st 93, (tie), Mrs. Wheeler and Rowe & Broughton; 2d 92½, (tie), Mrs. Wheeler and Rowe & Broughton; 3d 92, (tie), Mrs. Wheeler and Cornell; 4th 91½, (tie), Mrs. Wheeler, Randolph and Cornell. Pen, 1st 182½, Mrs. Wheeler; 2d 182, Cornell; 3d 181½, Rowe & Broughton; 4th 178½, Mrs. Wheeler.

BLACK LEGHORNS.—Hen, 1st 92½, 2d 91, Hilbert & Brayer. Cockerel, 2d 88½, 3d 88, pullet, 1st 94½, 2d 94½, W. C. Denny, Rochester; 3d 93,

4th 93, Hilbert & Brayer. Pen, 1st 181½, Denny; 2d 181½, Hilbert & Brayer.

ANDALUSIANS.—Cock, 1st 90, hen, 1st 94½, Babcock. Cockerel, 1st 94, H. Brantigan, Rochester. Pullet, 1st 97, Babcock; 2d 93, Brantigan.

BLACK MINORCAS.—Cock, 1st 93½, (tie), F. E. Becker, Vine Valley, N. Y., and Roath & Lane, Rochester; 2d 93, Cornell; 3d 90, J. F. Tobin, Rochester; 4th 89½, (tie), Hammerschmidt and Becker. Hen, 1st 95, (tie), Becker and Cornell; 2d 95, Becker; 3d 94½, (tie), Becker and Cornell; 4th 94, (tie), J. Jay Sutton, Rochester, and Tobin. Cockerel, 1st 96, Cornell; 2d 95, (tie), Cornell and Becker; 3d 95, Becker; 4th 94½, Herling. Pullet, 1st 97, Cornell; 2d 96½, (tie), Cornell and Herling; 3d 96, Herling; 4th 96, (tie), Becker, Cornell and Herling. Pen, 1st 192½, Cornell; 2d 190½, Becker; 3d 190½, Herling; 4th 189½, Becker.

W. C. BLACK POLISH.—Cock, 1st 92½, Bryant; 2d 92, 3d 90, Tallinger; 4th 89, 1-2, hen, 1st 94, 1-2, 2d 94, 1-2, 3d 94, Bryant; 4th 93, 1-2, Tallinger. Cockerel, 1st 94, 1-2, Bryant. Pullet, 1st 92, Tallinger. Pen, 1st 188, 1-2, Bryant; 2d 185½, Tallinger.

W. C. WHITE POLISH.—Cock, 1st 93, 1-2, 2d 91, 1-2, hen, 1st 95, 2d 95, 3d 95, 4th 94, pullet, 1st 93, 1-2, Bryant; 2d 92, 1-2, J. J. Hasenaver, Rochester. Pen, 1st 188½, Bryant.

BEARDED S. POLISH.—Hen, 1st 93, 2d 91, 1-2, cockerel, 2d 89, 1-2, 3d 89, 1-2, pullet, 1st 90, 2d 90, pen, 1st 180½, Plantz & Son.

BEARDED G. POLISH.—Hen, 1st 90, 1-2, 2d 89, 1-2, cockerel, 1st 90, 1-2, 2d 88, Emrick; 3d 87, pullet, 1st 92, 1-2, 2d 91, 1-2, Tallinger.

S. S. HAMBURGS.—Cock, 1st 92, 1-2, J. E. Hazard, Elmira, N. Y.; 2d 90, Seeley; 3d 89, (tie), Barbour & Son, Rochester, and Hilbert & Brayer. Hen, 1st 95, 1-2, 2d 92, 1-2, Hazard; 3d 91, 1-2, Seeley; 4th 89, 1-2, Hilbert & Brayer. Cockerel, 1st 93, 2d 91, 1-2, Hazard; 3d 90, 1-2, Seeley. Pullet, 1st 92, (tie), Hazard and Hilbert & Brayer; 2d 92, 3d 91, 1-2, Hilbert & Brayer; 4th 91, pen, 1st 185, Hazard; 2d 180½, Hilbert & Brayer.

S. L. HAMBURGS.—Cock, 1st 92, E. M. Crossman, Batavia, N. Y.; 2d 91, 1-2, hen, 1st 93, 1-2, Emrick; 2d 92, Crossman. Cockerel, 1st 92, 1-2, Hazard.

S. P. HAMBURGS.—Cock, 1st 92, 1-2, hen, 1st 94, Bert Heiser, Albion, N. Y. Cockerel, 1st 92, 1-2, Hazard; 2d 92, pullet, 1st 93, 1-2, Heiser.

G. P. HAMBURGS.—Cock, 1st 93, 1-2, Heiser; 2d 93, Newbold & Preston, Albion, N. Y. Hen, 1st 93, Heiser; 2d 92, 3d 91, 4th 91, Newbold & Preston. Cockerel, 1st 93, Heiser; 2d 92, 1-2, Newbold & Preston; 3d 92, Hazard; 4th 90, Emrick. Pullet, 1st 94, Heiser; 2d 93, Newbold & Preston; 3d 91, Emrick. Pen, 1st 184½, Newbold & Preston.

BLACK HAMBURGS.—Cock, 1st 95, 1-2, C. L. Miller, Addison, N. Y.; 2d 94, Emrick. Hen, 1st 96, (tie), Emrick and Newbold & Preston; 2d 95, 1-2, Miller; 3d 94, 1-2, Hazard. Cockerel, 1st 95, 1-2, Miller; 2d 94, (tie), Crossman and Newbold & Preston; 3d 93, 1-2, Emrick. Pullet, 1st 97, Newbold & Preston; 2d 96, (tie), Newbold & Preston and Miller; 3d 95, 1-2, Newbold & Preston; 4th 95, Crossman. Pen, 1st 190½, Newbold & Preston.

WHITE HAMBURGS.—Cock, 1st 90, 1-2, hen, 1st 93, 1-2, 2d 93, 3d 92, 4th 91, 1-2, Elm Place Poultry Yards. Cockerel, 1st 92, 1-2, pullet, 1st 93, 1-2, Crossman. Pen, 1st 183, Elm Place Poultry Yards.

RED CAPS.—Cock, 1st 90, 1-2, hen, 1st 91, 2d 89, 3d 89, pullet, 2d 88, pen, 179½, F. Guenther, Rochester.

HOUDANS.—Cock, 1st 92, 1-2, hen, 1st 93, Guenther; 2d 91, John Hobart, Chittenango, N. Y.; 3d 90, 1-2, 4th 90, 1-2, Guenther. Cockerel, 2d 89, 1-2, (tie), Hobart and Guenther. Pullet, 1st 92, Guenther; 2d 91, 1-2, 3d 91, 1-2, Hobart. Pen, 1st 184, Guenther; 2d 180, 1-2, Hobart.

WHITE DORKINGS.—Cock, 1st 91, 1-2, H. Hales, Ridgewood, N. J.

SILVER GRAY DORKINGS.—Cockerel, 1st 93, 2d 92, G. Hales, Ridgewood, N. J.; 3d 90½, Mrs. L. Goodell, Canastota, N. Y. Pullet, 1st 91½, 2d 91½, Hales.

COLOR DORKINGS.—Hen, 1st 93, 2d 91½, 3d 91, Mrs. L. Goodell. Cockerel, 1st 94, Mrs. L. Goodell; 2d 92, 3d 89½, Hales. Pullet, 1st 92½, (tie), Hales and Goodell; 2d 91½, Hales. Pen, 1st 186, Mrs. Goodell.

B. B. R. GAMES.—Cock, 2d 88½, J. A. Spraker, Sprakers, N. Y. Hen, 1st 89, 2d 88½, J. A. Spraker. Cockerel, 1st 93½, Pierce Bros., Winchester, N. H.; 2d 91½, H. Bently, Conewango Valley, N. Y., and N. S. Perkins, Fairport, N. Y.; 3d 91½, Bently. Pullet, 1st 94, Pierce Bros.; 2d 93½, Perkins; 3d 91, 4th 89, Bently.

BROWN B. R. GAMES.—Cock, 1st 91, hen, 1st 95, 2d 93, 3d 91½, 4th 92, cockerel, 1st 92½, pullet, 1st 95, pen, 1st 186½, H. H. Harms & Bro., Phillipsburg, N. Y.

G. DUCKWING GAMES.—Hen, 1st 93, cockerel, 1st 94½, 2d 93, pullet, 1st 95, 2d 95, 3d 95, 4th 93½, pen, 1st 188½, O. E. Wheeler, Orangeville, N. Y.

SILVER DUCKWING GAME.—Cock, 1st 91½, O. E. Wheeler.

RED PYLE GAMES.—Cock, 1st 94, hen, 1st 93½, 2d 93, Cockerel, 1st 94½, pullet, 1st 96, Pierce Bros.

BLACK GAMES.—Cock, 1st 95, Harms & Bro., and J. W. Lattin, Albion, N. Y. Hen, 1st 95½, Lattin; 2d 92, Harms & Bro. Cockerel, 1st 96, Harms & Bro.; 2d 94, Lattin. Pullet, 1st 97, 2d 96½, 3d 95½, 4th 95, pen, 192, 1-16, Harms & Bro.

WHITE GAMES.—Cock, 1st 94½, hen, 1st 97, Harms & Bro. Cockerel, 1st 94, Spraker; 2d 91½, Harms & Bro. Pullet, 1st 95½, Spraker and Harms Bros.; 2d 94, Harms & Bro., and Spraker; 3d 94, Harms & Bro.; 4th 93, Spraker. Pen, 1st 189½, Harms & Bro.; 2d 187½, Spraker.

PIT GAMES.—Cock, 1st, 2d, 3d, James Spencer, Rochester, N. Y. Cockerel, 2d M. M. Dodd, Milburn, N. J. Pullet, 1st Lattin.

AZEEL GAME.—Cock, 1st, hen, 1st, 2d, pullet, 1st, 2d, Dodd.

INDIAN GAMES.—Cock, 1st F. & J. D. Van Wagonan. Hen, 1st W. J. Ballard, Rochester, N. Y.; 2d Van Wagonan; 3d E. H. Van Atta, Waverly, N. Y.; 4th Ballard. Cockerel, 1st Van Wagonan; 2d Ballard. Pullet, 1st Van Wagonan; 2d Ballard.

DOMINIQUE GAMES.—Cock, 1st 94, Lattin. S. D. GAME BANTAMS.—Cock, 1st 91, H. T. Williams, Rochester; 2d 88, F. Guenther. Hen, 2d 89½, Guenther. Pullet, 2d 89½, Guenther; 3d 88, Williams.

BROWN R. GAME BANTAMS.—Cock, 2d 86½, Ed. Rodenbeck, Rochester. Hen, 1st 90½, 2d 90½, 3d 89, 4th 87½, Rodenbeck. Cockerel, 2d

88½, S. W. Stanton; 3d 88, Stanton. Pullet, 2d 88, Rodenbeck.

BLACK R. G. BANTAMS.—Cock, 1st 91, Stanton; 2d 90, Williams. Hen, 2d 89½, cockerel, 2d 88, pullets, 2d 89, Stanton.

RED PYLE GAME BANTAMS.—Cock, 1st 91½, Stanton; 2d 90½, Williams; 3d 86½, Guenther. Hen, 1st 92, Williams; 2d 90½, 3d 90, 4th 90, Guenther. Cockerel, 1st 91, C. L. Miller, Addison, N. Y.; 2d 82, Stanton. Pullet, 1st 93½, Miller; 2d 91½, Guenther; 3d 89½, Stanton. Pen, 2d 177, F. Guenther.

DOMINIQUE BANTAMS.—Cock, 1st, hen, 1st, 2d, 3d, 4th, pen, 1st, Glen Place Poultry Yards, Rochester, N. Y.

GOLDEN SEBRIGHT BANTAMS.—Cocks, 2d 89½, Guenther and Perkins of Fairport, N. Y., tie; 3d 88, G. Brisbin & Co., Clyde, N. Y.; 4th 86, Kleason Bros., Rochester. Hens, 1st 90, Brisbin & Co.; 2d 89½, 3d 89½, Guenther; 4th 87½, Kleason Bros. Cockerels, 1st 88, Perkins; 2d 87½, Kleason Bros. Pullets, 1st 91½, 2d 91, Perkins; 3d 90½, Perkins; 3d 90½, Perkins and Guenther, tie; 4th 90½, Perkins. Pens, 1st 180½, Perkins; 2d 179½, Guenther.

SILVER SEBRIGHT BANTAMS.—Hens, 1st 91½, 2d 90½, pullets, 1st 90½, 2d 90, Kleason Bros.

BUFF PEKIN BANTAMS.—Cocks, 1st 92½, 2d 90, hens, 1st 92½, 2d 92, Guenther. Cockerels, 1st 93, 1-2, 2d 93, pullets, 1st 93, 2d 92, 1-2, Kleason Bros.

BLACK PEKIN BANTAMS.—Cocks, 2d, hens, 2d, Hawkins.

W. C. W. POLISH BANTAMS.—Hens, 1st 93, 2d 90, 1-2, cockerels, 1st 90, 1-2, pullets, 1st 91, Kleason Bros.

SILVER PHOENIX.—Cockerel, 1st, pullet, 1st, E. M. Crossman, Batavia, N. Y.

R. C. BLACK BANTAMS.—Cock, 1st 92, 1-2, hens, 1st 95, Brisbin & Co. Cockerels, 1st 94, pullets, 1st 95, Kleason Bros.

R. C. W. BANTAMS.—Cocks, 1st 92, hens, 1st 94, 2d 94, cockerels, 1st 93, 1-2, 2d 92, 1-2, pullets, 1st 95, 2d 93, 1-2, Kleason Bros.

JAPANESE BLACKTAIL.—Cocks, 1st 93, hens, 1st 92, 1-2, Kleason Bros.

BOOTED WHITE.—Cocks, 1st 93, hens, 1st 93, cockerels, 1st 92, 1-2, pullets, 93, 1-2, Kleason Bros.

Bronze Turkeys.—Cocks, 1st 97, 1-2, G. Wolf, Seneca Falls, N. Y.; 2d 97, C. W. King, Fayette, N. Y.; 3d 96, 1-2, T. & J. D. Van Wagonan; 4th 96, King. Hens, 1st 98, 2d 97, 1-2, 3d 96, Wolf; 4th 93, King. Cockerels, 1st 97, 1-2, Wolf; 2d 97, 3d 96, 1-2, Van Wagonan; 4th 95, 1-2, Wolf. Pullets, 1st 98, 2d 97, 1-2, Wolf; 3d 97, 4th 97, Van Wagonan; Pens, 1st 95, 2-6, 2d 193, 4-6, Wolf.

SLATE TURKEYS.—Cock, 3d, hen, 1st, 2d, cockerel, 1st, pullet, 1st, pen, 1st, R. F. Seeley, Waterloo, N. Y.

WHITE TURKEYS.—Cock, 1st, hen, 1st, 2d, 3d, pen, 1st, Seeley.

PEA FOWL.—Cock, 1st, hen, 1st, Wheeler.

GUINEAS.—Cock, 1st, 2d, King; 3d Seeley. Hen, 1st, King; 2d, 3d, 4th, Seeley.

PEKIN DUCKS.—Cockerel, 1st 97, Seeley; 2d 93½, J. W. Lattin, Albion, N. Y. Pullet, 1st 97½, 2d 97, Seeley; 3d 96, Seeley tie with Lattin. Pen, 1st, 194, 5-6.

ROUEN DUCKS.—Cocks, 1st 96, W. P. Leggett, Salt Point, N. Y.; 2d 90, 1-2, Elm Place Poultry Yards, Rochester. Hens, 1st 94, 1-2, M. P. Leggett; 2d 91, Elm Place Yards. Cockerels, 1st 94, 1-2, Leggett; 2d 91, Freeman & Button. Pullets, 1st 93, 1-2, 2d 93, Freeman & Button; 3d 92, 1-2, Freeman & Button and Leggett, tie. Pen, 1st 184, Freeman & Button.

CAYUGA DUCKS.—Cocks, 1st 95, 1-2, hens, 1st 96, 1-2, 2d 96, King. Cockerels, 1st 94, King; 2d 93, 1-2, Leggett; 3d 89, 1-2, Elm Place Poultry Yards. Pullets, 1st 96, 1-2, King and Leggett, tie; 2d 92, Elm Place Poultry Yards.

COLOR MUSCOVY.—Hen, 1st 93, Lattin.

TOULOUSE GESE.—Cocks, 1st 90½, hens, 1st 92, 1-2, Seeley. Cockerels, 1st 96½, King; 2d 95, 1-2, Seeley. Pullets, 1st 91, King; 2d 84, 1-2, 3d 79, Seeley. Pen, 1st 180, 5-6, Seeley.

WHITE CHINA GESE.—Cocks, 3d 85, King; 4th 80, Plantz & Son. Hens, 1st 91, 1-2, King; 2d 82½, Plantz & Son. Cockerels, 1st 90, 2d 84½, pullet, 1st 94½, 2d 88½, pen, 1st 182, 5-6, King.

BELGIAN HARE.—1st on old buck, young buck, old doe and young doe, Brace & Walling.

ANGORA RABBITS.—1st pair White; 1st pair Yellow; 1st Black and White, Sutton.

LOP-EAR RABBITS.—1st pair J. Voss.

EGGS.—12 best white eggs, Mann.

PIGEONS.—Carriers, 1st White and Black, August Eckert, Rochester. Pouters, 1st and 3d Black, 2d Red, 1st Blue, Rudolph Weir, Rochester; 4th Red, Sutton; 3d White, Voss; 1st Ash, Horn; 2d, 4th Black, 2d, 3d Blue, 1st, 3d Red, 1st, 2d White, 1st Yellow, Eckert. Barbs, 1st Black, Red, Dun and White, C. C. Schiffer, Rochester;

DOMINIQUE LEGHORNS.—Cock, 2d, hen, 1st, 2d, 3d, cockerel, 3d, 4th, pullet, 3d, all to Bean.
 R. C. BROWN LEGHORNS.—Cockerel, 1st, pullet, 1st, Kulp; 2d, 3d, Dr. Oat.
 R. C. WHITE LEGHORNS.—Cock, 1st, Bean; 2d, Dr. Oat; 3d, Oliver. Hen, 1st, Dr. Oat; 2d, 3d, 4th, Bean. Cockerel, 1st, Dr. Oat; 2d, Bean; 3d, Oliver. Pullet, 1st, Bean; 2d, Dr. Oat; 4th, Oliver.
 BLACK MINORCAS.—Cock, 1st, John Grosh; 2d, hen, 1st, 4th, Bean; 2d, Townsend; 3d, Grosh. Cockerel, 1st, Townsend; 2d, 4th, pullet, 1st, 2d, Bean; 3d, Townsend. Pen, 1st, Bean.
 WHITE MINORCAS.—Cock, 1st, hen, 1st, cockerel, 1st, Bean; 3d, pullet, 1st, Grosh; 2d, Bean.
 BUFF LEGHORNS.—Cock, 1st, Bean; 3d, E. J. Chandler. Hen, 1st, Bean; 2d, cockerel, 2d, 3d, pullet, 1st, 3d, Chandler; 2d, Bean.
 W. F. BLACK SPANISH.—Cock, 1st, John Grosh, Landis Valley, Pa.; 2d, hen, 1st, Hickman; 2d, Grosh. Cockerel, 1st, pullet, 1st, Hickman. Pen, 1st, Grosh.
 ANDALUSIANS.—Cock, 1st, hen, 1st, Thomas. Cockerel, 1st, pullet, 1st, Oliver.
 MOTTLED ANCONAS.—Cockerel, 1st, pullet, 1st, 2d, 3d, pen, 1st, all to Bean.
 W. C. BLACK POLISH.—Cockerel, 1st, hen, 1st, Thomas.
 GOLDEN POLISH PLAIN.—Cock, 1st, hen, 1st, cockerel, 1st, pullet, 1st, all to Thomas.
 GOLDEN POLISH BEARDED.—Cock, 1st, hen, 1st, Thomas.
 BUFF LACED POLISH.—Cock, 1st, hen, 1st, pullet, 1st, 2d, Thomas.
 SILVER POLISH BEARDED.—Cock, 1st, 2d, hen, 1st, 2d, Thomas.
 WHITE POLISH BEARDED.—Cock, 1st, hen, 1st, pullet, 1st, Thomas.
 SILVER SPANGLED HAMBURGS.—Cock, 1st, 2d, hen, 1st, 2d, John Gotshall, Reading. Cockerel, 1st, 2d, Thomas; 3d, pullet, 1st, Gotshall; 2d, 3d, Thomas.
 GOLDEN SPANGLED HAMBURGS.—Cock, 1st, hen, 1st, Thomas.
 GOLDEN PENCILLED HAMBURGS.—Cock, 1st, hen, 1st, Gotshall; 2d, 3d, cockerel, 1st, pullet, 1st, Thomas.
 SILVER PENCILLED HAMBURGS.—Cock, 1st, 2d, hen, 1st, 2d, Gotshall; 3d, cockerel, 1st, Thomas; 2d, pullet, 1st, Gotshall.
 BLACK HAMBURGS.—Cock, 1st, 2d, hen, 1st, 2d, cockerel, 1st, 2d, Gotshall; 3d, Thomas. Pullet, 1st, Gotshall; 2d, Thomas. Pen, fowls, 2d, chicks, 1st, Gotshall.
 SILVER GRAY DORKINGS.—Cock, 1st Dr. Oat; 2d Grosh. Hen, 1st Dr. Oat; 2d Grosh. Pullet, 1st Dr. Oat; 2d Grosh.
 WHITE DORKINGS.—Cocks, 1st Thomas. Hen, 1st Thomas.
 COLORED DORKINGS.—Hen, 1st Thomas. Cockerel, 1st Dr. Oat; 2d Thomas. Pullet, 1st Dr. Oat.
 HOUDANS.—Cock, 1st Thomas. Hen, 1st Thomas. Cockerel, 1st, Bean. Pullet, 1st Bean. Pen, 1st Bean.
 INDIAN GAMES.—Cocks, 1st Fred. D. Reid; 2d E. E. Rodenboth; 3d Allen G. Oliver. Hens, 1st Oliver; 2d Reid; 3d and 4th Kriebel. Cockerel, 1st Oliver; 2d, 3d and 4th Rodenboth. Pens, 1st Woods & Bro.; 2d J. H. Breckbill, Strasburg, Pa.
 BLACK BREASTED GAMES.—Cock, 1st Oliver. Hen, 1st Oliver.
 RED PILE GAMES.—Cock, 1st Oliver. Hen, 1st Oliver.
 PIT GAMES.—Cock, 1st Rodenboth. Hen, 1st Rodenboth. Cockerel, 1st H. T. Archer. Pullet, 1st Archer.
 BLACK BREASTED RED GAME BANTAMS.—Cock, 1st George Corson, Plymouth Meeting, Pa. Hen, 2d Corson. Cockerel, 1st Corson; 2d C. T. Cornman. Pullet, 1st Corson; 2d Cornman. Pen, 1st Cornman.
 BROWN RED GAME BANTAMS.—Cockerel, 1st Cornman. Pullet, 1st Cornman.
 GOLDEN DORKING GAME BANTAMS.—Cock, 1st Cornman. Hen, 1st Cornman. Pen, 1st Cornman.
 SILVER DORKING GAME BANTAMS.—Cock, 1st Cornman. Hen, 1st Cornman. Cockerel, 1st Cornman. Pullet, 1st Cornman. Pen, 1st Cornman.
 RED PILE GAME BANTAMS.—Cock, 1st Cornman. Hen, 1st Cornman. Cockerel, 1st Cornman. Pullet, 1st and 2d Corson; 3d Cornman. Pen, 1st Cornman.
 WHITE GAME BANTAMS.—Cocks, 1st Cornman; 2d Thomas Lund. Hen, 1st Cornman; 2d Lund. Pen, 1st Cornman.
 BLACK GAME BANTAMS.—Cockerel, 1st Cornman. Hen, 3d Cornman. Pen, 1st Cornman.
 BLACK PEKIN BANTAMS.—Cock, 1st Allen. Hen, 1st Allen; 2d Bean. Cockerel, 1st Bean. Pullet, 1st and 2d Bean.
 PARTRIDGE COCHIN BANTAM.—Cock, 1st Cornman. Hen, 1st Cornman.
 WHITE PEKIN BANTAM.—Cock, 1st Lund; 2d G. R. Foulke; 3d Allen. Hen, 1st Lund; 2d Foulke; 3d Allen. Cockerel, 1st Dr. Witmer; 2d Foulke; 3d Cornman. Pullet, Dr. Witmer; 2d Cornman; 3d Foulke.
 BLACK PEKIN BANTAMS.—Cock, 1st Dr. Witmer. Hen, 1st Dr. Witmer. Cockerel, 1st Witmer. Pullet, 1st Dr. Witmer.
 JAPANESE BANTAMS.—Cock, 1st Dr. Witmer. Hen, 1st Dr. Witmer. Cockerel, 1st Allen. Pullet, 1st Allen; 2d Dr. Witmer.
 POLISH (any color) BANTAMS.—Pullet, 1st Dr. Witmer; 2d Thos. C. Allen. Cockerel, 1st Dr. Witmer; 2d Allen.
 BLACK AFRICAN BANTAMS.—Cock, 1st Gotshall. Hen, 1st Gotshall.
 WHITE FRIZZLES.—Cock, 1st and 2d Thomas. Hen, 1st and 2d Thomas.
 BLACK FRIZZLES.—Cockerel, 1st Thomas. Pullet, 1st Thomas.
 SICILIANS.—Hen, 1st Bean. Pullet, 1st Bean.
 NAKED NECKS.—Cockerel, 1st Bean. Pullet, 1st Bean.
 WHITE JAPANESE SILKIES.—Cockerel, 1st Cornman. Pullet, 1st Cornman. Pen, 1st Cornman.
 CAPONS.—One pair, 1st Dr. Oat; 2d Foulke.
 TURKEYS.—Bronze, 1st W. R. Hibbard, Frazer; 2d Foulke. White turkey old, 1st W. H. Hicks, Goshenville; 2d E. J. Chandler. Young, 1st Hicks.
 DUCKS.—Young Pekin, 1st Hibbard; 2d Dr. Oat. Old, 1st John Grosh; 2d Dr. Oat; 3d Bean. 4th W. Hickman, Jr. Rouen ducks, 1st Dr. C. F. Oat; 2d O. J. Strode, West Chester. Pen, 2d

Strode. Gray Call ducks, 1st Bean. Pen for young Pekin Ducks, 1st and 2d Dr. Oat.
 SPECIAL PREMIUMS.—The following exhibitors were awarded special premiums. Allen G. Oliver, Newark, Del., received all the specials for Indian Games except one. Fred. D. Reid, West Chester, for best Indian Game cock. E. C. Hickman, Cheyney, Delaware county, three specials for best pairs of Barred Plymouth Rocks. Ten dollar special of Mann's Bone Cutter for best pair of Barred cockerel and pullet. Sweepstake prize for Barred Plymouth Rock breeding pen. Special for best Barred Plymouth Rock cockerel. Special for best White Faced Black Spanish cockerel. Special for best breeding pen of Barred Plymouth Rocks. E. E. Rodenboth, West Chester, special for the best W. Plymouth Rock cock. Special for the best display of White Plymouth Rocks. H. M. Thomas Camden, Del., two specials for the best White Cochins cockerels. Special for the best colored Dorking hen. Special for the best pair of Black Cochins. Special for the best pair of Light Brahmas. Special for the best Light Brahma cock. Special for the best Buff Laced Polish cock. Special for the best Brahma hen. Special for taking the largest number of first premiums. F. G. Bean, Fairview Village, Pa., special for best Single Comb Brown Leghorn hen. Special for best pair Buff Leghorn fowls. Special for best Golden Wyandotte cock. Three specials for best White Plymouth Rock cockerels. Special for best White Langshan cockerel. Special for best American Dominique cockerel. Special for best Single Comb White Leghorn cockerel. Special for best pair Black Leghorns. Special for best pair Black Minorcas. Dr. C. F. Oat, West Chester, special for best Silver Gray Dorking hen. Two specials for best pair Rouen ducks. Special for best Silver Gray Dorking pullet. Two specials for best Partridge Cochins cock. Two specials for best White Wyandotte cock. Special for best Rose Comb White Leghorn cockerel. Special for heaviest Cochins cock of any variety in the show. Special for best colored Dorking cockerel. C. C. Townsend, Cheyney, Delaware county, special for best display of Wyandottes. Special for best Dark Brahma hen. Allen G. Oliver for best Black Java hen.

Awards at Atchison, Kas., Jan. 2 to 8, 1894.

BARRED PLYMOUTH ROCKS.—Cock, 1st 90, W. J. Vance, Atchison, Kas. Hen, 1st 91, 2d 90 1-2, C. M. Siler, Iatan, Mo. Cockerel, 1st 91 1-2, B. F. Clark, Stewartsville, Mo.; 2d, 91, P. S. Duncan, Perrin, Mo.; 3d, 90, Aaron Sheets, Topeka. Pullet, 1st 93, Clark; 2d 91 1-2 (tie), Siler and Sheets; 3d 90 1-2, Duncan. Pen, 1st, Duncan; 2d, Sheets; 3d (tie), Siler and Emery.
 DARK BRAHMAS.—Cockerel, 1st 90, pullet, 2d 88, J. L. Allen, Highland, Kas.
 LIGHT BRAHMAS.—Cock, 1st 91, M. S. Watson, Reserve, Kas.; 2d 91, J. W. Werner, Greenleaf, Kas.; 3d 92, Watson. Hen, 1st 93, Watson; 2d 92 1-2, Werner; 3d 92, Watson. Cockerel, 1st 91 1-2, Werner; 2d 91, C. F. Horne, Mankato, Kas.; 3d 90 1-2, James Burton, Jamestown, Kas. Pullet, 1st 94 1-2, Werner; 2d 94 1-2, 3d 93 1-2, Horne. Pen, 1st, Werner; 2d, Watson; 3d, Burton.
 SILVER LACED WYANDOTTES.—Cock, 1st 91, E. F. Powell, Everest, Kas.; 2d 90 1-2, P. W. Seip, Atchison, Kas. Hen, 2d 89 1-2, Seip; 3d 87, Powell. Cockerel, 1st 92, Powell; 2d 91, C. W. Boster, Concordia, Kas.; 3d 90, Powell. Pullet, 1st 93 1-2, 2d 92 1-2, Seip; 3d 92 1-2, Powell. Pen, 1st, Powell; 2d, Seip; 3d, Boster.
 WHITE WYANDOTTES.—Cock, 1st 93, hen, 1st 95, 2d 92 1-2, pullet, 1st 93, 2d 92, pen, 1st, Seip.
 GOLDEN WYANDOTTES.—Cock, 1st 90, cockerel, 2d 88 1-2, 3d 87 1-2, pullet, 2d 89 1-2, 3d 87 1-2, G. L. Alcorn, Atchison.
 BUFF WYANDOTTES.—Cockerel, 1st 90 1-2, pullet, 1st 90 1-2, 2d 89 1-2, 3d 89, pen, 1st, Adam Thompson, Amity, Mo.
 PARTRIDGE COCHINS.—Cock, 1st 90, hen, 1st 91, 2d 90, 3d 87, B. F. Tomlinson, Atchison, Kas. S. S. HAMBURGS.—Cock, 2d 89, Ira Sanders, Atchison. Hen, 1st 90 (tie), Sanders and E. S. Snell, Atchison.
 B. B. R. GAME BANTAMS.—Cockerel, 1st 94, Clarence Haslet, Atchison; 2d, Duncan. Pullet, 1st 95, 2d 93 1-2, Haslet; 3d 91 1-2, Duncan.
 BLACK LANGSHANS.—Cock, 1st 94, 2d 93, hen, 1st 95, 2d 94, cockerel, 1st 94 1-2, 3d 92 1-2, F. A. Gelder, Palmyra, Ill.; 2d 93, Wm. Wykoff, Greenleaf, Kas. Pullet, 1st 94, 2d 94, Gelder; 3d 93 1-2, Burton. Pen, 1st, Gelder; 2d, Burton.
 BUFF COCHINS.—Cock, 1st 94, Dan Robertson, Palmyra, Ill. Hen, 1st 94, W. C. Alexander, Everest, Kas.; 2d 94, Robertson; 3d 93 1-2, H. E. Shumway, Atchison. Cockerel, 1st 93, Robertson; 2d 92, Alexander; 3d 92, Shumway. Pullet, 1st 94, 2d 93 1-2, 3d 93 1-2, Robertson. Pen, 1st, Robertson; 2d, Alexander; 3d, C. C. Hoag, Minneapolis, Kas.
 BLACK COCHINS.—Cockerel, 1st 93, pullet, 1st 95, 2d 94, 3d 93 1-2, pen, 1st, C. H. Rhodes, Topeka, Kas.
 S. C. B. LEGHORNS.—Hen, 1st 94, Jas. Qurollo, Kearney, Mo.; 2d 94, 3d, S. G. Sprague, Atchison. Cockerel, 1st 94 1-2, C. A. Sparks, Topeka, Kas.; 2d 94, Vance; 3d 94, Qurollo. Pullet, 1st 95, Sparks; 2d 95, Qurollo; 3d 95, Duncan. Pen, 1st, Qurollo; 2d, Vance; 3d, J. A. Bailey, Denver, Col.
 INDIAN GAMES.—Cock, 1st 93, 3d 92, Haslet; 2d 92, Thompson. Hen, 1st 94 1-2, Haslet; 2d 93 1-3, 3d 93 1-2, Thompson. Cockerel, 1st 92 1-2, 2d 91, 3d 90, Haslet. Pullet, 1st 93 1-2, Thompson; 2d 93, Haslet; 3d 93, W. O. Kellogg, Atchison. Pen, 1st, 3d, Haslet; 2d, Thompson.
 BLACK LEGHORNS.—Pen, 1st, H. T. Stone, Edgerton, Mo.
 PEKIN BANTAMS.—Cockerel, 1st 91 1-2, pullet, 1st 93, Shumway.
 HOUDANS.—Cock, 1st 91 1-2, hen, 1st 92, 2d 91 1-2, cockerel, 2d 88 1-2, pullet, 1st 94, 2d 93, 3d 93, pen, 1st, W. A. Roberts, Minneapolis, Kas.
 R. C. B. LEGHORNS.—Cockerel, 1st 92, pullet, 1st 93, 2d 92, H. H. Bair, Topeka, Kas.
 R. C. W. LEGHORNS.—Hen, 1st 95, cockerel, 1st 92 1-2, pullet, 1st 95, T. D. Gahagan, Topeka.
 S. C. W. LEGHORNS.—Pen, 1st, W. A. Alexander, Iatan, Mo.
 BUFF LEGHORNS.—Cock, 1st 89 1-2, pullet, 1st 94, 2d 94, 3d 93, pen, 1st, Thompson.
 S. G. DORKINGS.—Pen, 1st, Roberts.

G. S. BANTAMS.—Cockerel, 1st 92 1-2, pullet, 1st 93 1-2, Siler.
 PIT GAMES.—Stag, 1st, 2d, M. Green, Atchison; 3d, H. C. Stevens, Atchison. Hen, 1st, 2d, 3d, pen, 1st, Green.
 BLACK MINORCAS.—Cock, 1st 90, hen, 1st 93 1-2, 2d 93, 3d 91, Sprague. Cockerel, 1st 93, 2d 93, pullet, 1st 95, 2d 94 1-2, 3d 94 1-2, pen, 1st, 2d, H. B. Challis, Atchison; 3d, Sprague.
 W. F. B. SPANISH.—Cockerel, 1st 92 1-2, pullet, 1st 92 1-2, 2d 91 1-2, 3d 91, pen, 1st, Chas. Pantle, Atchison.
 EXHIBITION COOP.—1st, Burton.
 BONE MILL.—1st, Mann.

Awards at Roachdale, Ind., Jan. 9 to 11, 1894.

BARRED PLYMOUTH ROCKS.—Cock, 1st 90, Thos. A. Owen, Racoon, Ind.; 2d 89, W. H. Gentry & Son, North Salem, Ind.; 3d 88½, W. H. Chapman, Annapolis, Ind. Hen, 1st 93, Chapman; 2d 93, Milbert Saylor, New Market, Ind.; 3d 92, 4th 92, Chapman. Cockerel, 1st 91½, Chapman; 2d 91½, Owen; 3d 90½, 4th 90, Saylor. Pullet, 1st 94, 4th 93, Chapman; 2d 93½, 3d 93, Saylor. Pen, 1st 92½, 4th 91, Chapman; 2d 91½, Saylor; 3d 91½, Owen.
 WHITE PLYMOUTH ROCKS.—Cockerel, 1st 91½, pullet, 1st 93, 2d 92, A. J. Warbrinton, Ladoga, Ind.
 LIGHT BRAHMAS.—Cock, 1st 89½, Warbrinton; 2d 87½, Saylor. Hen, 1st 95, 3d 94, Saylor; 2d 94½, 4th 93, Chas. Nelson, Bloomingdale, Ind. Cockerel, 1st 93½, 2d 92, 3d 91, Nelson; 4th 91, Saylor. Pullet, 1st 93, Mrs. Bettie Clark, New Market, Ind.; 2d 93, Warbrinton; 4th 91, Saylor. Pen, 1st 93½, Nelson; 2d 91½, Saylor.
 BLACK LANGSHANS.—Cock, 1st 94, C. J. Stutler, Roachdale, Ind.; 2d 93, Nelson; 3d 92½, Frank Thomason, Roachdale, Ind. Hen, 1st 94½, 3d 94, 4th 94, Nelson; 2d 94½, Stutler. Cockerel, 1st 94½, 4th 92½, Nelson; 2d 94, 3d 93, Stutler. Pullet, 1st 95½, 2d 94½, 3d 94½, Stutler; 2d 94½, Thurston Pickett, Roachdale, Ind. Pen, 1st 94½, 3d 93½, Stutler; 2d 94½, 4th 93½, Nelson.
 S. C. BROWN LEGHORNS.—Hen, 1st 94, 2d 93½, H. C. Nelson, Bloomingdale, Ind.; 3d 93, Orville Collins & Bro., Bainbridge, Ind. Cockerel, 1st 93, H. C. Nelson; 2d 93, Orville Collins & Bro. Pullet, 1st 95, 2d 95, Nelson; 3d 94½, 4th 93½, Orville Collins & Bro. Pen, 1st 93 11-16, Nelson; 2d 93½, Orville Collins & Bro.
 BUFF COCHINS.—Hen, 1st 91½, Warbrinton. Cockerel, 1st 94, 2d 91½, Saylor; 4th, Warbrinton. Pullet, 1st 94, 4th 91½, Saylor; 2d 92½, Warbrinton; 3d 92½, Mrs. Bettie Clark. Pen, 1st 92 11-16, Saylor; 2d 91½, Warbrinton.
 PARTRIDGE COCHINS.—Cock, 1st 85, hen, 1st 90, cockerel, 1st 92, pullet, 1st 92½, 2d 90, Warbrinton.
 WHITE COCHINS.—Hen, 1st 93, pullet, 1st 94, Warbrinton.
 WHITE WYANDOTTES.—Hen, 1st 92½, 2d 92, cockerel, 1st 92½, 2d 91½, pullet, 1st 91, 2d 90, H. C. Nelson.
 HOUDANS.—Cock, 1st 94, hen, 1st 94, Nelson.
 BLACK A. BANTAMS.—Cock, 1st 93, Warbrinton.
 SILVER POLISH.—Cock, 1st 88½, hen, 1st 87½, Warbrinton.
 B. B. R. GAMES.—Cock, 1st 94, hen, 1st 93½, 2d 93, cockerel, 1st 94, 2d 93½, 3d 93, 4th 92½, pullet, 1st 95, 2d 94½, 3d 94½, 4th 94½, pen, 1st 94 5-16, J. A. Gwilliams, Fincastle, Ind.
 INDIAN GAMES.—Cockerel, 1st 90½, J. F. Edwards, Fincastle, Ind. Pullet, 1st 93, 2d 92½, Warbrinton; 3d 91½, A. R. Allison, Bainbridge, Ind.; 4th 91, Samuel Gardner, Fincastle, Ind. Pen, 1st 89 11-16, Edwards.
 GEESE.—Old pair Toulouse, 1st. Old pair Embden, 1st, Warbrinton.
 WHITE HOLLAND TURKEYS.—Old tom, 1st, 2d, young tom, 1st, 2d, hen, 1st, 2d, pullet, 1st, 2d, best collection turkeys, any variety, 1st, S. Gardner.
 BRONZE TURKEYS.—Old tom, 1st, William Hartman, Fincastle, Ind.; 2d, Milbert Saylor, New Market, Ind. Young tom, 1st, M. Saylor; 2d, W. T. Saylor. Pullet, 1st, W. T. Saylor; 2d, M. Saylor. Best collection turkeys, 2d, M. Saylor.
 PEKIN DUCKS.—Young pair, 1st, Gwilliams. P. J. Keller, Tiffin, Ohio, judge.

Additional Awards at Cleveland, O.

PIT GAMES (BLACK REDS).—Cock, 1st, hen, 1st, Ben. Campbell, Cleveland, O. Pen, 1st, M. Cook, Ashtabula, O.
 PIT GAMES (BROWN REDS).—Hen, 1st, 2d, 3d, pen, 1st, G. W. Carter, Geneva, O.
 PIT GAMES (TARTARS).—Cock, 1st, hen, 1st, pen, 1st, W. C. Schmidt, Cleveland, O.
 PIT GAMES (DOMINQUES).—Cock, 1st, pen, 1st, Ben. Campbell.
 PIT GAMES (DUCKWINGS).—Hen, 1st, Ben. Campbell.
 PIGEONS (WHITE TUMBLERS).—Cock, 1st, hen, 1st, Herman Goerss, Cleveland, O.
 INCUBATORS AND BROODERS.—1st, A. Essig, on complete incubator and brooder.

The "World's" Challenge Cup.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

Will you kindly state that the *New York World* has donated a silver cup, value \$100, to be awarded for best male and female Exhibition Games shown at the New York Poultry and Pigeon Association show, February 8 to 13, to be won three times before final ownership can be claimed, to be known as the *New York World* Challenge Cup.

Will you kindly say that the \$100 cup for the best display of Langshans, should be for the best display of Black Langshans, H. V. CRAWFORD, Sec'y. Montclair, N. J., Jan. 15, '94.

A Breeze From the West.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

The shows held at Nanaimo, B. C., and Seattle, Wash., were very good. Not so large as our shows in Missouri, Kansas and Nebraska, but stock that would be a credit to any part of the country, and the fanciers are a wide-awake, first class lot of fellows that one feels better after becoming acquainted with.

The new breed Buff Leghorns was well represented at Seattle. In fact, I have never seen as fine a display anywhere, good color, combs and lobes, with fine Leghorn shape. This new breed is making a good showing and will no doubt have quite a run as long as the Buff craze lasts. Whether they are better than the other varieties of the Leghorn family is more than I am able to say. They are handsome when well bred and will no doubt find many admirers.

Regardless of the fact that the editor fails to agree with Arthur Felch on the admission of new breeds, I am inclined to think he came very near preaching good doctrine in his article in the *American Stock-keeper*. There is a limit to all things and I am of the opinion that we went over the limit at our meeting in Chicago on the admission of new breeds. There is no use crying over spilt milk. It is too late now, *so let her go*. If they make a good showing all well and good, if not the breeders themselves are responsible. Irvin Crocker sits down hard on some one because they are not in favor of specialty clubs.

If you refer to me, friend Crocker, I will say that I have not changed my opinion in the least and I believe I have just as good an argument on my side as there is on yours. If there were ten different clubs and ten different shows and ten different styles of judging, you would all have the same Standard for your guide and that Standard is the law laid down by the American Poultry Association, and the birds that win the premiums are birds that conform to that law. That is the whole thing in a nut shell. If you can see where they profit you, all well and good. I fail to see where I can gain a single point unless we leave the Standard out and make a Standard to suit ourselves, which I don't believe any member of the present club would care to do.

I like harmony above all things, and so long as we recognize the A. P. A. as the head of the poultry business, I believe we should follow its teachings or come before it at the proper time and place and present our grievance and ask for an adjustment of what we consider wrong. I have bred Silver Wyandottes since 1880. They were then called the American Sebrights, and I will say that I have never seen the time that I could not sell all the good ones I could breed and that too without the aid of a specialty club.

Regardless of the hard times that are just now being felt all over the west, there are more and better shows this season than there ever were before. It is no uncommon thing to see 1000 birds on exhibition and sales are good in almost all the classes, especially the old varieties, and what is better still the attendance is good. Nearly all of the shows are coming out winners and are making grand preparations for next year. Some have already claimed their dates and contracted with their judges, while others are now figuring with the judges and will claim dates as soon as contracts are signed.

The quality of the stock shown so far this year is simply grand. Of course there are some eastern birds among the winners. I have seen, the feature of Ringlets in some blue ribbon coops of Plymouth Rocks, while that broad skull with I. K. F. stamped on it has flashed on 95 point Light Brahmas.

But those *lads* are not breeding all the good ones by a right smart, and I have handled several that would make them turn green with envy.

THEO. HEWES.

Trenton, Mo, Jan. 7th '94.

Transfer of Stock.

G. A. Fick all of his Barbs to Dr. W. W. White of Baltimore, Md. F. A. Rommell to C. F. Wagner of Mimico, Ont., one pair Black Russian Trumpeters. G. A. Fick to C. F. Wagner one pair of fine Black Swallows.

PIGEONS.

Queries and Answers.

[All reasonable questions of interest to the fancy, pertaining to the care, management and health of fancy Pigeons will be answered in this column. The department is conducted by C. W. Buttles, 1070 Madison Avenue, Columbus, Ohio, to whom all communications should be addressed.—ED.]

Query.—Noting that you have given quite a lot of good common sense advice in this department of THE AMERICAN FANCIER, I would like to ask you a few questions: 1st. Is inbreeding advisable, if so to what an extent? 2d. Should an old cock bird be mated to an old or young hen, to produce the strongest and most hardy youngsters? 3. What is the best general feed to use during the breeding season? A. H. B.

Answer.—I am glad you see a little good in my advice, and hope there are others of the same opinion. In regard to inbreeding, I do not think it is harmful if indulged in to a certain extent, but when that point is reached inbreeding should stop. I think that the best results from inbreeding are obtained in the breeding of Short Face Tumblers, African Owls and Scotch Fantails, where size cuts a great figure. If I had a point in view which could be gotten in no other way, I would mate a young bird to the parent, and young from these back again to the grand-parent. A strain of birds can soon be gotten in this manner which for uniformity of color, size and quality, can never be obtained in any other manner. Beware of introducing new blood, unless you are posted on the breeding of same. 2. An old cock mated to a young hen will produce good, strong youngsters, were the same bird mated to an old hen would produce very few youngsters, and those of an inferior quality. 3. I am aware that few fanciers will agree on a general diet for the breeding season, but I think you will not go far amiss by feeding mainly on good old sound wheat with Canada peas, a little millet, canary, hemp and cracked corn.

Pigeon Notes.

BY JOHN HOPEWELL.

January is the favorite month for exhibitions of poultry, pigeons and pet stock, but what must be a discouraging fact to the pigeon fancier is this, that pigeons as a general thing, receive such a meagre offer in way of premiums at most shows, as to hardly be an inducement for a good breeder to risk his birds, and send them any distance to compete. The fact is that the larger part of our committees, know but little about pigeons even in a gastronomic way; and not until their attention is particularly called to the beautiful features or attractions of fancy pigeons, does the average visitor at our poultry shows see anything in them to excite interest. There is a lamentable ignorance shown in the knowledge of attractive features and as a rule the pigeons are regarded as oddities rather than objects of beauty. Note the interest that the individual with experience shows in his examination of the pretty pets. He knows where to find the meritorious qualities and as he passes along the rows of cages his trained eye detects at once the defects and also the perfect points, and so a visit becomes a pleasure to him. This lack of knowledge is without doubt the reason that exclusive pigeon displays such as the Baltimore show was, are generally so poorly patronized. The thousands of people that visit our dog shows and poultry shows find something of interest there because all know something about dogs and fowls, and dogs are so full of life, animation and intelligence that they excite the sympathy and admiration even of strangers. Fowls, where tame, reciprocate attentions shown them by visitors, but the pigeon is cold and stolid, shrinking from any personal attentions and showing no affection for any one, not even its owner. Hence, visitors not versed in pigeons alone, pass uninterestedly by, their mind confused by the great variety, and their

visit unsatisfactory from a lack of knowledge of what constitutes the attractive features of fancy pigeons. One visit of this kind satisfies, and when the show season comes around again they anticipate no pleasure from a visit to the exhibition and so keep away from it. Exclusive pigeon shows have never yet, to my knowledge proved financial successes, and but for the liberality of a few able and enthusiastic fanciers, they would have been relegated to oblivion long ago. It is a pity that such a condition of things exists, and that pigeon breeding receives no more encouragement from the outside public than it does. But while it has been a matter of thought and study with me for years as to what could be done to make the love for fancy pigeons more general, I find myself getting no nearer the solution of the problem than when I first began. If it could once be made a fashionable "fad" and the wealthy and influential become interested in it, the fancy would have such a boom as it never yet saw. There is an infinite amount of pleasure to be derived from the breeding and keeping of fancy pigeons, but how to know and make the wealthy believe this is the question for consideration. The New York show is a means to this end, and consequently I hope the pigeon display here may be a large one, and the object lesson thus presented, bear good fruit in the right direction.

Pigeons intended for exhibition should be got into the best of condition before the time arrives, and should reach the show room in as clean and unruffled a condition as it is possible for them to be. The washing if one has but few to show can be done by hand, using water about 85 to 90 degrees in temperature, and using the best of castile soap. A little bluing added to the water has a good effect on the after color of the plumage. After first washing they should have a thorough rinsing to remove all traces of soap, and then carefully dried before a fire, the bird taken in the hand and gradually turned and dried. This is a tedious and slow process, and requires some experience to be done satisfactory, but pays when well done. If one intends to exhibit a number where the washing by hand would be too tedious a process. I would advise providing a warm room if in the winter time, and allowing them to take a daily bath in tepid water for a few days before sending to the show. In this way much of the dust that causes the dull look in the plumage, particularly of dark colored birds, will be removed, and the plumage show more richness and glassiness. Carriers and Barbs used to have the wattles of the nose and eyes carefully washed and looked after to remove all gum and dirt that naturally accumulates in those localities. Some fanciers after washing apply a little olive oil, but I should prefer after washing thoroughly, drying with a soft cloth, leaving the wattles thin in a clean and natural condition. The dust or "bloom" I have mentioned above can also be removed by slightly moistening the hands and gently rubbing the plumage downwards or with the course of the feathers. In shipping, as far as possible have your shipping crates arranged so as to keep each bird by itself. This can be done by making partitions of stout cloth, or paste board running them diagonally across the box or basket thus making the apartment or space narrower at one end than the other, conforming to the shape of the pigeon, and so preventing it from turning around and breaking its plumage. Boxes, if used, should be furnished with plenty of air holes, else the pigeon will sweat and its appearance be spoiled. If one has not baskets properly made for shipping, champagne baskets can be fitted as I have described. The bottom should be covered with hay seed chaff, this being dry, absorbent, soft, elastic and sweet; and means should be provided for fastening the lid securely. The custom adopted by some of crowding a quantity of pigeons together in broad shallow boxes is a representative one as birds shipped in such a manner are apt to crowd in the corners pecking and dirtying one another, and arriving in no presentable condition for exhibition. The plan of providing watering cups to the birds while a humane one is against the chances of the bird arriving in good

condition, but if sent on long journeys it seems cruel not to supply something for them to drink from. Still especially as is often the case if the birds travel by night, it is not absolutely a necessity especially if the owner is with them and sees that they have a drink as soon as they are caged in the exhibition pen. Food can always be provided so that a bird need not suffer from this cause. But where possible to ship without water I would advise doing so. Attendants need to be provided who understand handling pigeons when taken from boxes or baskets, as proper handling is another secret of success in the appearance of the exhibition bird. There can no better pens be provided than Spratts exhibition pens and if birds do not show well in them, there is no hope for them in anything.

Honest Illustrations.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

May I have a word in plea for honesty in the line of illustration? We would pass no censure on the pen and ink sketches of C. W. Buttles' president of the Owl club. His picture shows great care and a commendable degree of skill in delineation. If he does not own just such birds we are glad to see the ideal pictures, they are a stimulus to us all, and they show a standard which is of educational value. Let the *American Stock-keeper* show better pictures, rather than ridicule Mr. Buttles' sketches. Are we to condemn a drawing simply because it shows better birds than ours, and to declare without seeing the originals that the representative is not just?

I trust our Columbus friend will "do so again," and give us his idea of the English owl and the African owl, side by side, if he does not have specimens that come up to his standard.

But for one thing we have no measure of toleration. It is to go to an old work already in the hands of many fanciers, certainly one which every fancier has read many times and long studied, deliberately copy an engraving or wood cut and reproduce it over the words, "Winner at the World's Fair, Chicago, 1893," bred and owned by—Ann Arbor, Mich.

Mr. Editor, whose fault was this? I am sure you did not intend to misrepresent in this glaring manner, in your issue of October 28th. One has simply to turn to "Fulton's Book", and he will find the same "Blue Fantail Cock" identical even to the separating of hairs on a feather and spots on the paper. Moreover the reproduction is by no means a good one and shows the scissor marks where it was separated from its surroundings in the large page. We can say nothing against the use of "The Magpie Pigeon" cut, a like reproduction in the issue of September 2d, for there it is not declared to be the winner of any prize or owned and bred by any fancier.

If one is determined to reproduce in this way, credit should always be given, as carefully as in a reproduced article.

It is also perfectly apparent to any one that the illustration in December 30th of "Black Jacobin Cock", owned and bred by — is a like appropriation although the source we do not now remember. The oriental scenery through the window which is so manifestly ideal, forces to the conclusion that the hood and mane are also ideal. To be sure we do not expect THE AMERICAN FANCIER to be familiar with all the standard illustrations, ten years in print, but we do cry, "Enough", to the man who sends you such reproduced plates as birds of his owning or breeding.

Can we not have a series of original photo-engravings of prize birds? They are not expensive, and the owner of the bird will no doubt be willing to bear half or all the expense, with privilege of keeping the plate. If I were in a city where some first class show is in progress, it would be a simple matter to take snap-shot photographs of the winners, letting the owners get each bird into the best possible position at the instant of the exposure. A dozen such birds could be shown in one cut the size of your first page illustration at an inconsiderable expense. It would be instructive to have specialists indicate with such life-pictures the points where there is a divergence from the ideal standard.

St. Louis.

A. L. LOVE.

The Pouter Again.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

I have written so much about the Pouter in the last six months that I am "out of stock" on the subject. I don't see why some of our other Pouter men don't favor the lovers of the bird with an article now and then. What great reading it would be to have the Messrs. Acton, Ward, Heroux, Heing, Muehlig, Kuhn, Campbell, Hazeldine, Martin, McClure, and other prominent breeders tell us all they know about that incomparable bird, the Pouter. A few of the above named parties sell hundreds of dollars worth of birds yearly. I think, in justice to the many young fanciers to whom they sell, if for no other reason, they ought give their views occasionally about things concerning the big fellow. But aside from this it is a duty they owe to the fancy to propagate the love of their hobby; to increase the interest in it, and in no way can this be accomplished any better than by good articles on the subject. I am personally acquainted with some of the above and have corresponded with some of the others, and I know if their views were disseminated freely it wouldn't be long until the Pouter ranks would be swelled to double the number of the friends of the bird at present. In fact an article from each one of the above would be as valuable to a young fancier as a copy of Fulton's book would be. And while speaking of the advancement of the fancy and the duty of the fancier, etc., I think it would be a winning card for your paper to give a diagram each week of one variety of pigeons. I don't mean a photograph or a picture of a bird, but a diagram with an explanatory key accompanying it.

If Acton would tell us how he raised those wonderful Reds and Blacks that carried everything before them at the last great show held at Cincinnati; if Heroux would tell us how he raised that long-legged fellow, Rex; if Ward would tell us how he raised that grand Yellow cock that has never been beaten in the show room; if Campbell would tell us how he raised that pair of Reds he refused \$500 for, it would stir up such a demand for good birds that it could not be supplied. This might be asking a little too much, for no one likes to give away a skill acquired by years of study. Still if they did the Pouter fancy might be so educated that every one would know what girth, concave curve in back, fullness at back of neck, keel line, etc., means when it was referred to. A majority of the Pouter men only figure on the length of a bird, size of crop, and actual measured length of legs. They never speak of girth. If a bird is loose-shouldered so much the better, they think, for it makes him look fluffy and larger.

I can come near telling whether I am going to sell a man or not when I read his letter. Often I write some party three or four pages knowing I won't sell him. I give him my views of the proper Pouter hoping at least to get him to thinking. I have converted a few I think, but it has taken lots of ink. The hardest people to convert are the old timers that are always talking about that great big blower they once raised with a nice half moon on the crop out of a speckled he and a yellow she. When they talk like that you might as well agree with them for they are hopeless. I used to raise that kind myself and my stock birds usually came from some man running a coal yard, and I used to get them with the aid of a bean shooter. Oh, I used to have them as good (?) as anybody. My demand on the family grocer for soap and starch boxes was very heavy. I would cut the wings of the birds and then watch them all day to keep the cats from catching them. At night I would take them out with me and blow them up for the gratification of some of my boy friends under the light of some friendly street lamp. Great is the Pouter fancy!

But, seriously speaking, I always did love the Pouter and always will. Gilbert's Fans are elegant I guess; Crawford's Jacobins wonderful no doubt; Orr's Turbits grand, but to me there is only one pigeon and its name begins with a capital P.

Now don't run off with the notion that

I am blind to the beauties of any variety but my own. I simply believe in specialists. It is hard enough to thoroughly master one variety and breed it up to a high state of perfection. Certainly no one ought breed over two kinds. I have several reasons for this. To start out with a stud of *good birds* of any one variety of pigeons it takes about as much money as most men can spare on their hobby. I am sure nobody can buy, say three pairs of typical Pouters, Fans, Jacobins, Carriers, Owls, Turbits, for less than \$100. Well, \$100 is a whole lot of money to most people. And another reason is that to make a success of your following, you must *study* your birds; study them like you used to study grammar at school. One variety will give you study enough to fill in your spare time. The time of nearly all of us that we have to devote to pigeons is limited; consequently if we try to crowd too much in that space, details will be neglected; the difficult problems will remain unsolved even if noticed.

But the best argument I have is that our specialists are the ones most noted for the excellence of their birds. I have never yet seen anyone that could talk intelligently on three or more varieties of birds, and when I say intelligently, I mean it in the full sense of the word. I, myself, know that a Fan must have a wide-spreading, up-standing tail, that its head must rest somewhere on a cushion, that its head and neck must be in continuous motion, and you must talk about the other fellow's pot-lids and scoops, for he has called attention to your split tails, etc. I know that a Jacobin must have a good head, mane and chain, and that the rose ought to be in there somewhere; and I know that your neighbor's Jacks have foul heads and flaring hoods, and your bird's hoods lay very close, etc. I know, too, that an Owl must be small, have a round head and have a frill on the breast, etc., but then I am done. I have never *studied* the birds and study is absolutely necessary. I have old fanciers come in my loft to buy Pouters whose knowledge of the bird is just as limited as my description of the Fan, Jack and Owl would indicate mine is on them.

In conclusion I want to say that owing to insurmountable obstacles I am obliged to retire from the fancy. I am going to sell all my birds. As I see them go one by one it nearly breaks my heart, for nobody on earth can possibly be more devoted to them than I am. In all my writings I have ever tried to be fair and to refrain from personalities, however, if I have aroused the ill will of anyone, I trust they will forgive me for my intentions were only to advance the interests of the king—the Pouter.

H. A. BUDDE.

St. Louis, Mo.

To Members of the Tumbler Club.

It is to be regretted that owing to the widely scattered membership of our Club, it was found impracticable to hold a meeting during the late Baltimore show. This being the case, I feel that it would interest the members to know about how we stand, financially and otherwise, and take this means of communicating with them.

We have at present, twenty-one members, Dr. Chas. L. Lang, Meridian, N. Y., and Mr. Chas. H. Jones, Philadelphia, resigned, both having paid their initiation fees. We have \$28 in cash from initiation fees and annual dues. Eighteen of this is from initiation fees which still shows a few unpaid, and \$10 represents annual dues, (due Jan. 1st) paid in by the following members: Messrs. Gorse, Gill, Whitman, Schimmel and John H. Wagner.

If all initiation fees were paid, and if all members would pay their annual dues promptly, we would have in hand \$63, and by next year, without counting upon any new members, by adding interest, which I will pay, while treasurer, a total of \$66.78. Not a mean sum to invest in specials for next year's shows, or for any purpose tending to advance the club's interests. This amount will in all probability be increased by new members coming in.

As it has been the expressed desire of

quite a number of the members to vote for a new set of officers for the ensuing year, and as this could not be done in a regular meeting, I would suggest that any member who chooses to do so, make his nominations through the columns of THE AMERICAN FANCIER, or the *American Stock-keeper* nominations to close with the last issues of these papers published in this month. This I think will give ample time.

There are only two officers being combined in order to save time and trouble in the way of correspondence, etc. If however, it is the wish of any members to have these offices separated, they can signify such desire by making their nominations accordingly. After the nominations are made, I will place them before each member by personal correspondence in order to receive his vote, and as soon as the result is known it will be duly published.

I sincerely hope that members will not hesitate to place the names of any of their friends in nomination for the office of secretary and treasurer. My reason for making this suggestion is not from any lack of interest in our club, but is based upon the belief that there are others in the club who have more time at their disposal to devote to matters pertaining to the club than myself, and consequently the success of the club would be greater. I would beg to call their attention to the old saying, "a new broom sweeps clean," and I honestly think that it would be a good thing for the club to put in a new set of officers. I have purposely refrained from making a nomination for president, and will not suggest a name for my successor, preferring to submit this matter to the body of the club. There are several first-rate men, and enthusiastic fanciers among the members who would fill either office with honor to the club. In order to save time, I would beg to say that neither Mr. Gaddess or Mr. Gill could be persuaded to accept a nomination.

Now please don't allow this matter to drop, a few words from each member, taking but a few minutes' time, is all that is necessary. If any members prefer making their nominations to me direct, it will answer the purpose just as well and probably better.

FRANK S. WALTON,
Sec'y and Treasurer.

[The Club members should send their nominations direct to the secretary.—Ed.]

An American Band.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

There has been a world of discussion about seamless bands for 1894, and I think the matter is now solved. Mr. McLean of Charlestown, Mass., wrote me about a band invented by E. F. Webb, 62 Lynde street, Charlestown, Mass., and I sent and got some for '94. It is by far the best band I have seen and being a "combination" band, it does away entirely with the trouble of sending to England for conference bands and then using in addition, a loft register band on the other leg. In short Mr. Webb's band does away with the need for two bands.

This new band is large, light and strong, and the figures and letters are very plain. I consider it the best American band I ever saw.

There is no law in this free country to make us use the English band, and when I show my '94 (or another year) birds, the judge can go by my band or let it alone, just as he pleases. I'm not a bit stuck on the English way. I got a lot of birds over, yesterday, and with the exception of one, of which the breeder wrote that he "tied his tail to protect the blood feathers," I could not tell one solitary bird in the lot. One was the first Crystal Palace hen, but not a mark to show what she was. I suppose he thought I was good enough judge to look the lot over and tell which were the hens, and then, which ought to have won. When I send one a bird, my band shows first who bred it, second what year I bred it, and third what its loft number is. Look at the bands and the loft register does the rest.

Now Mr. Webb's band tells the whole story at a glance. I don't say that this new band is as pretty as a tinted enamel conference band, but I never yet saw a

band handsome enough to make a poor bird win. This band is complete and plain, and that's all I want. I suppose that conceited ass "Senex" will roast me for daring to say that anything can possibly be better than the English conference band, but I shall still continue to think that what he don't know would fill a book as large as Oscar Seiffert's overcoat.

I'm not working for any commission on Mr. Webb's band. McLean said it was just the thing, and I ordered some, and agree with Mac and that settles it.

F. M. GILBERT.

Evansville, Ind., Jan. 10th.

"Abel" Corrections.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

Please make the following corrections in the list of awards of the Baltimore Association Columbarian show as published in your last issue. In Black Carrier cocks you omitted to state that James Mander, Philadelphia, Pa., won 4th. In Any Other Color Shortface Tumbler cock you give 1st to O. Seifert, when it should read 1st James Hill, Jr.; 2d Seifert. Any Other Color Shortface Tumbler hen, you omit to give Gaddess 2d; Pigmy Pouters any other color hen, you omit to give Havemeyer 3d; Long-faced Muffed Tumblers, bred 1893, you give Blake & Johnson 1st, when F. S. Walton, Philadelphia, Pa., should have the credit. In White African Owl hens, Mr. Geo. Eckert won both 1st and 2d. In Red Wing Turbits you give all the credit to Ryan & Gould, when they only won 3d, and W. T. Levering 1st, 2d, and 4th. In Red Magpies you give 4th to Dorsey, when it should go to R. Joos, Peoria, Ill. In the list of winners of the W. T. Levering specials, you give the credit for best Longfaced Tumbler to Gaddess, when W. W. White, Jr., is entitled to it. Please make the above corrections.

JOHN D. ABEL.

Transfer.

H. L. Hayden has sold to J. Paul Weixlar, Jr., Worcester, Mass., 5 pair Satinettes, 3 pair Blue Barred and 1 pair Laced Blondinettes.

Pigeon Flying.

Notice to Subscribers.

Our subscribers are informed that we have arranged that all inquiries relating to the breeding, training and management of homing pigeons, and upon all questions bearing upon the history of pigeon flying, both at home and abroad, will be answered by "Fritz" through his columns in THE AMERICAN FANCIER weekly, and at the earliest possible opportunity, and should be addressed to

MR. T. FRED. GOLDMAN,

832 Herkimer Street,

Brooklyn, N. Y.

[All matter that he deems of general and practical interest, or of value to the young and inexperienced fancier, will be embodied in his weekly notes, while other matter will be sent direct by mail.—Ed. A. F.]

Points in the Flying Fancy.

A Weekly Review of Events in the Homing World.

BY FRITZ.

I have often been asked, whether I recommend the attempted settling of old birds at a strange loft where they have been kept as breeding stock, also, what are the best means to settle such birds? The most effective method to locate a strange bird, and if once settled down at such strange loft, do I recommend their being entered for races? In connection with the foregoing, a correspondent writes me this week as follows:

"May I trouble you for your advice regarding a splendid 500 miles cock I purchased a few weeks ago from ——. I am going to mate him to a 500 miles hen I own, and which I flew from North Carolina, but I don't want to make her a prisoner, and neither do I want to clip the

cock's wings. Do you think I could settle him, and if so, how would you advise me to set about it? Mr. — will return the bird to me should it fly back to his coop, but I don't want to be bothered sending for the bird by express, nor the expense of same," etc.

This correspondent is in a fix common with young fanciers, and I am very pleased to note his aversion to clipping the cock's flights.

It is an eyesore to me to see Homing pigeons bedaubed with red or yellow paint, but it is positively repulsive and highly offensive to my senses as a fancier, to view any of our game pets degraded by such mutilations as my correspondent refers to. Here is a game bird, who proudly and in the full possession of all of its powers, flew 500 miles, air line to its home. It is transferred to a stange loft for *breeding purposes*.

Can any fancier be so stupid as to imagine that this game bird, with clipped flights, and perforce relegated to the floor of a breeding loft, or a possible handy low perch—*certainly nothing beyond*—is morally fit to transmit his best qualities to young?

Is a bird while in such mortifying, degraded and crippled state, calculated to reproduce desirable young for workers? Is not this sudden transposition and mutilation of his flight power, calculated during such mutilation to dampen his ardor, destroy his best moral condition, and render him almost useless and unfit for the reproduction of snappy, intelligent and vigorous young? My experience years ago and combined search in this direction, fully confirm this, and I unhesitatingly pronounce against this barbarous and stupid practice of so relegating a good bird to the floor of the loft for breeding purposes.

To the thoughtful and thorough fancier the combined imprisonment of Homers *unclipped* in a comfortable breeding loft, with wired in aviary connected on the ground, of ample dimensions, and supplied with all natural necessities except absolute freedom in the air, is the only method to pursue for the reproduction of desirable stock, and even then for but few seasons, for stock is bound to degenerate under such enforced imprisonment.

A good game bird which has proved himself a worker is a difficult thing to settle at a strange loft with any *certainly*, and a hen doubly so. They are liable to leave you at any moment. I would recommend my correspondent to arrange a special corner apart in his loft for this particular pair of birds, connected with an aviary, that they may have entrance to, unless a special loft for prisoners exists. When the pair are well mated, and the cock commences to *drive in earnest*, give them the freedom of the general loft, but with its trap closed for a day. The hen will take him there and bring him back. This is the best known period to locate a cock bird at a strange loft. During the mating period, and a week or two to get settled down, the windows of the loft, the trap, and the aviary have enabled him to become familiar with his new home and surroundings, and then his *warm interest* in his new mate, and *when the driving commences*, I know of no better period to induce a cock bird which has worked successfully to a strange loft to settle down and remain in his new quarters.

I have successfully so settled many such birds, but at the best it is a mere matter of luck and chance, and my advice to the young fancier is to *first secure a few perfect young*, before experimenting with the settling of the parents.

A few pairs of desirable youngsters settled on the roof is worth much more than an unsettled parent in the clouds looking for its old home, and certainly far more than a deserted pair of cold eggs in the pan, upon which the young fancier has built great hopes.

As to the question of training such old birds if successfully located at a new home. Even this has been frequently carried out, and successfully too. This is also a mere matter of luck, but it must

certainly strike any fancier as very risky business, and thoroughly inconsistent with all accepted practice and theory of training Homing pigeons, particularly if the bird's old home lies any where near the course flown over.

Any flying fancier should deem himself as exceedingly fortunate in locating good birds, without tempting fortune further in trying to race them to their new home, for by the very practice he is reviving old memories and capacity, and the chances are in favor decidedly, that the bird will not return to him, at least in racing time, or necessary velocity to be any where in it.

I have so experimented with birds which I received from abroad, but never with any degree of success, except in one instance, and that bird was sent to me a youngster, and untrained abroad.

In attempting to settle strange birds, the very first thing to be considered is not to make the attempt until a reasonable time has elapsed since their imprisonment, with daily opportunity to become familiar with their surroundings, and particularly when the fancier feels satisfied that the birds *behave contented*, are well mated, well fed, and well cared for, and are not handled nor scared. Much stuff has been written about the Homing pigeons' love for its nest and young, its mate, and its particular perch and nest box. Granted, when all these attractions may exist in its original home, but in a new home it will as readily desert one and all as the most hardened and cruel of parents.

And how frequently we may see even in its original home during an enforced absence of a few days only of its mate, either the cock or hen at once enter upon new flirtations, which are immediately followed by a complete new alliance, and the eggs and even young of the former alliance neglected, and finally deserted. Of course there are many exceptions to this, but after all from my experience I cannot view the sentimental side of the Homing pigeon, or real racer of the clouds, so warmly nor confidently as many of my brethren in the flying fancy are apt to do.

In conclusion I recommend the young fancier when trying to settle trained or untrained old birds at his loft to select the period I have touched upon regarding cock birds, and for hen birds, rather late in the afternoon, an hour or so before the time she is accustomed to relieve the cock at nest, upon either eggs a day or so from hatching, or young a few days old. In either case don't have the regular occupants of the loft outside in fresh condition for a fly, but when they have already had ample flight, and ready almost to re-enter the loft.

Startled birds *when once they are on the wing*, are very apt to forget young, eggs, mate, and every bit of comfort their new owner has lavishly expended upon them.

So very many letters have reached me of late regarding seamless bands for 1894, that I would caution again the young fancier against the *uselessness and ill effects of too early breeding*.

Late in February or early March is ample time to mate up your birds and commence breeding operations, and unless you are breeding for *revenue* mainly why should you commence in January or early February? I view with as much disfavor these very early hatched youngsters, as I do those of the other extreme, the late hatched ones.

The flying fancier who is in the sport for recreation mainly, has no needs for either, and the novice, less. I have thoroughly tried both, and I give you the benefit of my experience. Eschew both extremes, for neither are not alone not essential to success, but positively against it.

This is no fad, but knowledge all good flying fanciers have acquired from ripe experience, many hard knocks, and many bitter disappointments of the past. There are many bitter cold and damp days and nights yet before us, and it is surprising what one bitter cold night can accomplish in a loft where the nest pans are well filled with half developed youngsters, on a nasty, cold damp day. Have you not had such experience reader? And

suppose you raise these January and February birds?

It's dollars against doughnuts that your March and April hatched birds in August and September following will discount them in plumage, feather, sprightliness and work, and your old birds in May and June be in 25 per cent better condition for racing.

Apropos of seamless bands, the distinguishing letter for 1894 of the National Association's official issue, is the letter "C," which many no doubt will infer stands for "*Consolidation*," at least so my accomplished brother scribe of the Philadelphia *Item* very ingeniously puts it, "and a goal that all good fanciers have been so anxious to attain during the last few months" and which we are now able to announce has been positively secured. The bands can be now ordered from secretary C. H. Jones, 10 South Broad street, Philadelphia, Pa., by all members of the National association, and are I believe manufactured in German Silver at \$2 per hundred and in aluminum at \$2.50 in any quantities, and from the specimens I have inspected cannot but give satisfaction.

At a recent monthly meeting of the Empire City Flying Club of New York, and vicinity, Mr. Thos. J. C. Clarke, who is a prominent member of this club, and whom all will recall was the easy winner in the Chicago, Ill., race last fall from the World's Fair grounds in the remarkably speedy time of two days, called the attention of the club, and very reasonably, to the fact that up to date he had received no prize nor diploma whatever from the Fair authorities, not even an official announcement from them as to the flight, nor the honors he had so creditably won with his game bird.

The members winning the other honors had the same complaint to make as Mr. Clarke, and I have no doubt all other sections who competed for the prizes are in the same boat. Now this is positively lamentable, and I regret exceedingly that the live stock department authorities of whom Mr. W. J. Buchanan was the chief, should pay so little regard to the many inquiries which I know have been made by the various flying sections upon the question of distribution of the honors earned by them.

The authorities surely cannot intend to repudiate their contracts in this department, and I would respectfully call the attention of Secretary Jones of the National Association of Homing Pigeon Fanciers to this unfinished business.

Perhaps a personal letter from him to Capt. Thompson or W. J. Buchanan might be attended with better results than that which has followed the inquiries of myself and others, and should that fail, then the matter should be introduced to the executive of the National Association for action.

When one considers the number of superb birds which were sacrificed in the flights by the several sections engaged, it seems particularly hard that the fortunate winners of the prizes offered should be compelled to go without them. I cannot possibly reconcile myself to the belief that the Fair authorities contemplate any such discreditable evasion of their contracts. Yet this continued silence upon the subject and delay on their part certainly invites the most unfavorable of criticism.

I hope that from now out the editor of the *Homing Exchange* will not hesitate to draw his blue pencil across communications of the kind appearing in the January issue of that journal from the Minerva Homing Pigeon Club, anent its grievance against the *Item's* editor. The Philadelphia *Item* is chiefly a local sheet so far as perusal of its pigeon flying columns by pigeon flying fanciers is concerned, rarely reaching the flying fancy outside of Philadelphia.

The *Homing Exchange* is more or less distributed throughout the various pigeon flying sections monthly, and presumably represents the National Association. Whatever personal grievance the Minerva Homing Club may have with the *Item* or its pigeon flying editor, such differences should be confined to the columns of the local press, or better not

at all if they are to appear only in the *Exchange*.

The great majority of our pigeon flyers now intend to support *one National Association*, or at least make a year's experiment at it, and such communications and reference to League or Federation as the one I refer to from the Minerva Homing Pigeon Club in the last *Exchange* is scarcely calculated to act as an incentive to such League members not yet enrolled in the National Association who may by chance or otherwise have read the letter I refer to. The Philadelphia *Item* in a recent issue makes the following comment upon the matter: "On September 7, the *Item* took occasion to criticize the members of two local organizations or clubs on account of their opposition to the consolidation of the Federation and League, a scheme that would unite the leading fanciers of the entire country, and by increasing the competition, redound to the best interests of the sport. The Minerva Homing Pigeon Club has thought well to take exceptions to these remarks, and state that its membership favors competition all the time, etc."

The *Item* is glad of it. In relation to the more personal portion of the Minerva Homing Pigeon Club letter it would hardly be wise to start a new altercation when everybody is resting after the recent earnest efforts in favor of peace.

Bravely and sensibly remarked, and let us all henceforth unite in striving to build up the one National Association to a strength it should have attained long ago.

A series of articles upon "The Working Homer" has just been commenced in the *British Fancier* by H. Kendrick, Jr., a writer upon our fancy of excellent style and attainments. I shall follow the series closely, and give to the readers of THE AMERICAN FANCIER such points of new interest and instruction as may appear. The first of the articles is a glance at what the working Homer is, what it has done, and more important still, what it is likely to do in the future.

Of course this latter is a mere matter of conjecture, but Mr. Kendrick is of the opinion that it will accomplish great things. Personally I think the Homer is now at the zenith of its fame, and the variety of uses commercially, &c., to which it can be applied in messenger service, fully and clearly understood.

As to velocity, the standing records of the day, up to date, would appear to leave but small margin for improvement, if at all, and a mere question of condition in the bird, and favorable flying conditions. The improvement of the future so far as we are directly concerned, must I think consist of but *better general average quality* in our flying stock.

As to what the working Homer of today is the picture drawn by Mr. Kendrick is a generally accepted one from novice to veteran. "A good flyer should be smart to look at. There is no doubt that you can to some extent tell the qualities of a bird by its look. It should have that fiery untamed appearance. It should, in familiar language, be *as hard as nails*, that is, its feathers should be close and trim, and kept well down, and it should feel hard in the hand when taken up. This is the ideal working Homer. *We care not what color it is*. Any color under the sun will suit just as well. The one qualification necessary for a Homer is to be able to fly and keep up on the wing." Mr. Kendrick's next article is to be upon the *left* for Homers.

It may not be uninteresting to readers of THE AMERICAN FANCIER to know that this really interesting and capable writer with whom I have the pleasure of a corresponding acquaintance, is very young; exceedingly so, not yet having reached his 20th year, but he has been a fancier for many years and contributed to the English fancy journals since he was fourteen years of age. His first noteworthy attempt as a scribe in the Homing fancy was a series of articles on "Homing," which appeared sometime ago in the columns of the *Homing News*, and although not attracting apparently very much attention, they at least were not unpleasantly criticised, which is somehow the common lot of young

scribes, and Mr. Kendrick thus passed on to greater things. He was soon corresponding with all the principal fancy papers in England, and a recent publication of his "Chats about Pigeon Fanciers" has been well received.

He contributed "Homing Notes" to the *British Fancier* almost from the start of that now prominent fancy journal, under the *nom de plume* of "Craig Royston," and which the readers of my notes may have observed I have quoted from time to time.

The career and capacity of this exceedingly young scribe upon Homing matters is well worthy the attention of our young American fanciers.

As compared with the various Homing journals of our brethren abroad, our American journals are painfully lacking in the variety and quality of their correspondents, as I have on more than one occasion mentioned in my notes, and this from no scarcity of material, but more from excessive modesty and a shrinking from assuming the duties of a scribe or correspondent.

The followers of the various breeds of fancy pigeons in America are very different in this respect, the various journals devoted to their interest being constantly well supplied with communications and articles abounding with interest and merit.

Election of Officers.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

At a meeting of the East Side Flying Club of Newark, N. J., held on January 2d at its rooms, the following officers were elected: Thomas Schroeck, president; Henry Kirsch, vice-president; Fred. Heiss, secretary; Albert Stein, treasurer.

FRED. HEISS, Secretary.
Newark, N. J., Jan. 9th, 1894.

Meeting of Indiana Fanciers' Association.

The Indiana Fanciers' Association met January 11, 1894, and elected the following officers. The date of the show was not settled but it will perhaps be the second week in January, 1895. The last show paid and have a balance in the treasury. The meeting was an interesting one and a good show next year is assured.

List of officers: President, A. J. Warbutton, Ladoga. Vice-Presidents: J. W. Sutherland, Roachdale; W. Turpin, Roachdale; Isaac Edwards, Roachdale; Samuel Gardner, Racoon. Executive Committee: Geo. Warbutton, Ladoga; Chas. Smiley, Milligan; D. F. Brothers, Fincastle. Recording Secretary, A. R. Allison, Bainbridge. Corresponding Secretary, C. J. Stutler, Roachdale. Superintendent, J. J. Burnside, Milligan. Treasurer, Robert Glover, Roachdale.

SECRETARY CROMACK SPEAKS.

I had heard that there was to be a new weekly poultry paper, but had never seen a copy until two weeks ago some copies coming to me by mail. When I opened the wrapper and the two beautiful numbers were revealed to me, the word "surprise" will convey a better idea of my impressions, than any other. If a competent poultry judge were to *score* THE AMERICAN FANCIER by the Standard, he would find it hard to make any cuts, it is *first-class*. Your list of shows to occur, is the most complete that I have ever seen. The premium list of the fourth annual show of the New England Light Brahma Club will be out the latter part of December. The show comes January 16 to 19, 1894, Faneuil Hall, Boston. Philander Williams, James F. Watson and H. H. Bumford are the judges. G. W. CROMACK.
Stoneham, Nov. 29, 1893.

OCCUPIES A PLACE OF ITS OWN.

Allow a word for THE AMERICAN FANCIER. I have never doubted its success from the start, but was not ready to believe such phenomenal bounds could be made in so short a time. It must be evident to every reader that THE AMERICAN FANCIER occupies a place no other journal does, and in a taste in accord with the most fastidious. Every department is well edited, and the pet stock column is to me a special delight, 'cause no other paper has it. W. F. ROTH, M. D.
Florin, Pa.

NEVER HAD SO MANY SALES BEFORE.

I have this to say for my advertisement which has been running in THE AMERICAN FANCIER for four or five weeks, that I have never had an "ad" bring me half as many letters of inquiry or as many sales in the same length of time. THE AMERICAN FANCIER is a hammer. IRVING CROCKER.
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BLACK LANGSHANS.—2 pens, 6 and 5 birds, extra good, \$15 and \$12. At Edmeston, N. Y., Dec. 26-29, '93, Drevenstedt, judge: Golden Wyandotte cockerels, 1st and 2d; pullets same. White Wyandotte cockerel, 1st; pullet same; 2d tied; breeding pen 2d, lost 1st by one-eighth point. Birds, \$2 to \$3; eggs, \$2 per setting. *4t21 J. H. MARTIN, M. D., Otego, N. Y.

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A BARGAIN.—To reduce stock, I offer one exhibition pen (4 yearling hens and 1 cock) W. Wyandottes for \$13. These in show condition and fit for any competition, hard to beat; are now mated and in prime breeding condition. Also 8 W. Wyandotte and 15 R. C. B. Leghorn cockerels, \$1 to \$3 each, all fine birds; also 1 trio Buff P. Rocks, extra fine birds. All stock returnable if not satisfactory. *4t21 W. F. EVERITT, Westfield, Pa.

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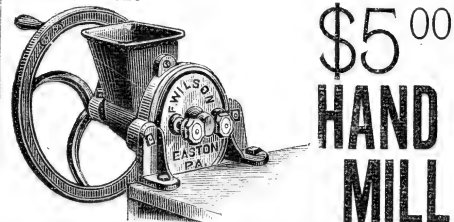
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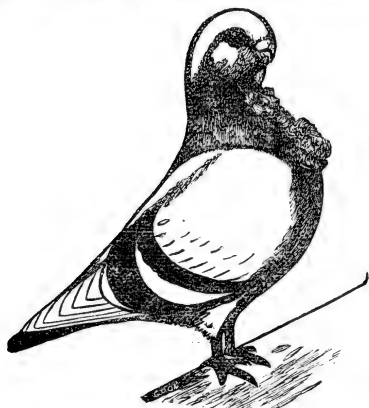
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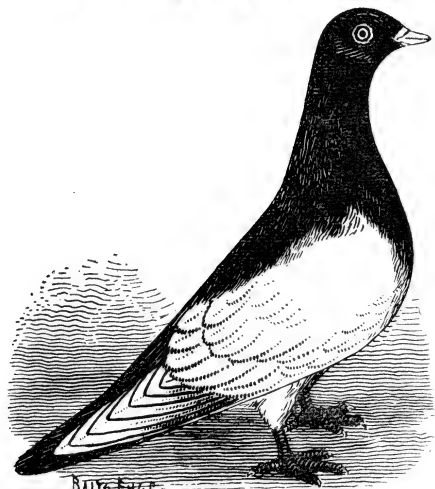


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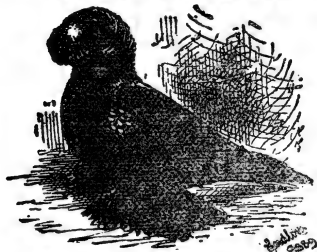
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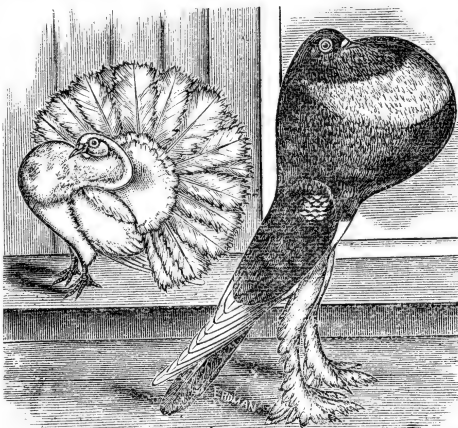
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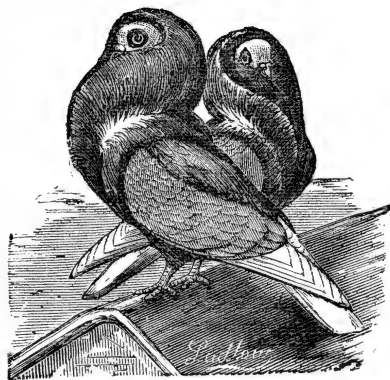
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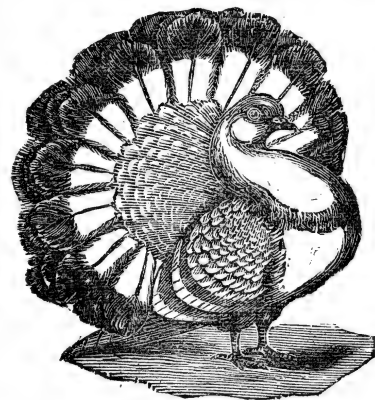
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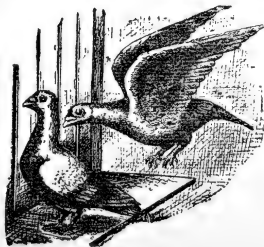
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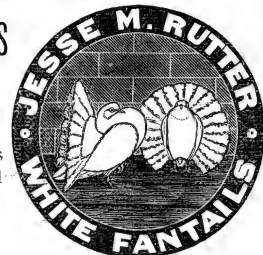
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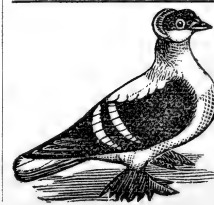
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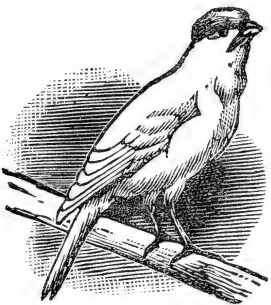
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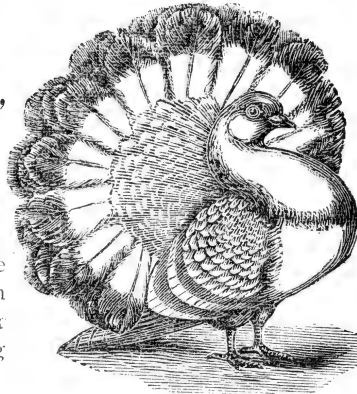
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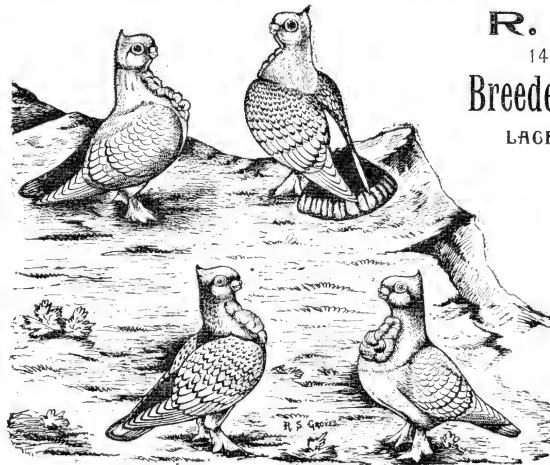
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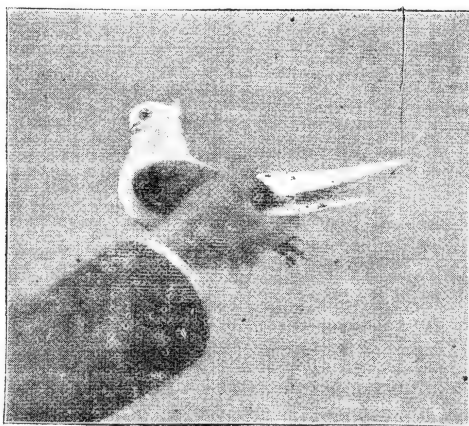
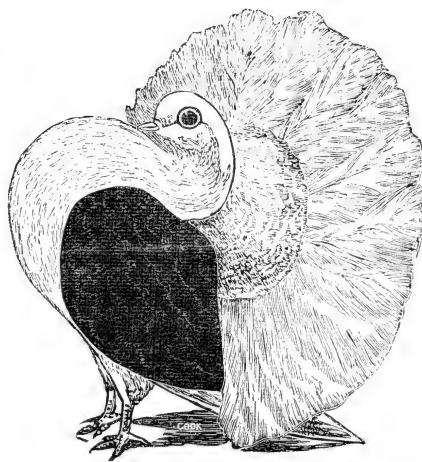
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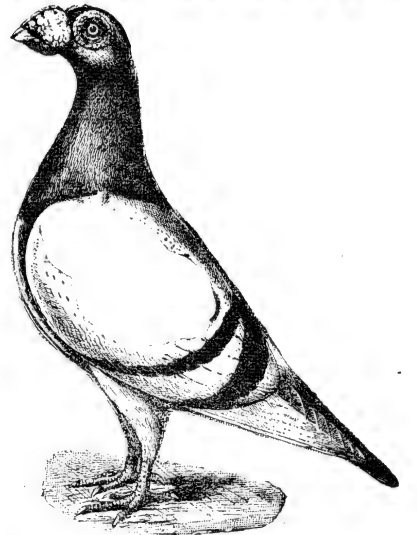
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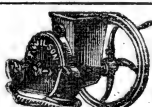
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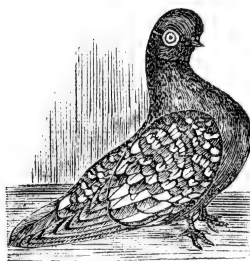
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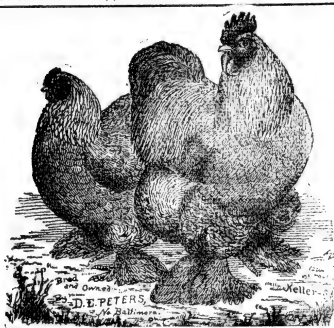
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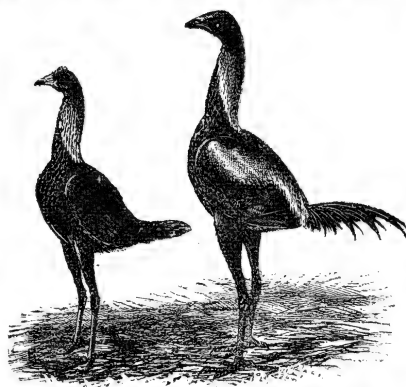
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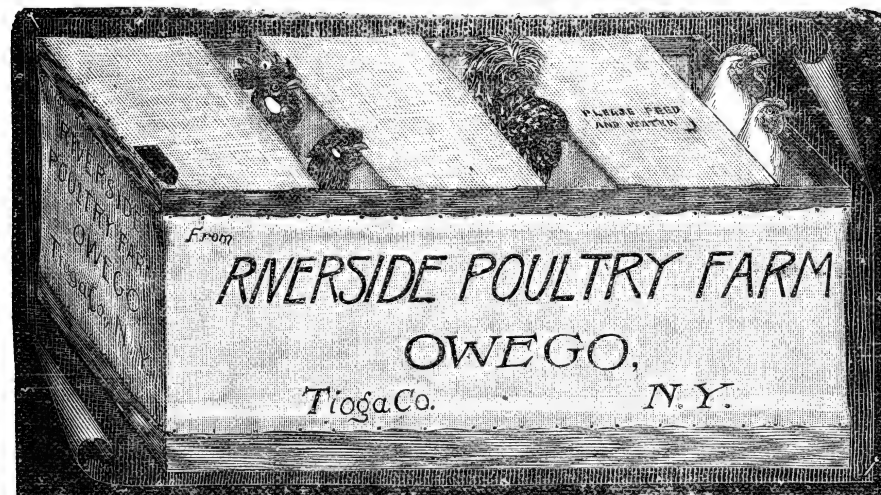
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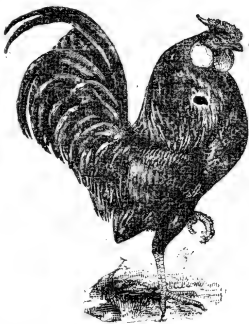
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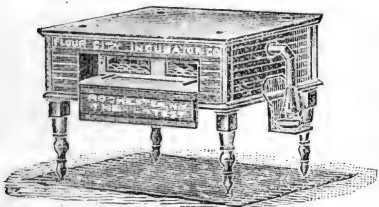
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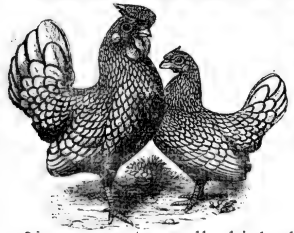
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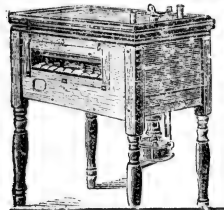
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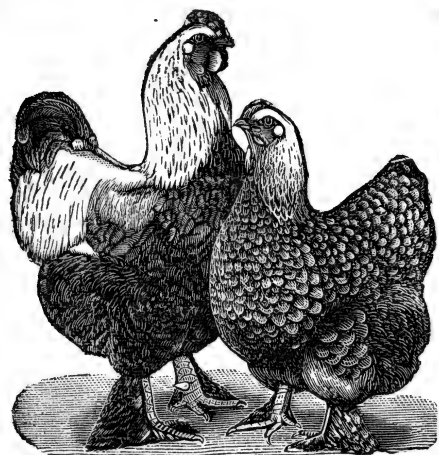
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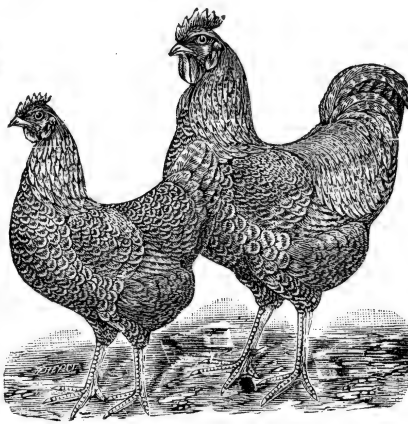
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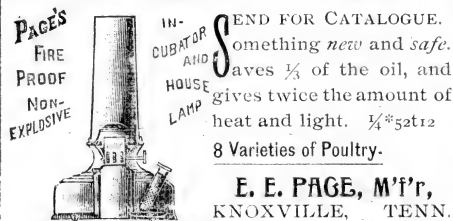
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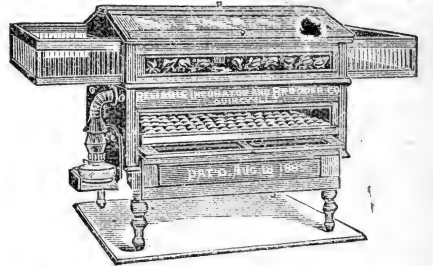
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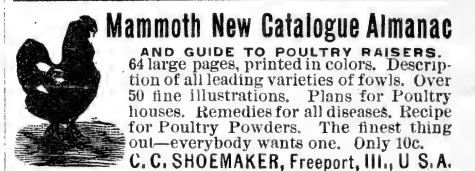


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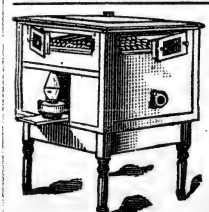
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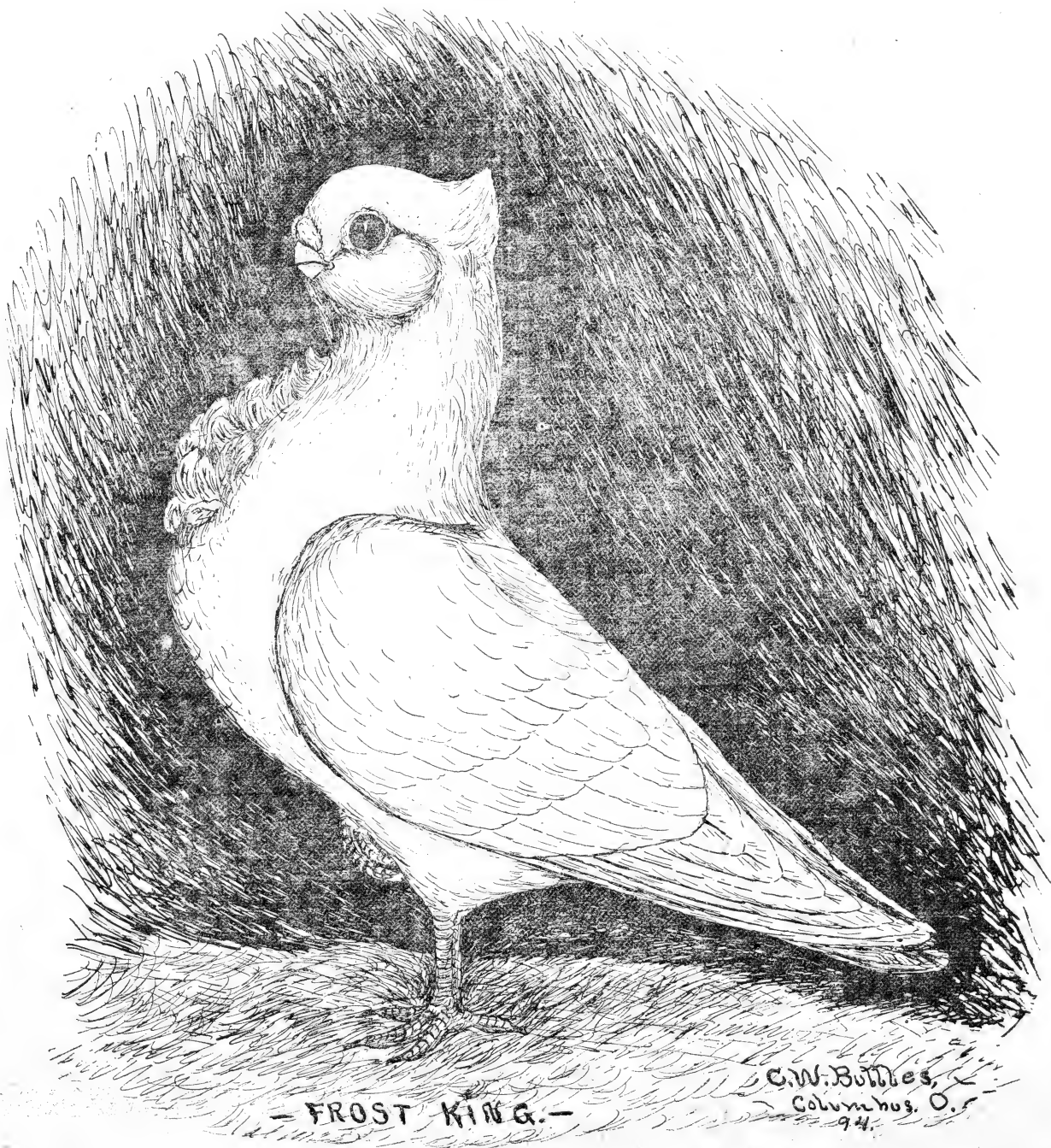
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Dec. 4-7. — Lyon County Poultry and Pet Stock Show, Emporia, Kan. C. A. Emry, judge. Wm. Hammond, president. W. T. Walters, secretary.

Dec. 4-7. — Northern Iowa, at Hampton, Iowa. G. D. Holden, judge. F. A. Bailey, secretary.

Dec. 5-7. — Warren County Poultry and Pigeon Club, Bowling Green, Ky. G. S. Hollingsworth, secretary.

Dec. 5-12. — Cleveland Poultry and Pet Stock Association, Cleveland, O. B. N. Pierce and Cornelius Murphy, judges. W. S. Rowe, 18 Herschner street, secretary.

Dec. 10-14. — Missouri State Show. Rolla. G. Carroll, Warrensburg, secretary. Judges: C. A. Emry, Theo. Hewes and J. W. Hale.

Dec. 11-14. — Rhode Island State Poultry Association, Providence, R. I. I. K. Felch, H. S. Ball and F. B. Zimmer, judges. Samuel Cushman, secretary, Kingstown, R. I.

Dec. 11-16. — Hasting, Nebraska, Poultry Association. F. W. Hitchcock, judge. J. A. Howard, secretary.

Dec. 11-17. — Iowa State Poultry Association, Ottumwa, Iowa. F. H. Shellabarger, judge, W. S. Russell, secretary.

Dec. 11-13. — Brockton Poultry Association, Brockton, Mass. C. H. Pope, secretary.

Dec. 11-14. — Coshocton, Ohio. Quincy Dawson, secretary, Roscoe, Ohio.

Dec. 12-13. — Norfolk County Poultry Association, Franklin, Mass. W. M. Clough, secretary, Medway, Mass.

Dec. 17-21. — Southern Kansas Show, Winfield, Kan. F. W. Hitchcock, judge. M. L. Wortman, secretary.

Dec. 17-23. — Southern Kansas Fanciers' Association, Wichita, Kas. B. N. Pierce, judge. H. L. Rochelle, Wichita, Kas., secretary.

Dec. 18-20. — Guilford Poultry and Pet Stock Association, Guilford, Conn. L. R. Shelley, secretary.

Dec. 18-21. — Southern Illinois Poultry Association, Albion, Ill. C. A. Emry, judge. S. N. Weaver, secretary.

Dec. 18-21. — Nemaha Valley Poultry Association, Auburn, Neb. H. J. F. Wert, secretary, Auburn, Neb.

Dec. 18-21. — Findlay, Ohio. McClave, judge. John A. Meeks, secretary.

Dec. 18-22. — Buckeye Poultry Association, Dayton, Ohio. I. K. Felch, judge. F. W. Bellman, secretary, Dayton, Ohio.

Dec. 18-22. — Indiana Fanciers' Association, Roachdale, Ind. F. J. Marshall, judge. C. J. Stutler, cor. sec'y, Roachdale, Ind.

Dec. 18-26. — Mid-Continental Poultry Association, Kansas City, Mo. J. H. Drevenstedt, Sharpe Butterfield, B. N. Pierce, Theo. Hewes, F. W. Hitchcock, and Theo. Sternberg, judges. F. M. Slutz, secretary.

Dec. 19-24. — North-Western Illinois, at Lanark, Ill. F. H. Shellabarger, judge. F. Irvin Root, secretary.

Dec. 21-25. — Eastern Middlesex Poultry Association, Malden, Mass. G. K. Holbrook, secretary.

Dec. 24-29. — New Mexico Poultry Association, Albuquerque, N. M. John C. Snyder, judge. W. S. Lowe, secretary.

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Dec. 25-27. — Seymour Poultry and Pigeon Association, Seymour, Conn. G. J. Faber, sec'y.

Dec. 25-28. — Ionia, Mich. I. K. Felch, judge. A. F. Herbert, secretary.

Dec. 25-29. — South-Eastern Nebraska Poultry Association, Beatrice, Neb. C. A. Emry, judge. H. H. Halladay, secretary.

Dec. 25-29. — Allentown Poultry and Pigeon Association, Allentown, Pa. John W. Yoachim, cor. sec'y.

Dec. 26-Jan. 2. — San Francisco, Cal. A. Armstrong, secretary, Petaluma.

Dec. 27-Jan. 4. — Erie County Poultry Breeders and Pet Stock Association, Hamburg, N. Y. E. C. Pease, secretary.

Dec. 31-Jan. 4. — Ontario Poultry Association, Butterfield, Jarvis, Smelt and Johnson, judges. T. A. Brown, sec'y, London, Ont.

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Jan. 1-5. — Inter-State Poultry Association, Arkansas City, Kan. John C. Snyder, judge. G. A. Howerton, secretary.

Jan. 1-5. — North Kansas Poultry Association, Atchison, Kan. Theo. Hewes and F. W. Hitchcock, judges. S. G. Sprague, secretary. W. A. Roberts, president.

Jan. 1-5. — Knoxville, Tenn. B. N. Pierce, judge. John W. Flennikin, secretary.

Jan. 1-7. — Wapsie Valley Poultry Club, Dubuque, Ia. Decimal score card will be used. I. K. Felch, judge. John M. Parker, secretary.

Jan. 2-5. — Butler and Warren County Poultry and Pigeon Association, Middleton, Ohio. F. H. Shellabarger and C. W. Burtles, judges; Henry Hensy, secretary.

Jan. 7-12. — La Crosse Poultry Association, La Crosse, Wis. F. W. Hitchcock, judge. E. H. Hoffman, secretary.

Jan. 7-12. — Indianapolis, Ind. W. H. Frey, secretary.

Jan. 8-11. — Peninsular Poultry, Pigeon and Pet Stock Association, Jackson, Mich. J. H. Drevenstedt, H. A. Bridge, and S. H. Slifer, judges. Frank W. McKenzie, Concord, secretary. E. J. Mason Grant, president.

Jan. 8-11. — Interstate Poultry Association, Falls City, Neb. C. A. Emry, judge. Cyrus Milam, secretary.

Jan. 8-11. — Roanoke Valley Poultry Association, Roanoke, Va. Frank A. Lovelock, sec'y.

Jan. 8-12. — Henry County Poultry Association, Geneseo, Ill. F. J. Marshall and F. H. Shellabarger, judges. W. A. Shelhamer, sec'y.

Jan. 8-12. — Maryville, Mo. I. K. Felch, judge. Fred. Parcher, secretary.

Jan. 8-12. — Rochester Poultry and Pigeon Association, Rochester, N. Y. Judges. F. B. Zimmer, C. E. Rockenstyre, G. S. Pratt, George E. Peer and Amos P. Mack. W. J. Harrison, secretary.

— Peoria Columbian Association, Peoria, Ill. Wm. H. Koch, sec'y. Robert Joos, superintendent.

Jan. 8-13. — Tacoma, Washington. H. H. Collier, secretary.

Jan. 9-11. — New Hampshire Poultry Association, Concord, N. H. J. J. Trenoweth, secretary.

Jan. 9-12. — Tiffin, Ohio. Butterfield and Pierce, judges. Thos. S. Falkner, secretary.

Jan. 9-12. — North-Western Ohio Poultry and Pet Stock Company, Tiffin, Ohio. T. S. Falkner, secretary.

Jan. 9-12. — Chattanooga Poultry Association, Chattanooga, Tenn. P. M. Reagan, sec'y.

Jan. 9-14. — The New Haven Poultry Association, New Haven, Conn. Ed. A. Todd, sec.

Jan. 10-14. — Kansas State Show, Topeka. Kan. D. A. Wise, secretary, Topeka.

Jan. 10-16. — Cincinnati Poultry and Pigeon Association, J. H. Drevenstedt and Sharp Butterfield, judges. Geo. Ewald sec'y.

Jan. 14-19. — Columbus, Ohio. G. F. Gast, secretary, Prospect, Ohio.

Jan. 15-19. — Howard County Poultry and Pet Stock Association, Kokomo, Ind. F. J. Marshall, judge. L. C. Hoss, secretary.

Jan. 15-20. — Nebraska State Show, Lincoln, Neb. Emry and Hitchcock, judges. A. Lemen, secretary.

Jan. 15-20. — Colorado Poultry Association, Denver, Colo. I. K. Felch, judge. John Herr, Denver, Colo., secretary.

Jan. 15-20. — Georgia Poultry and Pet Stock Association, Augusta, Ga. John W. Killingsworth, secretary.

Jan. 16-18. — St. Johnsbury, Vt. W. B. Eastman, secretary.

Jan. 16-18. — New England Light Brahma Club, Boston, Mass. G. W. Cromack, secretary, Stoneham.

Jan. 16-18. — Ansonia Poultry Association, Ansonia, Conn. J. W. Willis, supt.

Jan. 17-22. — Berks County Poultry and Pigeon Association, Reading, Pa. W. Harry Orr, president; H. M. Shoemaker, sec'y.

Jan. 18-20. — North-Western Poultry and Pet Stock Association, Sioux City, Ia. Theo. Hewes, judge. J. W. McMillen, president. Chas. E. Lozier, secretary.

Jan. 20-25. — Washington (C. H.), Ohio. W. R. Dalbey, secretary.

Jan. 21-24. — Central Mass. Poultry Association, Worcester, Mass. W. H. Fitton, secretary.

Jan. 22-25. — Parsons Fanciers' Association, Parsons, Kansas. C. A. Emry, judge. A. C. Braunsdorf, secretary.

Jan. 22-25. — Pittston Poultry Breeders' Association, Pittston, Pa. J. Y. Bicknell, judge; W. R. Allen, secretary.

Jan. 22-26. — Omaha Poultry Fanciers' Association, Neb. I. L. Richards, secretary.

Jan. 28-31. — Utah Poultry Association, Salt Lake City. Theo. Hewes, judge. J. W. Haslam, secretary. W. W. Browning, president.

Feb. — Cape Ann, Mass. Geo. E. Merchant, secretary.

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POULTRY.

From the Editor's Perch.

The A. B. C. of poultry culture is the
title of a new book by J. H. Davis, editor
of the *Fanciers' Review*. It is a practical
book designed for beginners. Mr. Davis
writes in an entertaining manner, and
knows how to convey on paper his learn-
ing and experience without being prosy.
His ideas are often original, albeit his
opinions are frequently a little too
radical, but the whole book bears the
stamp of sincerity and deserves to be
read by every chicken crank, whether un-
fledged or fully moulted. It is exceed-
ingly well printed and cheap at 25 cents,
the price asked for it.

"Si Twist" of the *Southern Fancier*
and editor Curtis of the *Reliable Poultry*
Journal are exchanging pretty compli-
ments about "the editor's wife," and "Si"
would like to dine at the table she pré-
sides over. He is getting tired of hog,
hominy and bachelor's hall. The best
thing "Si" can do is to get married. It
will help his digestion and his French,
without taking the edge off his bright and
witty sayings. "Si" is good looking
enough to marry a princess.

F. M. Bronson of Vermontville, Mich-
igan, reports increased sales for his
famous Roup tablets. To judge by the
many favorable testimonials he receives
from leading fanciers, his goods are fully
what he claims for them.

"Uncle Tom" Rackham is now on his
annual southern tour. A letter received
from him dated from Richmond, Va.,
says: "Largest show ever held in Rich-
mond. About 3000 entries of poultry and
pigeons, in a grand, well lighted building,
with plenty of room. Spratts coops
looked fine. Spratts also fed the birds
with their prepared food in the morning,
corn and other grain at night, with a
liberal supply of shell and grit, pens
littered with straw. The birds looked
as well at the end of a ten day show, as
they did when they entered, and ten
days is a great test you know," are the
words of Superintendent Turner. I only
had charge for Spratts and judged the
pigeons. Abel F. Stevens judged the
poultry. No grumbling."

Of the exhibits Mr. Rackham writes:
"Quality of birds at southern shows much
better than in former years. Pit Games
were great in quantity and quality.
Brown Leghorns, Buff Cochins, Barred
Plymouth Rocks and Indian Games the
best and strongest classes."

Franklane L. Sewell, the artist, will be
at Kansas City during the great Mid-
Continental show, to sketch the winners
and enjoy himself. His little farm in
Michigan affords him the needed outdoor

exercise, and although not extensively
engaged in poultry experiments, he can
steal a couple of hours each day away
from his studio to enjoy the pure air and
sunshine in company with the feathered
bipeds he is so fond of.

A Water-Fowl club has been organized.
Mr. J. C. Harvey of Brookdale, New
Jersey, is the secretary. The latter
would be glad to hear from all breeders
of the web-footed feathered tribe for the
purpose of enrolling them as members.
There is already excellent timber in the
club, and we are confident that it will
prove a benefit to its members as well as
increase the interest in water-fowl in this
country.

E. B. Thompson of Amenia, N. Y., re-
ports the largest trade in Barred Ply-
mouth Rocks he has ever done, and
believes the old American breed is more
popular than ever. The fact is, trade in
all kinds of poultry has improved greatly,
notwithstanding the hard times of the
past 12 months. The demand for show
birds is immense.

The Allentown Poultry, Pigeon and
Pet Stock Association will hold its first
annual show December 24th to 29th. It
promises to be a most excellent exhibition,
the city of Allentown containing many
enthusiastic fanciers. John W. Yoachim
is the secretary.

Miss A. C. Croad of Poling House,
Poling, Arundel, England, sends us an
interesting letter on Langshans, which
will be published in our next issue.
Miss Croad inquires as to the identity of
"Zim." The latter is F. B. Zimmer,
Gloversville, New York, U. S. A.

S. K. Wilcox of Smyrna, N. Y., informs
us that there is a probability of a show
being held in his place next winter. If
the enthusiasm of the fanciers in that
section can count for anything, a show
would be a success from their standpoint.
Whether the gate receipts will help to
make it a financial success is a difficult
and at the same time serious problem to
consider.

One of the most enthusiastic members
and officers of the Troy Poultry, Pigeon
and Pet Stock Association is G. B. Moffatt.
He generously offered to supply all the
material for littering the coops gratis,
and also donated a handsome silver cup,
value \$25, offered for the best display of
turkeys. What is more, Mr. Moffatt is a
director who *directs*, and one who thor-
oughly appreciates the responsibility of
his office. The Troy show is certainly
engineered by a lot of hustlers and work-
ers.

Pet stock also will be one of the great
features at Troy. Superintendent Rich-
ardson is the right man in the right place
and will wake up the rabbit fanciers to
make a big showing in the city of collars
and cuffs.

Our English exchanges of October 12th
all contain long and interesting reports
of the famous Dairy show. The latter
is the first of England's great trio of
poultry exhibitions, viz.: The Dairy,
Crystal Palace, and Birmingham. The
show was a success, we understand, in
every particular. What a gratification it
must have been to the throngs of visitors
to find the entire show judged when they
arrived! Would that such methods were

more prevalent at our American shows!
We often wished that New York would
follow the example of the Dairy, Crystal
Palace, and Birmingham shows in not
allowing either visitors or exhibitors to
enter the exhibition hall on the day of
judging. There is no better, safer, or
more reliable way of judging a show
than to close all doors and turn the
judges loose and make them go to work,
and not allow them to escape until all
ribbons are placed. This is the English
method, but it "gits thar," and gives a
satisfaction to exhibitors and visitors
which no other method can give.

In looking over the prices realized for
winning birds at the Dairy, we deem it
of sufficient interest to reprint the
following sales, taken from the *Fanciers'*
Gazette, England:

Mr. W. S. Brewer's 1st Minorca pullet,
entered at £6 6s., which fetched £9 5 0
Mr. F. Jeffery's 1st Plymouth Rock
pullet, catalogued at £8, made 11 0 0
Mr. W. Slater's and Rock pullet made 8 5 0
Mr. J. Procter's 3rd Silver Wyandotte
pullet made 7 10 0
Mr. T. Millard's pair of Langshan sell-
ing class pullets made 5 15 0
Mr. W. P. Ryland's 1st Minorca cock-
erel (selling class) made 4 5 0
Messrs. Mogridge and Garlick's 1st pair
of Minorca pullets made 3 10 0
Messrs. Cook and Fletcher's 1st selling
class Leghorn cockerel 3 10 0
Mr. J. Hurst's 1st selling class pair of
Brown Leghorn pullets 4 12 0
Mr. Sandercock's 1st selling class Ply-
mouth Rock cockerel, entered at
£2, made 8 0 0
Miss Maxwell Stuart's 1st selling class
pair of Rock pullets made 4 5 0
Rev. Fitzroy Lloyd's 2nd pair of Rock
pullets 4 0 0
Mr. F. Jeffery's 4th pair of Rock pullets
Rev. R. F. Maynard's Wyandotte
cockerel 4 0 0
Rev. R. F. Maynard's 2nd pair of
Wyandotte pullets 4 5 0
Mr. T. Saunders' selling class And-
alusian cockerel made 4 15 0
Messrs. Ainscough's 1st selling class
Game Bantam cockerel made 6 5 0

It will be seen that the American
favorites, Plymouth Rocks and Wyandottes,
averaged the best from the high
figure standpoint. Over fifty dollars paid
for the winning "Rock" pullet is not to
be sneered at, but all reports state that
she was a beauty. Wyandottes are prime
favorites in England, which is not to be
wondered at, their intrinsic value and
the fact that our English cousins are a
nation of fanciers being responsible for
this state of things. Wyandottes are not
stabbed in the dark over there by
mercenary fanciers (?) of other breeds as
they are here in this country.

To judge by the illustrations of win-
ning Silver Wyandottes in England, the
open Sebright style of lacing is preferred,
and we must admit that it is extremely
beautiful, even if not the American ideal
of a Wyandotte's lacing.

The Lord Mayor's cup at the Dairy is
a coveted prize, and many a fancier has
been "so near and yet so far" in capturing
it, that the lucky individual who wins it
is envied above all others. This year
the prize went to Messrs. Ainscough, who
trotted out the winner in a Black Red
Game cockerel, considered by a number
of the judges the best bird in this class
seen this year. The English *Stock-
Keeper* describes him as being a rich-
colored, reachy bird, with a splendid tail
and short feathers, an easy win. It
seems to have been a hard fight for the
Black Red honors between such veterans
as Messrs. Ainscough, Captain Heaton
and H. S. Rainsforth.

In Game Bantams Messrs. Ainscough
and T. Stretch, both advertisers in *THE
AMERICAN FANCIER*, and E. Walton were
very much *en evidence* in the list of win-
ners. To judge by the reports the win-

ners in all the principal classes were a rare lot of birds, the first Black Red cock and Red Pile cock and pullet being particularly commended by the critics. We also noticed very favorable criticisms re Brown Reds, a variety becoming very popular in this country.

In Buff Cochins, Mrs. Harris furnished the "Cracker Jack." Our contemporary, the English *Stock-Keeper*, speaks of the Cochin display as follows:

"Mrs. Harris brought out a novice, an April hatched cockerel, her husband informed us. He is a lemon-buff of enormous size, with a huge mass of fluff and leg feathers, his hackles are not out, so he will yet improve, and should make a perfect monster; he has the true Cochin outline, and a full and broad chest; second, has more color and a lot of feather, as yet he has no tail fully developed, but he will be big presently and no mistake; they are a grand pair of cockerels, and the owner may well be proud of them; third, is smaller; he is a bit dark in tail, perhaps now at his best, we may term him a thoroughly smart cockerel; 574 (Linnell), as yet very raw, in fact such a growing chicken would have been better at home, but if he goes on growing he will be a rare good cockerel; 579 (Proctor), has splendid color and a big frame; he is not ready, but will make up as a grand chicken. Pulletts were a grand lot, Mrs. Harris again to the front with first and second. There was some conversation among exhibitors as to the age of these specimens, it being stated that it was impossible for birds to be hatched in April to come to such advanced maturity. We closely inspected the said birds, and certainly believe them to be birds of the year. The winner has great width, good color, ample feathering, and her size leaves nothing to be desired; second is hardly so good in color, but she is enormous, with a very neat head and remarkably nice shape. The quartette from Helston was indeed a most remarkable one. Third had the advantage of a better position as far as light is concerned; she has excellent color and good shape, and is a typical Cochin; 582, from same yard, was another well-grown bird, with plenty of feather; 586 (Linnell), very young, but promising; 587 (Witt), a very charming pullet, clear in color and most shapely; 590 (Linnell), another good one, but not well over her tubbing; 591 (Ramsden), is excellent in color, and should improve greatly; 596, reserve (Harris), has a true Cochin outline, with good shape and head points, and might perhaps have been higher; 600 (Proctor), a truly beautiful chicken, shown in lovely condition, possessing, moreover, rich color, and a mass of feathering; 598 (Taylor), was a very promising pullet, although the first and second prize-winners stood well out for size and depth of body, yet the other pullets in this class were a good collection, and many should come to the front presently."

In Buff Leghorns Mrs. Lister-Kay again made a grand record, and also made quite a bid for the honors in Browns. The first Buff cockerel is described as sound in body color, failing a little in tail and legs. The second and third cockerels were fair in color but small in size. In pullets Mrs. Lister-Kay took first, second and third with rich colored birds. It is rumored that all the Buffs in Mrs. Lister-Kay's yards may be offered for sale.

Transfers.

At the Hagerstown show Daniel S. Stauffer sold 1st hen, 1st pullet, and two other hens, White Plymouth Rocks, to C. W. Thomas, Roanoke, Va.; 1st cockerel, 2d pullet, and 1st pen, White Plymouth Rocks, to D. A. Mount, Jamesburg, N. J.

LIKES THE BOOK.

I have read through the Turbit book of Rev. W. F. Lumley, and consider it a valuable work. It should be in the hands of every Turbit breeder in America.

DR. CHAS. L. LANG.
Meridian, N. Y., Oct. 17, 1894.

Awards at Mineola, Queens County, N. Y., Sept. 25-29.

BARRED P. ROCKS.—Fowls, 1st, Frank P. Seaman, Mineola; 2d, Rutherford Hicks, Old Westbury. Chicks, 1st, Seaman; 2d, A. Stockholm, Hollis.

S. WYANDOTTES.—Fowls, 1st, O. W. Hubbard, Riverhead. Chicks, 1st, Seaman.

G. WYANDOTTES.—Fowls, 1st, Rodman Bros., Queens; 2d, Isaac W. Van Size, Jr., Woodbury. Chicks, 1st, Van Size, Jr.

W. WYANDOTTES.—Fowls, 1st, Hicks.

B. WYANDOTTES.—Fowls, 1st, Hubbard.

BLACK JAVAS.—Fowls, 1st, W. B. Sherry, Stoney Brook.

WHITE JAVAS.—Fowls, 2d, A. L. Gardner, Vermillion, N. Y.

AMERICAN DOMINIQUE.—Fowls, 1st, Sherry; 2d, M. E. Dolbear, Fulton. Chicks, 1st, 2d, Sherry.

SHERWOODS.—Fowls, 1st, Hicks.

RED CAPS.—Fowls, 1st, Dolbear; 2d, Alfred Burt, Jr., Mineola.

LIGHT BRAHMAS.—Fowls, 1st, Sherry; 2d, G. E. Aldrich, Mattituck. Chicks, 1st, Seaman; 2d, Sherry.

DARK BRAHMAS.—Fowls, 1st, W. A. Croft, Roslyn; 2d, Gardner. Chicks, 1st, 2d, Hicks.

BUFF COCHINS.—Fowls, 1st, E. R. Ladem, Glen Cove; 2d, Rodman Bros. Chicks, 1st, Croft; 2d, Rodman Bros.

PARTRIDGE COCHINS.—Fowls, 1st, Gardner; 2d, chicks, 1st, Hubbard.

BLACK COCHINS.—Fowls, 1st, Sherry; 2d, Hubbard. Chicks, 1st, Dolbear; 2d, Sherry.

BLACK LANGSHANS.—Fowls, 1st, Hubbard. Chicks, 1st, 2d, Sherry.

S. C. BROWN LEGHORNS.—Fowls, 1st, 2d, H. W. Smith, Islip. Chicks, 1st, 2d, R. A. Homeyer, Middle Village.

R. C. BROWN LEGHORNS.—All to Sherry.

S. C. WHITE LEGHORNS.—Fowls, 1st, Gardner; 2d, Ladem. Chicks, 1st, Smith; 2d, W. E. Whitson, Westbury Station.

R. C. WHITE LEGHORNS.—Fowls, 1st, Gardner; 2d, chicks, 1st, 2d, Sherry.

BLACK LEGHORNS.—Fowls, 1st, Dolbear; 2d, chicks, 1st, 2d, Homeyer.

DOMINIQUE LEGHORNS.—Fowls, 2d, chicks, 1st, Gardner.

BUFF LEGHORNS.—Fowls, 1st, Hubbard. Chicks, 1st, Hicks; 2d, Hubbard.

BLACK MINORCAS.—Fowls, 1st, 2d, chicks, 2d, Seaman; 1st, A. Stockholm.

WHITE MINORCAS.—Fowls, 1st, Gardner; 2d, chicks, 1st, Sherry; 2d, Hubbard.

BLUE ANDALUSIANS.—Fowls, 1st, Sherry; 2d, A. Burt, Jr. Chicks, 1st, 2d, Sherry.

BLACK SPANISH.—Fowls, 1st, Sherry; 2d, Ladem. Chicks, 2d, Hubbard.

W. C. B. POLISH.—Fowls, 1st, Ladem; 2d, Gardner.

W. C. W. POLISH.—Fowls, 1st, 2d, chicks, 1st, Gardner.

GOLDEN POLISH.—All to Hubbard.

SILVER POLISH.—Fowls, 1st, Gardner; 2d, Hubbard.

G. S. HAMBURGS.—Fowls, 1st, Gardner; 2d, chicks, 1st, Hubbard.

S. S. HAMBURGS.—Fowls, 1st, Ladem; 2d, chicks, 1st, 2d, E. Bunkerhoff, Manhasset.

G. P. HAMBURGS.—Fowls, 1st, Gardner; 2d, Hubbard. Chicks, 1st, Gardner; 2d, Hubbard.

S. P. HAMBURGS.—All to Gardner.

WHITE HAMBURGS.—Fowls, 1st, Hubbard; 2d, Dolbear. Chicks, 1st, Gardner; 2d, Dolbear.

BLACK HAMBURGS.—Fowls, 1st, Sherry; 2d, Gardner.

HOUDANS.—Fowls, 1st, Gardner; 2d, Ladem. Chicks, 1st, Gardner.

WHITE DORKINGS.—Fowls, 1st, Dolbear; 2d, chicks, 1st, Gardner; 2d, Dolbear.

S. G. DORKINGS.—Fowls, 1st, Sherry; 2d, Dolbear. Chicks, 1st, 2d, Sherry.

COLOR DORKINGS.—Fowls, 1st, Dolbear; 2d, Hubbard. Chicks, 1st, Dolbear.

B. B. R. GAMES.—Fowls, 1st, 2d, chicks, 1st, Rodman Bros.; 2d, C. S. Smith, Garden City.

B. R. GAMES.—Fowls, 1st, Smith; 2d, chicks, 1st, Rodman Bros.; 2d, Smith.

R. P. GAMES.—All to Rodman Bros.

WHITE GAMES.—Chicks, 1st, Rodman Bros.

BLACK GAMES.—Fowls, 1st, Hubbard. Chicks, 1st, Gardner; 2d, Smith.

SUMATRA GAMES.—Fowls, 1st, Gardner; 2d, Dolbear. Chicks, 1st, Hubbard.

INDIAN GAMES.—Fowls, 1st, H. R. Duval, Islip; 2d, Sherry. Chicks, 1st, P. V. Skidmore, Roslyn; 2d, Gardner.

B. B. R. GAME BANTAMS.—Fowls, 1st, Murman & Smith, Brooklyn; 2d, Skidmore. Chicks, 1st, Hubbard; 2d, Skidmore.

BROWN B. R. GAME BANTAMS.—Chicks, 1st, Smith.

G. D. GAME BANTAMS.—Fowls, 1st, chicks, 2d, Sherry.

S. D. GAME BANTAMS.—Fowls, 1st, Murman & Smith; 2d, Sherry.

R. P. GAME BANTAMS.—Chicks, 1st, Murman & Smith.

WHITE GAME BANTAMS.—Fowls, 1st, Homeyer.

G. S. BANTAMS.—Fowls, 1st, H. W. Smith, Islip; 2d, Duval. Chicks, 1st, Little & Robbins, Brooklyn; 2d, Smith.

S. S. BANTAMS.—Fowls, 1st, Sherry; 2d, Little & Robbins. Chicks, 1st, Sherry; 2d, Little & Robbins.

BLACK BANTAMS.—Fowls, 1st, Murman & Smith; 2d, Gardner. Chicks, 1st, Murman & Smith; 2d, Little & Robbins.

R. C. WHITE BANTAMS.—Fowls, 1st, Murman & Smith.

BOOED WHITE BANTAMS.—Fowls, 1st, Murman & Smith.

PEKIN OR COCHIN BANTAMS.—Fowls, 1st, H. W. Smith; 2d, Homeyer. Chicks, 1st, 2d, Smith.

JAPANESE BANTAMS.—Fowls, 1st, Sherry.

PEARL GUINEAS.—Fowls, 1st, Gardner; 2d, H. H. Treadwell, East Williston.

SILKIES.—Fowls, 1st, Gardner.

TURKEYS.—Bronze—1st, 2d, W. A. Croft, Narragansett—1st, Dolbear. Slate—1st, 2d, Croft. White—1st, Treadwell; 2d, Dolbear. Black—1st, Ladem.

DUCKS.—Pekin—1st, George S. Powell, Glen Head; 2d, Gardner. Aylesbury—1st, Gardner. Rouen—1st, Dolbear; 2d, Sherry. Cayuga—1st, Gardner. White Muscovy—1st, Homeyer; 2d, Gardner. Colored Muscovy—1st, Croft; 2d,

S. H. Townsend, Gray Call—1st, Dolbear. White Crested—1st, 2d, Gardner.

GEESE.—Toulouse—1st, T. Treadwell, East Williston; 2d, Gardner. Embden—1st, T. Treadwell; 2d, Croft. African—1st, T. Treadwell. Brown Chinese—1st, 2d, H. H. Treadwell.

White Chinese—1st, H. H. Treadwell, Egyptian—1st, T. Treadwell; 2d, H. H. Treadwell. Wild—1st, H. H. Treadwell; 2d, T. Treadwell.

Poultry at Holden, Mo.

To THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

I judged the poultry and hogs at Holden, Mo. There was very close competition in the hog department, and it made me think of old times to get into the hog rings again. I had to judge the hogs by comparison, as they had no score cards. Though I think I made no mistake in the awards, I would rather score than judge by comparison. Some of the boys were surprised to think I was a judge of hogs, but I want to say that I think I can judge hogs better than any other branch of live stock. In the poultry department there were about 360 to 375 birds. I found what I considered the best pen of young Light Brahmas I have ever seen at this time of the year. They were well developed and showed good handling. One pullet in the pen was pronounced by L. P. Harris, of Lincoln, Neb., and myself to be the best in color of neck we ever saw. It seemed impossible to cut the neck for color. She is the only one I ever saw that I would not cut for color. There were some fine Barred and White Plymouth Rocks, Buff Cochins, White and Brown Leghorns, Indian Games, B. B. R. and Sumatra Games. I never saw as good a Sumatra cockerel as I saw at Holden, Mo. Judge L. P. Harris, of Lincoln, Neb., who bred Sumatra Games for years, said he never saw as good a Sumatra of any sex as that bird. There were a lot of fine turkeys. Mrs. Emma Y. Foster, who is a good breeder, an excellent woman, and one of the executive committee of the Missouri State Poultry Association, carried off the silver cup for best trio of turkeys; she also got silver cup for best pen of Buff Cochins, and she got \$10 for best display—surely enough for one person. B. F. Wood got silver cup on his Brahmas, and when it comes to excellence, he is certainly at the top. His Brahmas are away ahead of his last year's stock. Rolla G. Carroll, secretary of the Missouri State Poultry Association, got the cup on a lot of splendid Barred Plymouth Rocks. I have forgotten who got the other cups. Altogether it was a good show. The courtesy extended to the newspaper and other prominent men, besides the liberal premiums and gentlemanly treatment of all visitors ought to receive the highest commendation. The directors of the Holden fair certainly know how to run a fair. They paid for a lot of improvements, and had several hundred dollars left after paying every premium to the last cent.

At the Lee's Summit fair there were about 400 entries, and a lot of fine birds. Judge Emry gave entire satisfaction, as usual.

The outlook for Missouri State and Mid-Continental shows is very flattering. I have talked with several persons lately who want to join the A. P. A., Langshan and Plymouth Rock and Cochin Clubs if they meet at Kansas City in December. I believe it to be for the best interests of said clubs and the A. P. A. to meet there. Mr. Russell, of Kansas City, is making a gold medal, with shield, and will contain Langshan cock of oxydized silver, with colored stone for eye and comb and green gold for landscape. It will cost \$40 to \$50. Dr. E. E. Shattuck, the treasurer, who is one of the most gentlemanly men I have ever met, gives a silver cup lined with gold, and the doctor said he did not know what it would cost—somewhere between \$30 and \$200. This medal and cup are to be given to Langshans. A prominent breeder told me he intended to offer \$25 in gold coin to the Langshans. In case the Langshan Club meets at Kansas City it will get that cup and coin, besides money specials and regular premiums that we know of now. It will be a disappointment to us if the above-mentioned clubs and the A. P. A. do not come to Kansas City.

J. W. WALKER.
Harrisonville, Mo., Oct. 8, 94.

Poultry at Brookfield, N. Y.

The very best exhibit in our whole fall circuit as far as quality was concerned, (and what is there of a show without good birds?) and a show very near if not quite as large, as any attended this fall, was at the above named place. The poultry exhibit was almost double that of last year and there were many birds cooped fit to show at our very largest winter shows and win. We found a new building this year for the birds, and expect before two more years have passed, to hear the society has coops of uniform size for different breeds, and then exhibitors may bring their Brahmas in raisin boxes if they wish, but the birds will be recooped on arrival, and given a chance to show what they really are, and this coop nuisance removed; and trust for the benefit of whoever does the judging, that some better and more approved book of entries for a judge to work from in awarding prizes may be adopted. As it now is, a judge must be something of a fortune teller to distinguish a Brahma entry on one page of the same number as a Leghorn entry on the next page, or he must compare the entry number, exhibitor's number and class number to find "where he is at." However the eraser on our pencil was a good one, and it lasted us through. In the Asiatic class were some very promising English Buff Cochins although yet quite too young to show; some good Langshans, and the best shaped and feathered White Cochin pullet I have seen in many a day. Brahmas, a small class. Some really good Americans on exhibition, noticeably the pullets in the winning pen of Barred Plymouth Rocks and the winning hen, also a cockerel of considerable merit. Some fairly good White Rocks and White Wyandottes. The Silver and Golden Wyandottes only ordinary, with the exception of the winning Golden pullet which was above the average. Quite a display in the Hamburg class, not less than 30 Silver Spangles and a few good ones. Some fair Black and a few fairly good Silver pencilled and some very good Golden pencilled. The Spanish class was well represented, White and Black Minorcas, Andalusians, W. F. Black Spanish, White, Black, Dominique, Brown and Buff Leghorns (single comb) and in Rosecombs were White, Brown and Buffs. The cream of the class were the S. C. Brown Leghorn cockerels, two of them simply grand in shape, comb, lobes and color, and in females the R. C. Browns were fine in color and shape. This was a large class, and quite creamy all through. The Polish class was small and no cracks among them. The only members of the French family were the Houdans and here again was some A No. 1 birds of Uncle Daniel's strain. Next the Games, and what a class it was; every bird in Brown Reds was a clinker and every winning Black Red fit to show anywhere. Spooner had it all his own way on Brown Reds, while the high stationed Will Clark, who himself is as hard as nails, cleaned the board on Black Reds. No man in this country, I dare say, can show as large a flock of strictly high class Brown Reds as the former. All are bred from imported stock, and are the correct sort in reach, style, hardness of feather, shape, shoulder, tails, head and color, and in all my life, I never saw before 50 birds of this variety with the quality of these, and Mr. Clark with his Black Reds is not very far behind. Only a few Piles shown. Not a Pit Game in the building. In Black Red Game Bantams were some very nice birds, particularly some pullets bred from a Parker cock and Myers hen, clean, hard, nice little birds. In Bantams other than Game were some quite nice Silver Sebrights, and a few fair R. C. Blacks, and quite a display of Buff Cochins of considerable merit. The display of ducks, geese, turkeys and pet stock was small as was also the pigeon exhibit. This society is ahead of many fall shows in that it offers prizes on single birds, both old and young, and also on breeding pens. I found many of the exhibitors genuine fanciers, men who are thoroughly interested, men who want only the best. Among them are Mr. H. E. Spooner of the Brookfield *Courier*, Wm. and O. B. Clark, Messrs. Stillman, Brown, and the good humored owner of the Black Red Game Bantams, whose

name I have forgotten, and several other gentlemen, and will say, a more hospitable lot of people I never met. I was informed that they would make a bid another year for entries in the poultry department from all over the country, and trust they may have a still larger entry than this year. Of one thing I am certain, exhibitors will receive good usage if they go to Brookfield. ZIM.

Poultry at Cobleskill, N. Y.

There was a large exhibit, and among the number some fine specimens. The Asiatic class was, however, a small class, and nothing of note among the lot except the winning Partridge Cochins pullet. In the American class the Barred Plymouth Rocks led as regarded numbers, and some quite good birds were shown. In the White Plymouth Rocks I noticed a cock that was a valuable bird to a breeder desiring to increase the size of his stock. He was a very large, strong bird, good in shape, color and comb. But very few Wyandottes. Hamburgs only an ordinary lot. The best class on exhibition was the Leghorns, and some very good birds were shown. The winning Browns, both single and rose combs, were good. A man could easily imagine he saw Forsyth's trade mark on them. The winning White Leghorns were also good. The Game class was the largest class represented, but not an Exhibition Game in the lot worthy of mention, or that would get a mention at any of the winter shows, except about four Black Reds. This society, like some others I know of, offer and pay prizes on Pit Games of almost any name, and one can see Silver Duckwings, Golden Duckwings, Birchings, and Greys all bred from one mating, and none of them of any use but for potpie and perhaps an occasional one for pit use. I have no sympathy with such a method. A name does not make a breed. Better pay more money in premiums to the more popular breeds. No Polish worthy of note shown. Quite a number of entries in Bantams, but only a few birds worthy of the name they bore. The best shown were the Silver Sebrights. Not a respectable Game Bantam in the whole lot. Some good specimens in Ducks, Geese, and Turkeys, particularly the winning Pekin ducks and Bronze turkeys. The pigeon exhibit was large, and some grand birds were shown in Pouters, Fans, and Homers. Several cats were on exhibition, but of their merits I have nothing to say, as it is a trifle out of my line. I noticed, however, some very fine Angora rabbits in the pet stock department. Several Guinea pigs were also shown. The show was nicely classified, well fed, and quarters kept neat and clean, and attracted a crowd of visitors. "ZIM."

Poultry at Fairhaven, Vt.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

I enclose you a list of awards on poultry at the Western Vermont Agricultural Society's fair at Fairhaven, Vt., Sept. 25th-28th. The exhibit of poultry was the largest in the history of the fair. There were many fine birds shown. Mr. R. D. Button of Cottens, N. Y., placed the awards and gave universal satisfaction. Was sorry that I could not have sent these earlier but sickness prevented.

F. W. SPALDING.

Poultney, Vt., Oct. 11th, 1894.
Following are the awards:

LIGHT BRAHMAS.—Fowls, 1st, C. M. Holley, Glens Falls, N. Y.; 2d, L. B. Doane, Castleton, Vt.
DARK BRAHMAS.—Fowls, 1st, chicks, 1st, Dr. Morehouse, Fairhaven, Vt.
BUFF COCHINS.—Fowls, 2d, E. E. Snell, Fairhaven, Vt.; Chicks, 1st, Holley; 2d, Snell.
WHITE COCHINS.—Chicks, 1st, Holley.
BLACK LANGSHANS.—Chicks, 1st, Holley.
COLORED DORKINGS.—Chicks, 1st, 2d, Holley.
BLACK HAMBURGS.—Pair fowls, 1st, 2d, Holley.
SILVER PENCILED HAMBURGS.—Pair fowls, 1st, Spalding.
GOLDEN S. HAMBURGS.—Fowls, 1st, Wm. Hull, Hoosick Falls, N. Y.; Chicks, 2d, Hull.
GOLDEN POLISH.—Fowls, 1st, Hull; Chicks, 1st, Spalding.
SILVER POLISH.—Chicks, 1st, Holley.
WHITE LEGHORNS.—Fowls, 1st, 2d, Holley.
BLACK LEGHORNS.—Fowls, 1st, Holley.
BROWN LEGHORNS.—Fowls, 1st, Spalding; 2d, Holley; Chicks, 1st, Holley; 2d, Spalding.
R. C. B. LEGHORNS.—Fowls, 1st, E. J. Hooker, Poultney, Vt.; 2d, Holley; Chicks, 1st, Spalding; 2d, Holley.
R. C. W. LEGHORNS.—Fowls, 1st, Fred. Bur-

gess, North Hoosick, N. Y. Chicks, 1st, Fred. Burgess; 2d, Holley.
R. C. BUFF LEGHORNS.—Fowls, 1st, Burgess. Chicks, 1st, Burgess.
BLACK MINORCAS.—Fowls, 1st, 2d, Holley. Chicks, 1st, George Ballard, Fair Haven, Vt.
HOUDANS.—Chicks, 1st, Holley.
BARRED P. ROCKS.—Fowls, 1st, Holley; 2d, R. A. Williams, Poultney, Vt. Chicks, 1st, Holley; 2d, Spalding.
SILVER WYANDOTTES.—Fowls, 1st, Spalding; 2d, Williams. Chicks, 1st, Williams; 2d, Spalding.
WHITE WYANDOTTES.—Fowls, 1st, Burgess; 2d, Holley. Chicks, 1st, Spalding; 2d, Doane.
BUFF WYANDOTTES.—Fowls, 1st, Burgess.
WHITE P. ROCKS.—Fowls, 1st, Holley; 2d, C. W. Gardner, Fair Haven, Vt. Chicks, 1st, Gardner; 2d, Holley.
BUFF P. ROCKS.—Chicks, 2d, Burgess.
DOMINIQUE.—Fowls, 1st, 2d, Holley. Chicks, 1st, 2d, Holley.
MOTTLED JAVAS.—Chicks, 1st, 2d, Ballard.
BLACK SPANISH.—Chicks, 1st, Dr. Morehouse.
BLUE ANDALUSIANS.—Chicks, 1st, Dr. Morehouse.
B. B. R. GAMES.—Fowls, 1st, Spalding; 2d, Wm. L. Farnham, Poultney, Vt. Chicks, 1st, 2d, Spalding.
BROWN RED GAMES.—Fowls, 1st, Holley. Chicks, 1st, 2d, Spalding.
GOLDEN DUCKWINGS.—Chicks, 1st, Spalding.
HEATHWOOD GAMES.—Fowls, 1st, Spalding.
INDIAN GAMES.—Fowls, 1st, Holley; 2d, Burgess. Chicks, 1st, Spalding.
WHITE INDIAN GAMES.—Chicks, 1st, 2d, E. J. Hooker.
BROWN B. R. GAME BANTAMS.—Fowls, 1st, C. M. Holley. Chicks, 1st, Holley.
BLACK B. R. G. BANTAMS.—Chicks, 1st, Ballard.
BUFF COCHIN BANTAMS.—Chicks, 1st, Hull.
TURKEYS.—Bronze, 1st, Holley; 2d, Mrs. J. Leonard, Benson, Vt. Black, 1st, Holley.
DUCKS.—Rouen, 1st, Holley. Crested White, 1st, S. G. Eaton, Fair Haven, Vt.; 2d, Holley. Pekins, 1st, Eaton. Young, 1st, Eaton. Aylesburys, 1st, Spalding. Grey Calls, 1st, 2d, C. M. Holley.
GEES.—Toulouse, 1st, Doane; 2d, Spalding. Young Toulouse, 1st, Doane; 2d, Spalding.
GUINEAS.—Pearl fowls, 1st, Holley; 2d, Spaulding. Whites, 1st, Holley.
PEAFOWLS.—1st, Holley; 2d, Spalding. Collection fowls, 1st, Holley.
Collection pigeons, 1st, Hull; 2d, Doane.
All other pigeon prizes went to Wm. Hull.

The Troy Show.

A meeting of the Troy Poultry, Pigeon and Pet Stock Association was held at the Frear House, October 17th, when arrangements for the poultry show to be held at Bicycle hall, the first week in December were made. O. J. Lewis of Schodack Centre was appointed superintendent of poultry, Samuel L. Smyth of Troy superintendent of pigeons and W. N. Richardson superintendent of pet stock.

Six new members were elected, and George B. Moffatt of West Troy was elected a director. James Forsyth of Owego, a former resident of Troy, donated four special prizes of \$25 each, and seven silver cups were also donated as premiums. Every indication points to a successful exhibition, many displays from distant points having been promised. A special feature will be a display of pheasants, pigeons and rabbits. The association proposes to devote a part of each day to the children of the orphan asylums of the city and the Fairview home, and each day of the show three hours of the morning will be occupied with the visit of children from one of the asylums.

About forty special prizes have been given.

Erie Co. Poultry Breeders' & Pet Stock Association.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

The Erie County Poultry Breeders' and Pet Stock Association celebrated its first birthday on Wednesday, October 9th. During the short time this association has been organized twenty-one regular meetings have been held, and its field of usefulness has not been limited to Erie County merely, as one might infer, but its members are numbered by scores in all of the surrounding counties. Those well acquainted in the poultry business assure the secretary, E. C. Pease, that Hamburg will have the greatest poultry exhibition this winter ever known in this part of the country, everything pointing in that direction now. An important feature of the show will be a display that was witnessed by millions of people at the World's Fair. The association was addressed by F. E. Dawley, secretary of the New York State Poultry Society, at its last meeting, which was appreciated by all. With the membership constantly increasing and the bright prospects for our coming show, I assure you we all feel well pleased with our first year's work. E. C. PEASE, Sec'y.

Hamburg, N. Y., Oct. 7, 1894.

Has the Sage "Wheels?"

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

I see by the *Ohio Poultry Journal*, that Uncle Isaac is attempting to draft a standard for Pit Games. He calls them "utility games," and describes a fowl that is neither a Pit Game or Game at all, but attempts to steal the merits of the true old fashioned Game in order to foist upon a fancy, already tired of his continued and persistent schemes for self-aggrandizement, a nondescript mongrel, which he proposes to establish and make a "standard" breed of. After lauding the powers of the old *Pit* Game as a reason why his "utility" Game should become a standard bird, he says that public sentiment is against Pit Game fighting; in other words, he loves the Pit Game for its fighting qualities, but wants it admitted to a Standard, so that its gameness, courage, and all that distinguishes the fowl and makes it dear to a large class of admirers, many of whom never fight fowls, simply to *destroy* these qualities. Any breeder of Pit fowls knows that by making it a "standard" fowl its courage would be a thing of the past. As long as the Pit Game can be kept out of the show room, or rather out of the *standard* (any standard) so long will it remain a beautiful, courageous *game* fowl. However, admirers of true Game need fear nothing from the making of a standard breed called "White Games," because they will, according to Uncle Isaac's description of them, not only look like dunghills, pure and simple. The great trouble with Felch is, that he is afraid that there are yet a few fanciers who have failed to credit him with being the great Solomon of the hen business. I venture to predict that when he gets the Game boys after him he will incline to wish he had confined himself to his feather-legged Asiatics. They won't let him down so lengthy as did the Anti-D. S. C. fellows. F. H. GRAVES.

Corrections.

In the list of awards at Trenton you have T. C. Allen credited with first on collection in Asiatic class and me second. This is a mistake; it should be reversed. You can plainly see I have twelve points in this class and Allen seven, counting two points for first prizes and one for seconds. Kindly rectify this.

C. A. REID.

Englishtown, N. J., Oct. 10, '94.

In looking over the awards of the Orange County fair at Newburgh, N. Y., allow me to make the following corrections: I won 1st on G. S. Bantams (fowls), 1st on S. S. Bantams (fowls), 1st on Gray Call ducks, 1st on Duclair ducks, 2d on pen B. T. Japanese fowls, 2d on pair B. R. C. Bantams (fowls), 2d on pair Silkies chicks, 2d on pair Ring Neck Pheasants. There were two Gardiniers at the fair—A. L. Gardinier and myself—that is how you came to get it mixed.

D. GARDINIER,

Proprietor Wild Cat Poultry Farm.
Amsterdam, N. Y., Oct. 13, '94.

In the awards of the Trenton Interstate fair, A. R. Rhinhart should be credited with winning 1st on B. B. R. Game fowls.

Big Show at Worcester, Mass.

At a meeting held by the Central Mass. Poultry Club October 19th, we voted to use the Decimal Score Card and to offer besides our regular premiums a \$5 cash premium on best cock, hen, cockerel, and pullet on nearly all varieties. We shall get the best incubators we can procure and shall hold our show in Horticultural hall, the finest in the city for this purpose. This society has the best record of any and is the oldest, and Worcester is a city of shows that has never been idle a winter for over a score of years. We have always paid \$1.00 for \$1.00, even if the members did reach into their pockets to do it. We shall do it this year. We have hired as good judges as stand in America, impartial and honest. Send your birds and don't forget the dates, January 21 to 24. Entries close January 19th. Address all communications to C. A. BALLOU, 205 Main Street, Worcester, Mass.

PIGEONS.

Standard Announcement.

For the benefit of our pigeon readers, we have made arrangements whereby we can furnish the Pigeon Standard at 50 cents a copy.

The White Fantail Pigeon.

A Monograph.

BY JESSE M. RUTTER.

[Written for THE AMERICAN FANCIER.]
[Continued from September 22d.]

To still more surely warrant impartial decisions, a judge should never compete where he officiates. Nobody doubts the absolute honesty of our best Fantail specialists, but, like Cæsar's wife, every arbitrator ought to be beyond possible suspicion of an interested motive beneath his verdict. To see a man's name published as judge in one class, and winner in the next, does not look well. Disappointed exhibitors never hesitate to covertly hint that a "give and take" policy underlies their non-success. If the pigeon justice has brought into being a model strain, and wants to advertise his stock, no grumbler can find a loop-hole for complaint when these famous birds are entered "for exhibition only." Every wide-awake fancier is sure to see the "judge's pigeons," and commend their owner's wisdom in not scrambling for laurels. In the past I have seen these not for competition entries penned by show officers, and have always heard hearty praises for the plan from conservative fanciers. In fact, this avowed keeping out of the contest is the best card a capable judge can possibly put upon his pigeon cages.

During recent years, much has been printed in reference to the artificial improvement of Fantails. Since moulding the form, or imparting stylish strutting action was scarcely possible except through selective breeding, artful tricksters focused their misplaced skill upon shaping the tail. Pigeons with profuse count were selected, because plenty of feather was necessary to permit a narrow tail being flatly spread far beyond its normal limits. According to hearsay, the caudal circle was sometimes sprinkled and ironed into a larger area, but this expansion was only temporary, the sham tail contracting after a few days. In May, 1889, an indignant fancier, assuming the name "White Feather," wrote to a prominent English paper, describing in detail a disgraceful scheme which would form a counterfeit spread likely to last from one moult to the next. As the publication of this spurious system would serve no good end, it is omitted here, but the following words of comment by "White Feather" will doubtless be read with interest: "Letters have, from time to time appeared in your paper about the trimming of Fantails, but from the absence of proof against the guilty parties, or from the disbelief of fanciers as to the existence of such practices, the matter has always been allowed to drop; but many fanciers of this interesting breed have either given up the variety, or retired from showing in disgust. This faking has been in the hands of a few individuals for at least twelve years to my knowledge, the process being a carefully kept secret. Every bird (intended for sale or showing) is subjected to the treatment, and many fanciers have given long prices for what were apparently perfect birds, only to find after the pigeons had moulted, that they had been swindled, and with no chance of redress."

My readers will here please take special note of the emphatic assertion that prizes won by patched-up Fantails have no attraction for me. No honest man cares to buy, own or show any pigeon unless its points result from natural growth. Beyond putting specimens into perfect physical trim legitimate fitting for exhibition cannot go without treading on doubtful ground. Plucking or adding feathers, or tampering with tail formation, is downright dishonesty, and in the end a lasting injury to the whole Fantail fancy. Any judge who declines to dis-

qualify a palpably made tail has missed his calling, and should never have a second chance to display his lack of backbone. Seldom indeed can tails be skilfully treated till all signs of hardwork are absent. Tell-tale wrinkles at the quill-bases, marks of tying low down upon the plume-shafts, double feathers carefully split apart, and tail-coverts unduly thin, are visible tokens of unfair manipulation. A severely tinkered tail usually shows but a single row of gauzy-looking feathers that seem to be glued together at the edges. A natural spread never has this starched and flimsy aspect. The foremost fanciers of Great Britain have tried to suppress this crying evil by banding together, and the following complete quotation will serve to explain the situation beyond the ocean. That scholarly writer, James C. Lyell, states: "The Fantail club was established in the year 1885, chiefly for the purpose of endeavoring to put down the dishonest practice, so common of late, of manipulating Fantails, so that very ordinary birds are manufactured into the semblance of good ones. The adepts at this art have for years succeeded in carrying off the principal prizes, and sold numerous good-looking birds, which after moulting in their purchasers' possession, have turned out ordinary spoon-tailed specimens; but they have kept the secret of their art so well, that no one can say what methods they employ. Pasteboard, or wire frames, for fixing to the tail during its growth, at the annual moult, is said to be one of the means employed; while extra feathers fixed into the quills of the natural ones; have actually been discovered in the tails of prize birds. Loading the lower tail feathers with lead, so as to form as complete a circle as possible, is also in vogue. When such frauds are constantly practiced, honest men get disgusted and go into some other variety, declining to compete with those who artificially improve their birds." Thus far, but few cases of this pernicious practice have cropped out at American shows, and the pigeon press has always given true fanciers ample space to advertise the mercenary schemers. A greedy mania for money is the good which urges men to try these knavish dodges, and they are ever eager to sell their fixed-up winners. Success in hoodwinking a judge often endows the wily exhibitor with surprising assurance. Within two years, one of this cheating class bitterly berated a Fantail fancier for "spoiling trade" by putting on paper a protest against this tail faking. Trade indeed! As if trade consisted in retarding the Fantail fancy by plundering unwary beginners. This grumbling trader once sold a pair of his improved pigeons for \$40. Prior to moult, the two stylish little Shakers had even, circular tails, wonderful in breadth, although lacking thickness. After shedding feathers, and assuming new suits, this catchpenny couple lost half their good looks. Those small, shapely bodies still strutted unaltered before the spectator. The graceful, rocking steps, and willowy neck sways were as charming as before. No points of physical formation seemed changed, but the saucer-like tail spreads were sadly shrunk. Both the widely opened fans had now closed up, and two tidy tunnels replaced the former flat circles. This pretty little pair was now worth about \$10. What a vast decline in value! Reader, how would you like to pay \$10 for two Fantails, and \$30 for the smooth-tongued seller's *sub rosa* toil? Perhaps I have written enough upon this disgraceful slight of hand. If my censure has seemed too severe, let the reviewer be lenient. Remember that my opposition to crooked pigeon practices is far more emphatic than mere words can express. This artificial tail spreading destroys public confidence in the Fantail, and checks the growth of an artistic hobby among honorable amateurs. The cheat is easily detected, and by personal effort, those who breed points can readily expose rogues whose exhibits are "made up."

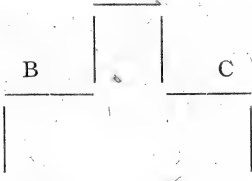
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TRANSFER.—C. W. Clark, Gloversville, N. Y., to G. T. Hunt, Waterloo, N. Y., one pair Silver Dun Homers, to Frank Giles, Gloversville, N. Y., one pair Blue Black Bar Homers, to Chas. Ody, Gloversville, N. Y., one pair Red Checker Homers.

Cat Proof Cote.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

From preference or necessity, it is very probable that many of our pigeon lovers have built their cotes, as I have mine, on the ground. In this event, when the pigeons have their liberty all day, it requires more or less watchfulness to keep Miss Pussy from entering the coop through the hole provided for the exit and egress of the birds. In my own case, in order to remedy this, I took a piece of light weight wood, about 16 inches square and about half an inch thick, and cut it into a T shape, cutting the shank of the T so that it would readily fit into the hole in the cote. I then took a pair of T hinges, and fastened them at B and C as shown in the cut.



Then introducing the shank of the board through the hole, I attached it to the cote, screwing it up loose in order to give that part of the hinge fastened to the coop full play. I then weighted the board at the end of the shank, and after a few experiments got the board so nicely balanced that with one bird it retains its equilibrium, but with two it at once loses it.

This seems to overcome the difficulty so far as Miss Pussy is concerned, because her weight would at once upset the board, and even assuming that by the aid of her claws she retained a hold on the board, it would appear to be impossible for her to climb into the cote, because during the loss of balance the shank of the board acts as a cover to the hole.

For weights I used a pair of sinkers, each weighing nine and a half ounces, but, of course, the matter of weight would be governed by the size and weight of the pigeons kept.

I got this idea from seeing, when a boy, something of the kind used by a pigeon loving friend of mine.

This little scheme may be nothing new to some of your readers, but from my own observation I am of the opinion that it will be both novel and useful to a few pigeon lovers.

I might add that I feel no hesitancy in leaving my cote open all night.

R. H. KIRKMAN.

New York, October 10th, 1894.

The Owl Club.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

I have just received a very kind letter and invitation from Mr. Ewald for the Owl Club to meet at Cincinnati this winter, January 10 to 16, 1895.

As Mr. Ewald says, we have tried to meet in the east and failed, now why not try the west? As we all know, Cincinnati is a great show town, and I think we will have no trouble in getting a quorum. I expect to be there and show there. Now, how many of the boys will join me? Mr. Ewald promises us several new members and will join himself, and also promises us liberal classification and a good judge acceptable to the Owl Club. Now, in regard to the judge, I understand Mr. Ewald has asked Mr. C. J. Tanner to judge, but do not think he has as yet accepted. Mr. Tanner judges the Magpies, and being an old Owl breeder should make a good judge. I, for one, am in favor of him for judge. How many of the members are in favor of Mr. Tanner as judge, if he will have the kindness to accept? Don't be afraid to give us your opinion through THE AMERICAN FANCIER, or write me at once. Mr. J. H. Kuhn, chairman of our executive committee, will be there and judge Pouters. We can have a great meeting if the boys will do their part. I know of specials to the amount of \$30 now offered on Owls, and have done my part in same. If my mind serves me right, I think I offered the only special at the club meeting last year, all the others promised vanishing in the air.

Who is going to follow my example again this year to help make it interesting? I don't like to mention names in regard to specials promised last year (amounting to nearly \$40), as some one might say I was getting too personal.

I think we will have a 94 class for both cocks and hens and classification as follows: Owls (all varieties), cocks, Blue, Black, White, Silver, Any Other Color, and Tail. Hens, ditto. At least, this is the classification I have asked Mr. Ewald for.

C. W. BUTTLES,
President American Owl Club.

Peoria's Pigeon and Poultry Show.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

We are pleased to announce that we have rented the beautiful Paddock building for our first exhibition. This building is located on the principal street and right in the heart of the city. In order to secure this building we were compelled to change the admission from 10 to 25 cents. It also affords us great pleasure to announce that the merchants and business men of Peoria have kindly donated \$150 in special premiums. Mr. Charles S. Proctor of Peoria will judge the poultry and Mr. Henry Schimpff the Miscellaneous class, (ducks, geese, turkeys, etc.) The premium list is now ready for mailing, it is neatly gotten up and should be in the hands of every fancier.

In addition to the special premiums mentioned in our premium list, C. W. Buttles, the well known pigeon artist, of Columbus, Ohio, offers for the best bird on exhibition, any variety, one life-size India ink sketch of the winner, valued at \$10. This special is well worth competing for, as Mr. Buttles' skill as an artist is well known to the readers of this paper. I would also like to call your attention to the Flying Tumbler classification in our premium list in classes 291, 292, 293, 294, 302 and 303; it should read Mottle or Rose Wing instead of just Rose Wing. Then, again, we have since added the following two classes: Any Color Bell Neck Cock and Any Color Bell Neck Hen. In the Pouter class we are made to say White Pied, whereas it should be White Solid.

ROBERT JOOS, Superintendent.

October 24, 1894.

Cincinnati's Big Show.

George Ewald writes us that there will be an immense display of pigeons at Cincinnati, and that the specialty clubs will probably all meet there. Among the letters he has received is the following characteristic one from Major F. M. Gilbert:

Geo. Ewald, Esq.

DEAR SIR:—I thank you for the honor conferred on me in asking me to judge Fans at the Cincinnati show, and will be happy to accept. I think I can safely assure you that the American Fantail Club will hold its annual meeting with you, as all of the members I have been able to reach are in favor of meeting at the good old town of Cincinnati, where we are sure to meet a lot of good, whole-souled "cranks." As president of the club, I offer as a prize a beautiful silver cup (a duplicate of the one won by me at Baltimore), to go to the best young Fantail bred in 1894 by a member of the club. This to be an open race, colors, crests, boots, and plain to compete together, and the cup to go to the best bird. For this I shall ask Dr. T. W. Tuggle and Mr. Sam. Casseday (if he does not compete) to assist me.

F. M. GILBERT.

Evansville, Ind., Sept. 14, 1894.

Our Illustration.

The subject of our illustration on the title page this week is the imported White Turbit cock, "Frost King," owned by Mr. C. W. Buttles, Columbus, Ohio. This bird won 1st at the last great New York show against all colors in the solid Turbit class, and was afterwards presented to Mr. Buttles by his friend, C. J. Tanner, who pronounced "Frost King" to be the best headed Turbit in his loft.

Magpie Club.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

Mr. Robert Joos states that Mr. George Ewald, superintendent of Cincinnati, O., show, will give ten classes for Magpies, viz.: 1st on each Black cock or hen, Red, Yellow, Any Other Color, and 1st on young class, best 1894 birds, cock and hen.

G. A. FICK.

Pigeon Flying.

Fulton Co. Flying Notes.

A. C. Saunders, one of the club's most enthusiastic members, informs us of several new Homing fanciers who are now purchasing birds and will soon join the club.

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The September 30th race resulted as follows: Shroeder, 25 miles, arrived in 40 minutes; Saunders, 75 miles, 3 hours; Randall, 73½ miles, 3 hours 3 minutes; Butts, 76 miles, 3½ hours.

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October 7th the weather was fine and birds made good speed, Shroeder's birds on a 55 mile fly making a velocity of 1489 yards per minute. The Johnstown and Gloversville birds were recorded in last week's AMERICAN FANCIER.

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Randall has one bird whose company is entirely too fast for any recorded last week, having made a 100 mile record as a youngster this season of 1308 yards per minute. In future races it is the sentiment of the club that this bird be barred.

Fritz in England.

There are other writers besides myself who find that Homing men are, on the whole, a lackadaisical lot. Not only in this country is this fact brought before our eyes however. In the United States we have only recently had an illustration of what I speak of, and my old friend, Mr. T. Fred Goldman, more popularly termed "Fritz," has had to take, for the time being, a back seat and retire into private life for a season. I sincerely trust it will be only for a season, for a kinder friend and more enthusiastic Homing fancier it has never been my lot to know. I remember how delighted I was on receiving my first letter from Mr. Goldman. I was just commencing my career as a Homing correspondent then, and Mr. "Fritz" in the kindest manner possible, placed all the help he could in my hands; and, as far as that goes, still does. His long letters are filled to the brim with witty and racy writings, and are studies in themselves from a literary point of view, for a more thoroughly educated and refined writer on fancy matters it would be difficult to find. There is something so simple, and yet so artistic and graceful in his flow of language, and I can easily see that his pen is truly one of a ready writer who is never at a loss for a sentence, who never blurs his work by disjointed expressions, but who keeps straight on in a steady, masterly style, from beginning to end. I can only say that I consider it one of the greatest of pities that Mr. Goldman has never honored the fancy world with a volume on the sport which he assuredly so dearly loves. Perhaps now during this enforced retirement he will take it into his head to favor us. I hope he will see this and take the hint. There is no charge. By-the-by, I heard from him quite recently that he was on the move. Everybody remembers 832, Herkimer street, which used to be so prominently stamped on the copies of THE AMERICAN FANCIER mailed into England, but I understand that Herkimer street now no longer knows Mr. Goldman. In connection with the recent fly of the Empire City Flying Club from Washington, D. C., I am sent a report, and with it "Fritz" writes:

"My birds behaved well, but not near fast enough. Heavy haze between Newark, N. J., and Brooklyn, N. Y., giving the New Jersey birds all the advantage. Had my entire entry of nine youngsters home within an hour after the first arrival. Will now transfer my birds to the new loft.—Yours sincerely, GOLDMAN, 1664, Dean street, Brooklyn, N. J."

This is an exceedingly good report. All he entered (nine birds) home within the hour, and shows that Mr. Goldman is possessor of a good loft of birds—a loft which he may well be proud of. He does not think that the removal will much disturb him, and he is full of confidence as to being able to settle the birds in their new home by the time the next flying season comes. May he be able to do so is my sincerest wish.—H. Kendrick, Jr., in Poultry, (England.)

Philadelphia Items.

There were two big races flown from the south-west on October 14th, and both were flown under the same favorable conditions of wind and weather, and in each race the leading birds made remarkable speed. The first and most important race was the 100-mile Championship contest from Odenton, Md., for the Item trophy and other prizes; the other was the second young bird race of the Philadelphia Section from Manassas Junction, the 150-mile liberating station. Both lots of birds were tossed promptly at 9 A. M., in a smart westerly breeze, the birds from the 100-mile station commencing to arrive

about 11 A. M., and those from Manassas at about an hour later.

At present it is impossible to name the winner in either event, as the distances have not all been measured. From a cursory glance at the returns, however, it would appear as if M. Sullivan was pretty solid on the item race, while in the 150-mile Federation event Geary & Kendall seem to have the pull for first honors. Innes, Clark and Connell will stand a good show for a place in the item race, and should at once get their distances measured by Peter Witzel and have same forwarded to the pigeon flying editor. Senderling, Linsenmaier and L. A. Miller are also well up, but their distances are on file.

Below will be found a list of the leading returns in each race, compiled from the official report:

THE "ITEM" 100 MILE RACE.

Name	Reg. No.	In Loft.
G. Connell	C, 525	11:30:30
G. Connell	S, 4984	11:30:35
M. F. Sullivan	S, 6768	11:32:24
M. F. Sullivan	S, 6804	11:32:24
L. A. Mehler	L. A. M, 43	11:33:30
L. A. Mehler	L. A. M, 23	11:33:36
W. Thompson	L, 5317	11:35:28
W. Thompson	L, 5383	11:35:43
F. A. Clark	C, 2839	11:35:43 1/2
F. A. Clark	C, 2046	11:36:13 1/2
E. A. Senderling	E. S, 220	11:36:13
E. A. Senderling	E. S, 218	11:36:17
W. T. Innes	R. B, 7033	11:36:22 1/2
W. T. Innes	R. B, 7137	11:36:24 1/2
G. Linsenmaier	J. S, 1291	11:36:28 1/2
H. W. Beck	L, 5521	11:37:32 1/2
H. W. Beck	L, 5548	11:38:10 1/2
F. Deakin	L, 6302	11:37:38
G. Kemmel	C, 4 85	11:37:46 1/2
G. Kemmel	C, 12953	11:37:21 1/2
C. A. Mehler	12	11:37:17
C. W. Knighton	10712	11:37:28
M. Collier	333	11:36:45
H. Somers	N, 2223	11:37:33
F. Lane	X, 2136	11:37:29
G. Geobel	G, 2	11:37:17 1/2
P. Copple	2261	11:37:05
H. B. Winals	12845	11:37:30
J. E. Bromall	18364	11:37:43

A. Minnick and T. J. Wright's birds not reported.

The distances of the leaders will all be received in the course of a few days, and then the average speeds can be correctly determined.

PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT 150 MILE RACE.

Name	Reg. No.	In Loft.
J. D. Munro	C, 592	11:57:55
S. B. Thomas	C, 459	11:58:55 1/2
D. De Hart	C, 4235	11:59:20 1/2
D. De Hart	C, 19057	11:59:20 1/2
Geary & Kendall	C, 1547	11:59:44
Geary & Kendall	C, 1547	11:59:44
S. B. Thomas	C, 546	12:00:25
G. Barker	C, 3925	12:00:28 1/2
G. Barker	C, 3923	12:01:38 1/2
C. Doerr	C, 1523	12:01:27 1/2
C. Doerr	C, 1510	12:03:26 1/2
J. D. Munro	C, 578	12:03:53
J. Eberle	C, 7316	12:03:32 1/2
J. Eberle	C, 7313	12:03:55 1/2
P. W. Krouse	C, 2024	12:03:34 1/2
P. W. Krouse	C, 2048	12:03:57 1/2
C. Hub	C, 1251	12:03:27 1/2
C. Hub	C, 1216	12:03:11 1/2
D. S. Rogers	C, 1232	12:05:56
T. J. Wright	C, 98501	12:09:19 1/2
M. F. Sullivan	C, 1432	12:18
M. F. Sullivan	C, 1427	12:18
J. A. Stovell	C, 14673	12:21
J. A. Stovell	C, 14662	12:21

An allowance has yet to be made for those who reported their birds by certified telegram. George J. Gilmore, 1732 North Nineteenth street, has lost three birds, C7649, C7650 and C2035.

The birds of the fanciers of the Philadelphia District of the National Federation were shipped to Orange Court House, Va., on Oct. 10th, and were liberated the next morning for competition in the third of the young bird races, that from 200 miles.

The first race was won by Geary & Kendall by a small margin, and the second seems to be a close thing between two or three fanciers, so everything points to keen competition for a third time.

The next race will be from Bedford City, Va., in competition for the item 300-mile challenge trophy, and all birds flown in competition for this prize must be so marked on the entry blank, and twenty-five cents per bird entry fee paid to the race secretary, who will divide the amount so received into first, second and possibly third cash prizes.

M. Sullivan looks like an easy winner of the 100-mile item race, taking second prize also, but it cannot be determined whether the third and fourth prizes go to L. A. Mehler, F. Clark or G. Connell until the two last named get their distances measured, and file same at the item office. The item, Philadelphia.

East Side Flying Club.

The East Side Flying Club held a meeting at their rooms, No. 426 Walnut street, awarded their prizes to the winners as follows:

One hundred miles, Wilmington, Delaware, A. Harting, first, \$5, donated by the club; second, Thos. Schroeck, \$3; third, H. Kirsch, \$2.

One hundred and fifty miles, Magnolia, Md., H. Kirsch, first, a box of cigars, donated by F. Heiss; second, F. Heiss, a pair of Homing pigeons, donated by Thos. Schroeck; third, Thos. Schroeck, picture easel, donated by H. Kirsch.

Two hundred miles, Washington, D. C., first, one pair of Homing pigeons and the photograph of the winning bird, donated by C. A. Mahr. As there was only one prize at this race, the rest of the members only receive the honor of a 200 mile record. FRED. HEISS, Secretary.

Newark, N. J., Oct. 10th, 1894.

Fulton County Flyers.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

Last Saturday morning, at the Gloversville depot, quite an attraction was caused by a basket of Homing pigeons waiting to be shipped to F. Hawley, express agent of Warners, Onondaga County, New York, to be liberated at eight o'clock Sunday morning, distance air line 105 miles. It was very amusing to listen to the various comments and especially the criticisms of passengers and passers by, such as "Do you think they will ever be able to find their way back home again?" "Don't you consider it very cruel to send them so far?" asked another, and "What keen eyesight they must have to be able to fly so high up and so fast," remarked another. None but those who have experienced their first amateur 100 mile race can realize the pleasure when the results prove good. Sunday morning came at last, with a clear atmosphere and a beautiful blue sky, the wind fanning the valleys from the south and all that nature could afford for an ideal pigeon fly, and we were all jubilant, feeling fully confident of some good records being made. The watchers were anxiously straining their glasses for birds at ten o'clock, and caught sight of two dark specks in the far distance, flying as none but Homers can, dropping on the coop of A. C. Saunders at 10:45. Hardly had a moment elapsed before another was sighted, which proved to be a messenger from F. Randall, Johnstown, stating that his birds had arrived at 10:20. Some messengers were seen flying from A. C. Butts, bringing the news that his birds had homed at 10:30. We all had tried our utmost to win, but the Randall birds had shown their superior quality and stamina in this race, and we most heartily congratulate their owner on the victory.

A. C. SAUNDERS.

Gloversville, N. Y., Oct. 12, 1894.

Chicago Flights.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

The last race of the Lake View Flying Club was flown October 7th from Princeton, Ill., air line distance 101 miles. The entries were: T. B. McCauley, 5; F. R. Phillips, 5; W. Huncke, 3; F. Druhl, 2; J. B. Burns, 1; H. Hamilton, 1; L. Warkentien, 1; J. Jacobs, 1; and W. Dreier, 2. The birds were liberated by Mr. Geo. M. Wing, Adams Express Company agent, who wired: "Birds liberated 7:10; weather cloudy, S-W wind." At home the weather was hazy, with light rain, south-west wind. The returns to the several lofts were reported as follows:

Name	Distance	In loft.	Speed. Yds. per min.
F. R. Phillips	101.13	10:00	1046.9
Ditto	101.13	10:01 1/2	1037.8
T. B. McCauley	100.88	10:03 1/2	1023.3
Ditto	100.88	10:03 1/2	1023.3
Ditto	100.88	10:03 1/2	1023.3
F. Druhl	101.20	10:08 1/2	1007.3
F. R. Phillips	101.13	10:09	994.3
Ditto	101.13	10:15	962.1
W. Huncke	101.13	10:18	946.7
Ditto	101.13	10:18	946.7
F. R. Phillips	101.13	11:06	
W. Huncke	101.13	4:15	

L. Warkentien and W. Dreier's birds arrived same day.

This completes our races for this year.

F. R. PHILLIPS, Secretary.

Empire City Flying Club.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

The 74th and regular monthly meeting of the Empire City Flying Club was held at its rooms, 5 Park Place, New York city, Tuesday evening, Oct. 6th, 1894, president, Wm. Johnson, in the chair and 10 members present.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved. The young bird race report was rendered by the secretary, and no objection being made was accepted. The president awarded the following competitors their respective prizes and diplomas:

NEWARK SECTION.—100 mile race, C. Hebler, 1st diploma, \$5 cash; Wm. Holliday, 2d, \$5 cash; Albert Whitten, 3d, one bag pigeon feed.

NEW YORK SECTION.—100 mile race, John Fisher, 1st diploma, pair opera glasses; Joseph Scholl, 2d diploma, barrel peas; C. P. Schwenck, 3d diploma, \$5 cash.

NEWARK SECTION.—150 mile race, C. Hebler, 1st diploma, \$10 cash; C. A. Mahr, Jr., 2d diploma, \$5 cash; R. N. Pearsall, 3d diploma, barrel flour.

NEW YORK SECTION.—H. D. Mackintosh, 1st diploma, cloth for suit clothes; Thos. J. Clarke, 2d diploma, \$5 cash; J. H. Watjen, 3d diploma, set sowers.

TWO HUNDRED MILE GENERAL.—C. Hebler, 1st diploma, clock, barrel apples and pair of slippers; C. A. Mahr, Jr., 2d diploma, \$10 cash and set of tools; Wm. Book, Jr., 3rd diploma, bird and cage, set bob wires.

J. Foster, pair young birds, 1st to New York section; J. H. Watjen, pair young birds, 2d loft to New York section; P. Sharding, bottle whiskey, 3d loft to New York section.

C. Hebler, winner of gold-headed cane, donated to the loft making but average speed in the races flown.

The resignation of Mr. P. F. Sullivan was accepted with the regrets of the club. Mr. J. Prior's resignation was laid over until November meeting. No further business, meeting adjourned. WM. BOOK, JR., Sec'y.

Newark N. J., Oct. 15th, 1894.

Columbus Notes.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

Please publish in your valuable paper that a B. C. Homer is staying at my loft, marked L. L. 194, which I will gladly send the owner if he will address me at 841 Harrison avenue.

The Columbus Homing Club is in a prosperous condition, and at present we are

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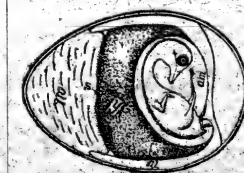
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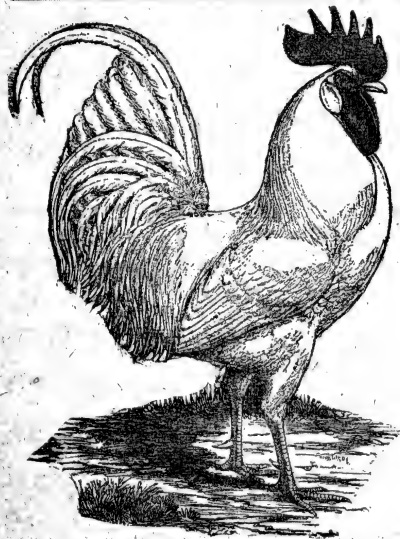
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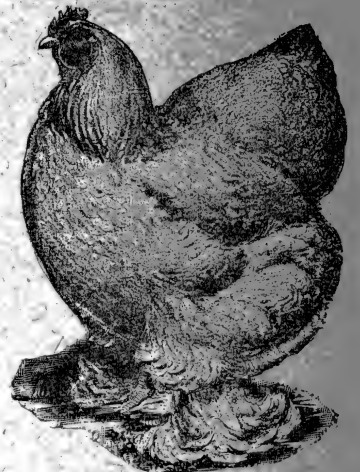
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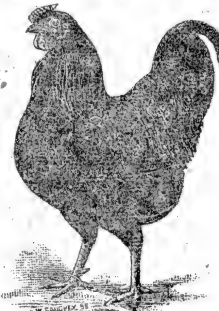
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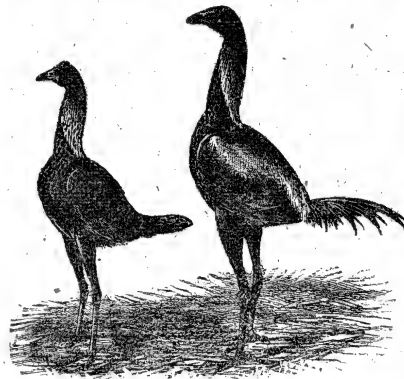
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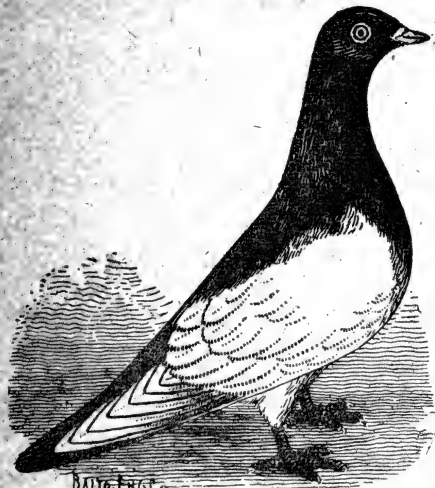
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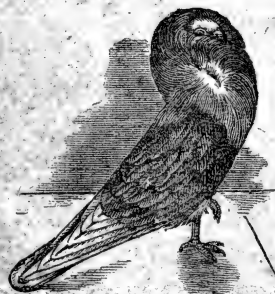
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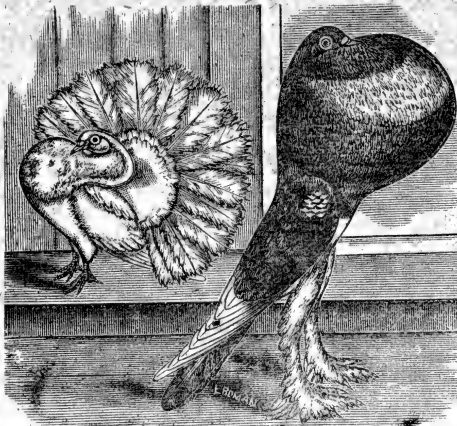
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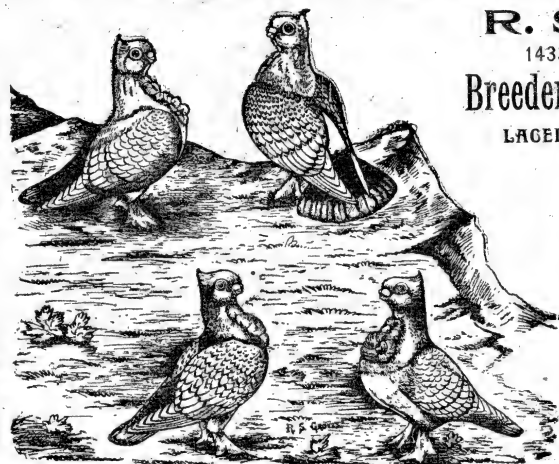
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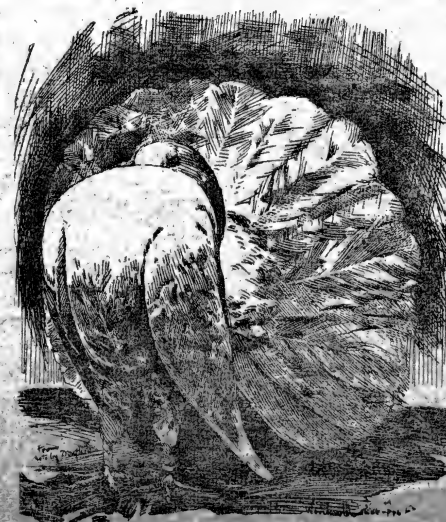
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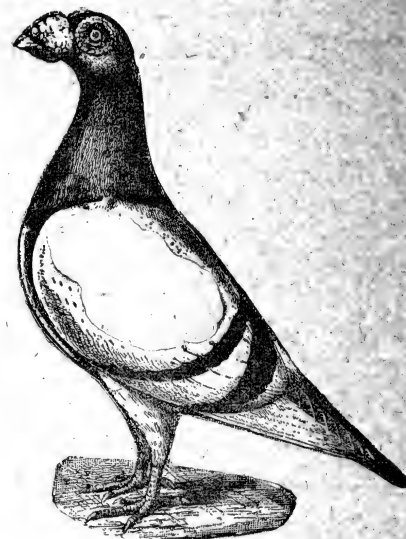


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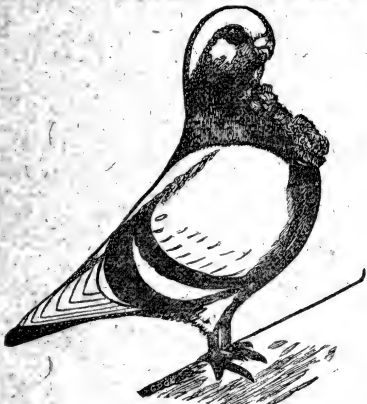
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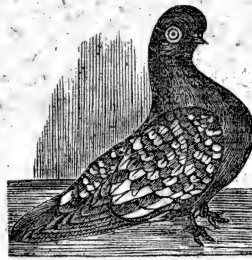
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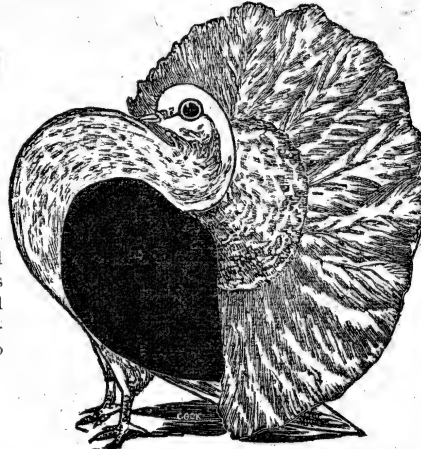
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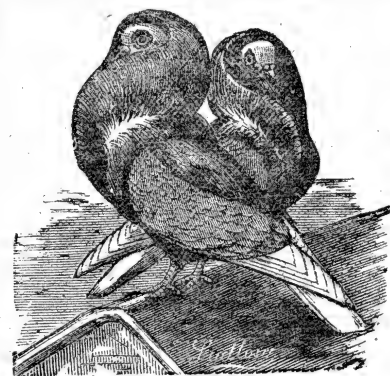
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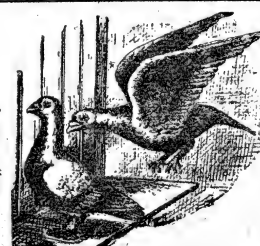
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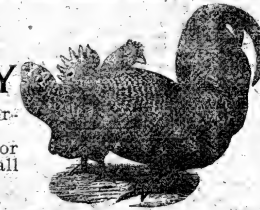
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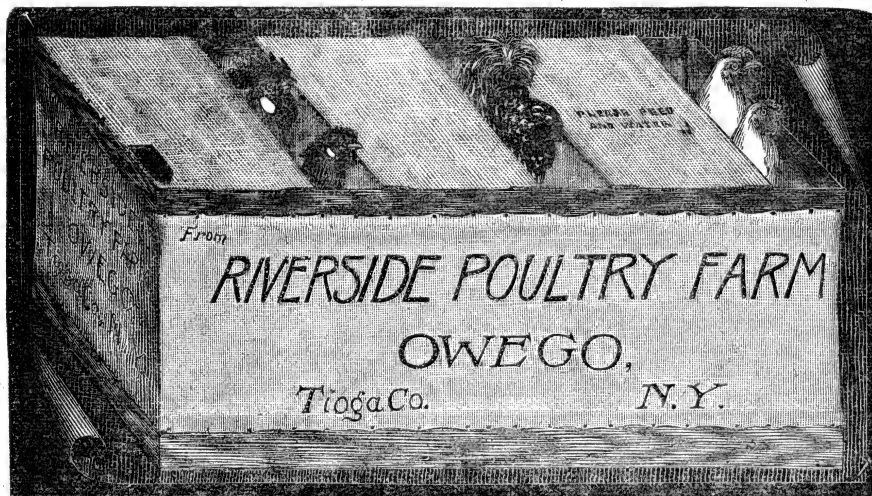
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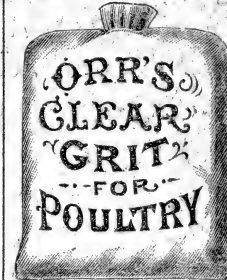
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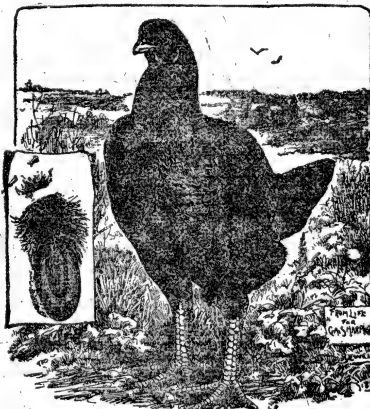
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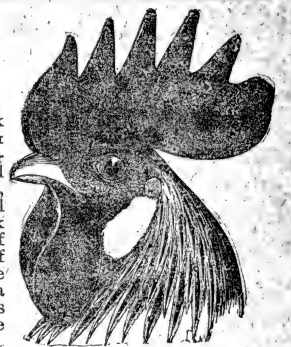
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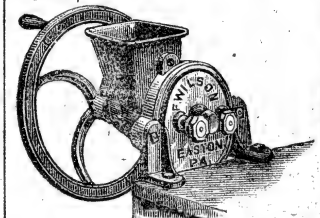


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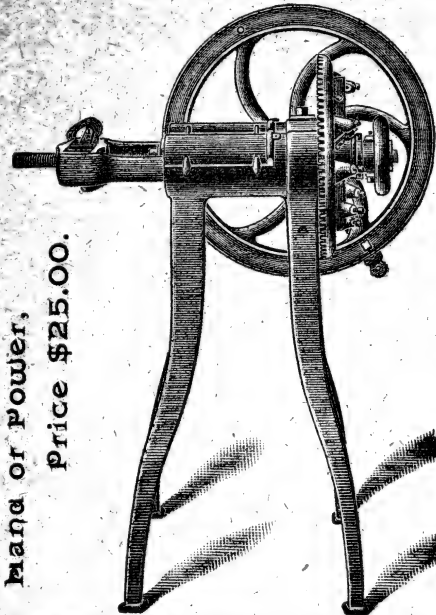
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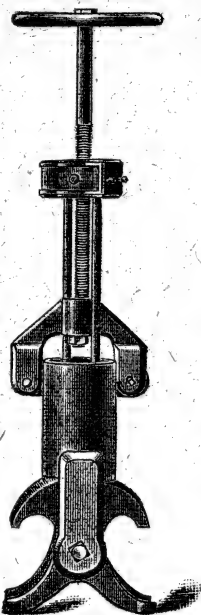
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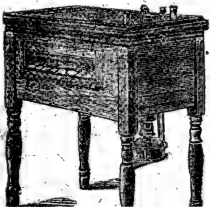
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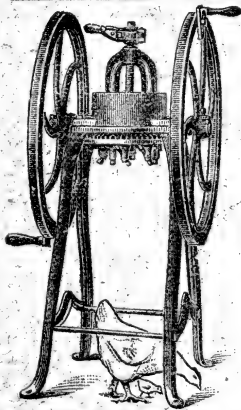
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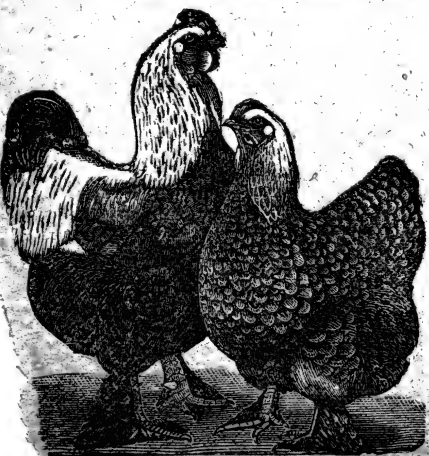
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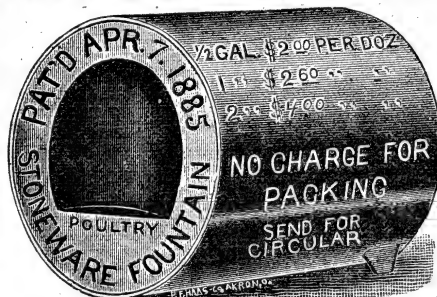
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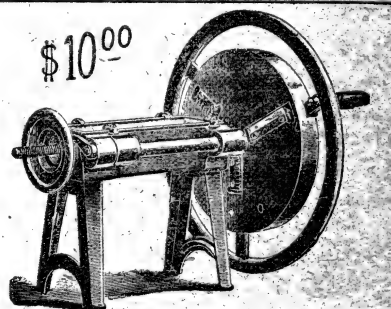


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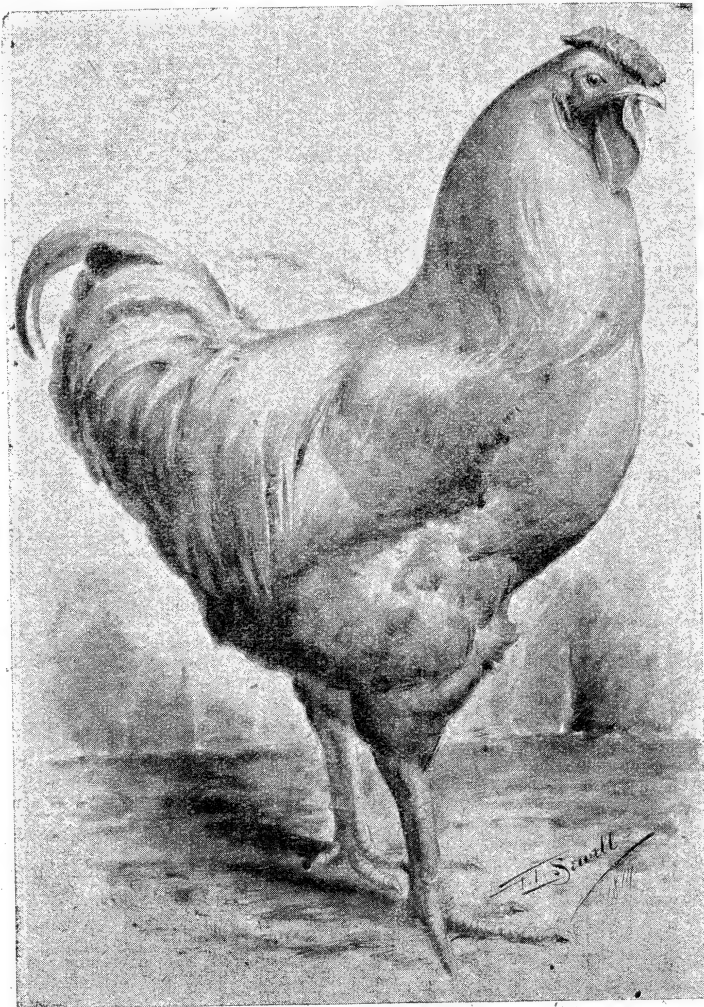
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Nov. 12-16.—South Carolina State Fair, Columbia, S. C. A. H. White, secretary, Rock Hill, S. C.

Nov. 13-16.—Warrensburg, Mo. C. A. Emry, judge. R. G. Carroll, secretary.

Nov. 13-16.—Meridian Poultry Show, Meridian, N. Y. J. Y. Bicknell, judge. Francis A. Buck, secretary.

Nov. 15-17.—Lafayette County Poultry Association, Higginsville, Mo. J. T. Harness, sec'y, Borland, Mo.

Nov. 20-23.—The Sedalia Poultry Club, Sedalia, Mo. C. A. Emry, judge. E. A. Henney, secretary.

Nov. 27-29.—Boyer Valley Poultry Association, Missouri Valley, Iowa. Theo. Hewes, judge. C. C. Dorr, secretary.

Nov. 27-30.—Sumner County Poultry Association, Wellington, Kansas. C. A. Emry, judge. W. D. Whitfield, secretary.

Nov. 27-Dec. 2.—Eastern Iowa at Davenport, Iowa. F. H. Shellabarger, judge. H. C. Goettsch, secretary.

Nov. 28-Dec. 3.—Peoria Columbian Association, Peoria, Ill. John H. Kuhn, pigeon judge; Robert Joos, superintendent; Wm. H. Koch, secretary.

Dec. 3-5.—Ottawa County Poultry Association. Third annual show at Minneapolis, Kas. F. W. Hitchcock, judge. T. E. Hurley, secretary.

Dec. 3-7.—Hawkeye Poultry Association, Mount Pleasant, Iowa. W. S. Russell, judge. A. B. Porter, secretary.

Dec. 3-9.—Pottawattamie Co. Poultry and Pet Stock Association, Council Bluffs, Iowa. J. Y. Bicknell, judge. O. K. Pratt, secretary.

Dec. 4-7.—Troy Poultry, Pigeon and Pet Stock Club, Troy, N. Y. John H. Duke, secretary.

Dec. 4-7.—Lyon County Poultry and Pet Stock Show, Emporia, Kan. C. A. Emry, judge. Wm. Hammond, president. W. T. Walters, secretary.

Dec. 4-7.—Northern Iowa, at Hampton, Iowa. G. D. Holden, judge. F. A. Bailey, secretary.

Dec. 5-7.—Warren County Poultry and Pigeon Club, Bowling Green, Ky. G. S. Hollingsworth, secretary.

Dec. 5-12.—Cleveland Poultry and Pet Stock Association, Cleveland, O. B. N. Pierce and Cornelius Murphy, judges. W. S. Rowe, 18 Herschner street, secretary.

Dec. 10-14.—Missouri State Show. Rolla G. Carroll, Warrensburg, secretary. Judges: C. A. Emry, Theo. Hewes and J. W. Wale.

Dec. 10-15.—Iowa State Poultry Association, Ottumwa, Iowa. F. H. Shellabarger and J. Y. Bicknell, judges. W. S. Russell, sec'y.

Dec. 11-14.—Roanoke Valley Poultry Association, Salem, Va. Frank A. Lovelock, sec'y.

Dec. 11-14.—Rhode Island State Poultry Association, Providence, R. I. I. K. Felch, H. S. Ball and F. B. Zimmer, judges. Samuel Cushman, secretary, Kingstown, R. I.

Dec. 11-16.—Hastings, Nebraska, Poultry Association. F. W. Hitchcock, judge. J. A. Howard, secretary.

Dec. 11-13.—Brookton Poultry Association, Brookton, Mass. C. H. Pope, secretary.

Dec. 11-14.—Coshocton, Ohio. Quincy Dawson, secretary, Roscoe, Ohio.

Dec. 12-13.—Norfolk County Poultry Association, Franklin, Mass. W. M. Clough, secretary, Medway, Mass.

Dec. 12-14.—Boston Pigeon Show Association, Boston, Mass. C. E. Twombly, sec'y.

Dec. 17-21.—Southern Kansas Show, Winfield, Kan. F. W. Hitchcock, judge. M. L. Wortman, secretary.

Dec. 17-23.—Southern Kansas Fanciers' Association, Wichita, Kas. B. N. Pierce, judge. H. L. Rochelle, Wichita, Kas., secretary.

Dec. 18-20.—Guilford Poultry and Pet Stock Association, Guilford, Conn. L. R. Shelley, secretary.

Dec. 18-21.—Southern Illinois Poultry Association, Albion, Ill. C. A. Emry, judge. S. N. Weaver, secretary.

Dec. 18-21.—Nemaha Valley Poultry Association, Auburn, Neb. H. J. F. Wert, secretary, Auburn, Neb.

Dec. 18-21.—Findlay, Ohio. McClave, judge. John A. Meeks, secretary.

Dec. 18-22.—Buckeye Poultry Association, Dayton, Ohio. I. K. Felch, judge. F. W. Bellman, secretary, Dayton, Ohio.

Dec. 18-22.—Indiana Fanciers' Association, Roachdale, Ind. F. J. Marshall, judge. C. J. Stutler, cor. sec'y, Roachdale, Ind.

Dec. 18-26.—Mid-Continental Poultry Association, Kansas City, Mo. J. H. Drevenstedt, Sharpe Butterfield, B. N. Pierce, Theo. Hewes, F. W. Hitchcock, and Theo. Sternberg, judges. F. M. Slutz, secretary.

Dec. 19-24.—North-Western Illinois, at Lanark, Ill. F. H. Shellabarger, judge. F. Irvin Root, secretary.

Dec. 21-25.—Eastern Middlesex Poultry Association, Malden, Mass. G. K. Holbrook, secretary.

Dec. 24-29.—New Mexico Poultry Association, Albuquerque, N. M. John C. Snyder, judge. W. S. Lowe, secretary.

Dec. 25-27.—Seymour Poultry and Pigeon Association, Seymour, Conn. G. J. Faber, sec'y.

Dec. 25-28.—Ionia, Mich. I. K. Felch, judge. A. F. Herbert, secretary.

Dec. 25-29.—South-Eastern Nebraska Poultry Association, Beatrice, Neb. C. A. Emry, judge. H. H. Halladay, secretary.

Dec. 25-29.—Allentown Poultry and Pigeon Association, Allentown, Pa. John W. Yoachim, cor. sec'y.

Dec. 26-Jan. 2.—San Francisco, Cal. A. Armstrong, secretary, Petaluma.

Dec. 27-Jan. 3.—Erie County Poultry Breeders and Pet Stock Association, Hamburg, N. Y. E. C. Pease, secretary.

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Dec. 31-Jan. 4.—Ontario Poultry Association. Butterfield, Jarvis, Smelt and Johnson, judges. T. A. Brown, sec'y, London, Ont.

Jan. 1-5.—Inter-State Poultry Association. Arkansas City, Kan. John C. Snyder, judge. G. A. Howerton, secretary.

Jan. 1-5.—North Kansas Poultry Association, Atchison, Kan. Theo. Hewes and F. W. Hitchcock, judges. S. G. Sprague, secretary. W. A. Roberts, president.

Jan. 1-5.—Knoxville, Tenn. B. N. Pierce, judge. John W. Flennikin, secretary.

Jan. 1-7.—Wapsie Valley Poultry Club, Dubuque, Ia. Decimal score card will be used. I. K. Felch, judge. John M. Parker, secretary.

Jan. 2-5.—Butler and Warren County Poultry and Pigeon Association, Middleton, Ohio. F. H. Shellabarger and C. W. Butties, judges; Henry Hensy, secretary.

Jan. 7-12.—La Crosse Poultry Association, La Crosse, Wis. F. W. Hitchcock, judge. E. H. Hoffman, secretary.

Jan. 8-11.—Peninsular Poultry, Pigeon and Pet Stock Association, Jackson, Mich. J. H. Drevenstedt, H. A. Bridge, and S. H. Slifer, judges. Frank W. McKenzie, Concord, secretary. E. J. Mason Grant, president.

Jan. 8-11.—Interstate Poultry Association, Falls City, Neb. C. A. Emery, judge. Cyrus Milam, secretary.

Jan. 8-11.—Roanoke Valley Poultry Association, Roanoke, Va. Frank A. Lovelock, sec'y.

Jan. 8-12.—Henry County Poultry Association, Geneseo, Ill. F. J. Marshall and F. H. Shellabarger, judges. W. A. Shelhamer, sec'y.

Jan. 8-12.—Maryville, Mo. I. K. Felch, judge. Fred. Parcher, secretary.

Jan. 8-12.—Rochester Poultry and Pigeon Association, Rochester, N. Y. Judges. F. B. Zimmer, C. E. Rockenstyre, G. S. Pratt, George E. Peer and Amos P. Mack. W. J. Harrison, secretary.

Jan. 8-13.—Tacoma, Washington. H. H. Collier, secretary.

Jan. 9-11.—New Hampshire Poultry Association, Concord, N. H. J. J. Trenoweth, secretary.

Jan. 9-12.—North-Western Ohio Poultry and Pet Stock Company, Tiffin, Ohio. T. S. Falkner, secretary.

Jan. 9-12.—Chattanooga Poultry Association, Chattanooga, Tenn. P. M. Reagan, sec'y.

Jan. 9-14.—The New Haven Poultry Association, New Haven, Conn. Ed. A. Todd, sec.

Jan. 10-14.—Kansas State Show, Topeka, Kan. D. A. Wise, secretary, Topeka.

Jan. 10-16.—Cincinnati Poultry and Pigeon Association, J. H. Drevenstedt and Sharp Butterfield, judges. Geo. Ewald, sec'y.

Jan. 14-19.—Columbus, Ohio. G. F. Gast, secretary, Prospect, Ohio.

Jan. 15-19.—Howard County Poultry and Pet Stock Association, Kokomo, Ind. F. J. Marshall, judge. L. C. Hoss, secretary.

Jan. 15-20.—Nebraska State Show, Lincoln, Neb. Emry and Hitchcock, judges. A. Lemen, secretary.

Jan. 15-20.—Colorado Poultry Association, Denver, Colo. I. K. Felch, judge. John Herr, Denver, Colo., secretary.

Jan. 15-20.—Georgia Poultry and Pet Stock Association, Augusta, Ga. John W. Killingsworth, secretary.

Jan. 16-18.—St. Johnsbury, Vt. W. B. Eastman, secretary.

Jan. 16-18.—New England Light Brahma Club, Boston, Mass. G. W. Cromack, secretary, Stoneham.

Jan. 16-18.—Ansonia Poultry Association, Ansonia, Conn. J. W. Willis, supt.

Jan. 17-22.—Berks County Poultry and Pigeon Association, Reading, Pa. W. Harry Orr, president; H. M. Shoemaker, sec'y.

Jan. 18-20.—North-Western Poultry and Pet Stock Association, Sioux City, Ia. Theo. Hewes, judge. J. W. McMillen, president. Chas. E. Lozier, secretary.

Jan. 20-25.—Washington (C. H.), Ohio. W. R. Dalbey, secretary.

Jan. 21-24.—Central Mass. Poultry Association, Worcester, Mass. W. H. Pitton, secretary.

Jan. 22-25.—Parsons Fanciers' Association, Parsons, Kansas. C. A. Emry, judge. A. C. Braunsdorf, secretary.

Jan. 22-25.—Pittston Poultry Breeders' Association, Pittston, Pa. J. Y. Bicknell, judge; W. R. Allen, secretary.

Jan. 22-26.—Omaha Poultry Fanciers' Association, Neb. I. L. Richards, secretary.

Jan. 28-31.—Utah Poultry Association, Salt Lake City. Theo. Hewes, judge. J. W. Haslam, secretary. W. W. Browning, president.

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We know that eastern fanciers are very favorably disposed toward the Mid-Continental show and believe a large number of birds will be exhibited there hailing from east of the Mississippi. Only the best wishes and the kindest words for the success of the show are heard in these diggings and we certainly hope all western fanciers will take off their coats and work for the success of the Kansas City show. The latter is not local but national in character and we hope will take its place with New York as one of the great annual fixtures in the poultry show list.

Our Mr. Blunck, while enjoying the sights of Gotham a few weeks ago, felt lonesome without a chicken show or a hen crank at hand, so he took a trip to a foreign country for a day and visited with John Glasgow at Mahwah, New Jersey. Mr. Glasgow is in charge of the magnificent columbarium of Messrs. Havemeyer Bros., and naturally took pleasure in showing his visitor the lofts and its occupants. The Mountainside lofts are of course located on the famous Havemeyer estate, and are in keeping with the other fine farm buildings. Two sons of Mr. Havemeyer started these lofts, but we learn that one has given up the fancy, and Mr. Harry Havemeyer, Jr. is now the sole owner of the famous loft, and a more enthusiastic and thoroughbred fancier it would be difficult to find anywhere. Our Mr. Blunck is indebted to him for many little courtesies while at Mountainside. We were also informed that Mr. Havemeyer will engage in the breeding of Game Bantams, having already a nucleus for a fine flock of Red Piles and Black Reds. Mr. Glasgow will have charge of these in addition to the pigeons, the large poultry and practical part of the hen business being in charge of Mr. Drake.

"Cochin Evening" at the Los Angeles County, California, Poultry Association.

A Symposium of Papers on the Buffs, Prepared by the Cochin Committee, A. E. Olshausen, Chairman. Arranged for the American Fancier by John C. Stedman, Secretary.

BUFF COCHINS.

[By Theodore Sternberg, Ellsworth, Kansas, Honorary Member.]

God made us with many differences in tastes, and this is a beneficent provision; without it life would move on a dead plane without variety. All mankind recognizes and respects this diversity in taste, save and except some of the all-round professional poultry judges, and some thoughtless followers. This diversity in taste has led to there being two distinct types of the Buff Cochin. One is usually denominated the American type; the other is the full-feathered, or English type, while both types are pure Cochin in blood. The main distinction is in the greater length of feather, and the greater abundance of feather in the English type, "feathered from the ground up," as it is truthfully said. The English type have vastly more foot feathers, far more leg feathers, which should stand out in front from the body down, and with it more hock feather, but in the better specimens the hock feathering is so smothered up in the general profusion of feathers that it is not distinct as hock, but is only a part of the general profusion of feathers. These hock feathers should be long, soft and yielding, and not harsh and stiff.

The English breeders recognize as colors of equal dignity, lemon, orange, buff and cinnamon, with a decided preference for the light lemon. This color is perhaps the most exquisite of all for a show Cochin; but as it is the lightest of all Buff Cochin colors, the tendency and the usual color defect is white in flights, under hackle and tail of the males. While the cinnamon Cochin having the darkest and deepest color, has for its chief color defect black in flights and tail, and sometimes black tip to hackle in females. The orange and buff colors have as their color defects, both white and black in flights and in tails of males. The orange and buff vary in shade according to amount of cinnamon dominating blood. It is in the deep color of the cinnamon that is found the sources of color supply with which the buff, the orange and the lemon are repainted, as from time to time from natural causes these colors fade.

The deep under color with quills a reddish buff, so much admired by many, is a certain indication of cinnamon blood. It goes without saying, however, that it is quite impossible to mate buff, orange, or lemon colors together for many consecutive seasons without great loss in depth and brilliancy of color. I am very firm in the belief that three years of mating of birds standard in color, free from black, will result in lost color. Buff is a composite color—white, yellow, red and black enter into it—and the happy blending of all these colors so that each exerts its proper influence in producing the composite color of the shade sought for, without either of the original color being so prominent as to show in its original shade, results in the perfect buff. It is this color conundrum with which breeders struggle, and it is not a struggle which is ever ended. Each year it is renewed; now and then the perfect color is obtained, but very seldom, and when obtained it is an accident and cannot be relied upon to reproduce itself.

The cinnamon color must also once in many years be fed, or it too will fail. This is done by introducing black red blood, and then breeding back. The one thoroughbred color we have in all our breeds of poultry, the color which sustains itself and brightens all other colors, is black red.

The chief color beauty in a Buff Cochin is evenness of color from head to foot; the shade may be lemon or orange, buff

or cinnamon, but of whatever shade, let it be even from head to foot, and let the females in an exhibition pen match each other in shade and all match the color of the cock's breast. I am firmly of the opinion that in judging Cochins, color should be treated as one section—be judged as a whole. For this reason I believe the scale of points and card method of judging, not the correct way of judging Buff Cochin color. While the color of the Buff Cochin is pre-eminently the favorite exhibition color—and it is the fashion of the day to make everything buff—yet to me the chief beauty of the Buff Cochin is not found in its beautiful color, but is found in the matchless beauty of its rounded form. The line of beauty is the curve. In the best Buffs not a straight line in outline can be found. It has a rounded hackle, the convex cushion, the rounded breast, every outline is a curve. The portraits of Cochins in the suppressed edition of the Standard, in the Philosophy of Judging, and in Poultry Culture, and in our American poultry press generally, do not represent true Cochin form. The female is, or should be, steeper and fuller and more rounded in the breast and body, and should be evenly balanced. The heavy foot and big feathering of the true English Buff, in connection with its otherwise profuse feathering, gives to the fowl a certain massiveness in appearance which is very captivating, at least it is to me. I like big horses and big Cochins.

In breeding Buffs it is not so very unusual to obtain pullets with clear wings and tails, but a male with both wings and tail perfectly clear buff is very rare, so rare indeed that such an one can be classed as an accident. One of our oldest Cochin fanciers who has bred them in America for 30 years says he never saw but one male with absolutely clear wings and tail. The reason of this is very plain. The dark and white blood is in the fowls, and it is very apt to crop out somewhere. If I were writing a Standard for Buff Cochin males I would call for a clear buff tail for this is a very great beauty and is very noticeable, but I should not call for clear wings. I should permit dark in wings to go uncut and not call it a defect. Why? Because the color is in the blood—it is absolutely necessary that it should be in the blood or deep brilliant buff will be lost. It will break out somewhere, and it can be confined to the flight feathers and thus be concealed and not detract from the beauty of the plumage. I have seen in my life several males which filled this bill perfectly. Gorgeous buff plumes for the tail and all the dark out of sight in the wing flights.

In making Standards for fowls those things which are natural to the breed should be recognized. It is entirely wrong to make ideal standards which conflict with nature; breeders do not create colors. The best we can do is to some extent control the location of colors. In breeding Buff Cochins the breeder will select females as near as possible to the desired shade of buff, as free as possible from dark or white in wing and tail, and of as even a color as can be. The male for these females should not be the proper exhibition mate for them; but should, while of the same general shade be two or more shades deeper in color. Considerable black in wing is quite the thing, while the tail should be buff of a coppery lustre.

This mating should give many correct pullets and some fine cockerels, but for breeding cockerels I really prefer a pullet of almost cinnamon color, free from black in hackle, but with black in flights; some black in tail, although usually objectionable, is no serious matter. To such a pullet mate a male with clear buff tail quite light in color and some dark in flights. I have seen males with almost clear wings and tails of the brightest and most delicate shade from such a mating. This will be apt to give you some cockerels fit to use as males in the exhibition pen, but will not usually be so good as breeders at the head of a pen in the yard as the darker colored males. In short as a rule I regard exhibition birds as not altogether the correct thing in the breeding yards when mated together. Color is far more easily gained if once lost than is shape. Shape is not only the chief element in beauty, but it typifies the breed. As between color and shape,

shape is the most important and should have a much higher value placed upon it when judging Cochins. Here is another reason I object to the scale of points in the Standard as well as the Decimal system. The proper value is not given under either system to shape, I mean the typical shape of the breed. Color can and does win in our average shows over shape and this ought not to be so. If I were called upon to judge Cochins I should endeavor to give the honors to the bird which is of the best and most typical shape, and if there were more than one typically shaped bird, then to the one which in addition to typical shape had the best color; birds not of the typical shape should be passed over as wrongly entered and not judged at all.

Yet under the card system I have seen many birds score 87 to 90 points as Buff Cochins, which, except for a slight fringe of feathers on the legs and toes were much nearer the shape of the Wyandotte. I am one of those who believe that shape, like color, is a whole one section to be looked at as a whole, to be judged as a whole, and that there are but two sections in which it is according to all rules of art and of beauty proper to divide a fowl for the purpose of judging, viz: shape and color.

I know that all do not agree with me in this. I may be wrong myself, but so it looks to me, and I honestly think the day will come when the fancy generally will think on this point as I do now. Female beauty, masculine symmetry, perfect dressing, appeal to the eye as a whole, it is the *tout ensemble*, the whole business which attracts favorable notice or the reverse.

It is the effect on the eye who looks through the eyes, not a system of tape measures, so much for the nose, so much for the mouth, so much for the foot, etc., and then a sum in addition and subtraction. This does not awaken those emotions which a vision of loveliness does. Artistic beauty in any living thing does its work instantaneously or it does not do it at all. When it does not produce the effect at a glance there is no beauty.

But to return to Cochins. The heavy leg and foot feathers which are characteristic of the true Buff need constant care in the breeding pen, or they will become less and less every year. The constant tendency is towards less and less feather both in length and in quantity. While what is called a vulture hocked Cochin is not the exhibition Cochin, yet it is the source of all profusion of feathers. If a vulture hocked fowl were never bred from in this country at all, and no well feathered birds imported, it would not take ten years before all Cochins, still pure in blood, would lose their chief Cochin characteristics and become a short and hard feathered fowl, with only now and then a trace of feathers on the legs, and our magnificent Cochins would be no more. For this reason, and no other, I favor the removal of the vulture hock disqualification from the Standard, and would treat it as a defect when judging.

Cochins have to commend them to the breeder of poultry wonderful vigor and hardiness. A Cochin chick is usually raised, and as a cross it imparts size and vigor. As winter layers no fowl excel them. But it is to the fancier pure and simple, the person who with limited space, yet wishes to breed some fowls, and to breed something he can enjoy showing to his friends as an ornament to his home, and a fowl which is the king of the show room. It goes without saying that in the show room a pen of heavily feathered, large, massive, well colored Buff Cochins are the attraction of the poultry exhibition—the roast beef of the dinner. Other breeds serve as the side dishes, the deserts of the banquet, but the Buff Cochin is the principal dish. Success to all the breeds, but the Buff Cochin succeeds on its own merits.

I am glad you have at Los Angeles a poultry club; keep it up. God bless you all, brother and sister fanciers.

THE ROYAL BUFF COCHIN.

[By F. A. Stuart, Marshall, Michigan.]

The Buff Cochin is par excellence the fanciers' fowl. Leghorns and Hamburgs will lay more eggs; Brahmas, Wyandottes, and Plymouth Rocks may be

better table fowls, but withal the Buff Cochin retains the foremost place in the estimation of fanciers both in England and America. Of all the Asiatics they are to us the most beautiful. They are undoubtedly the oldest and certainly the most typical of the Cochin family, for they exhibit in the highest degree the distinctive Cochin characteristics of a broad, deep breast, short back with abundant cushion, with legs short and set far apart, with a profusion of fluff—the whole frame abundantly feathered and conveying the impression of massiveness and grandeur.

The outlines of the Buff Cochin are convex, and any approach to close feathering or to the Brahma shape of back must be avoided if the breeding of typical specimens is desired. The color runs through all shades from light lemon to a dark cinnamon, though neither of these extremes can properly be called buff. The medium shade between these two, a clear orange color, is to us the most pleasing and we think the most satisfactory and safest to breed, as the breeding together of lemon colored birds is certain to result in a still lighter color in the progeny, showing white undercolor and white in tail and wing flights, two very objectionable defects. On the other hand, breeding from very dark cinnamon colored birds may produce more black in tail and wing than is desirable, especially since the new Standard demands a clear buff color throughout in the female, no black in flights or tail, and the same in males except that the tail may be a copperish bronze in color.

One defect in color of otherwise very fine specimens is in the color of the shaft, while the remainder of the feather may be exceptionally good. While this defect is not so serious as many others, such as white undercolor, mottling, etc., and in fact is many times entirely overlooked by poultry judges at exhibitions, yet it is certainly never seen on first-class specimens, and is not in harmony with good undercolor.

Mr. Tomlinson, the oldest continuous breeder of Buff Cochins in England and probably in the world, mentions several variations in the colors of Buff Cochins now obsolete and never seen, at least in this country. One of these is the silver cinnamon; another color never seen now in Cochins was the Cuckoo Cochin, having a color very closely resembling the Barred Plymouth Rock.

In the breeding of Buff Cochins, or in fact in any variety, shape is of the first importance, but unfortunately most American Buff Cochin breeders have placed color first and apparently consider shape of secondary importance. Even most judges do the same thing, and practically endorse the evident opinion of the breeders. Reference to score cards on Buff Cochins will illustrate this by showing in most cases 75 or 80 per cent. of the cuts to be for color. Such a system of judging naturally compels the breeder to look more for color than for shape.

By reason of this we often see high scoring specimens nearly perfect in color, but with little or no cushion, not sufficiently feathered on legs and toes and close plumaged throughout. Such specimens are not Cochins at all, for the essential features of the Cochin family are absent, viz., the pronounced cushion, profusion of fluff and leg feathering and convex outlines, which can only be secured when the plumage is long, loose, abundant and fluffy.

The Buff Cochin is preeminently the bird of feather, and such a distinction as full feathered English versus American Standard Buff Cochins should not exist, and does not except on paper, for all Cochins should be full feathered. The more feathers the better, consistent with the general contour. For instance, a long legged, narrow breasted Cochin with scantily feathered shanks, with a large projecting hock would be an eyesore, but the same bird abundantly feathered on legs and toes would preserve the pleasing convex outlines and the large hock would not disturb the harmonious effect of the whole.

American bred Cochins, bred strictly according to requirements of our own Standard, are in no way inferior to so-called full feathered English Buff Cochins.

But the trouble has been that too little attention has been given to the strict Standard requirements, and the importation and exhibition of the English birds gave American fanciers a most valuable object lesson in demonstrating the value of shape and Cochin feathering over mere color.

That we have profited by the same was abundantly shown at our last Crystal Palace show at New York, where the American Standard Buff Cochins were as true Cochins in every particular as their so-called full feathered rivals.

We see it stated that the Black Cochin surpassed the other Cochins in laying qualities, that the Partridge is larger and handsomer, while the White Cochin is the choice of others. We welcome each of these as Cochin brothers, but, after all, if you are a true Cochin fancier what is it that commands admiration in your favorites? Is it not the massive form, the gentle disposition, the rugged constitution, and withal the lavish profusion of rich golden feathers from head to middle toe? The ideal Buff Cochin is the embodiment of these qualities, and so far we believe the full feathered Buff comes the nearest to this ideal.

THE POPULAR BUFF COCHIN.

[By W. W. Browning, Ogden, Utah, Honorary Member.]

The most popular variety of fowl at the present time is the Buff Cochin. The reasons are a rich, clear buff color, massive size, ideal shape, immense feathering, and docility. The demand for buff color has been so persistent that we now have a large number of breeders of numerous varieties striving, by crossing and otherwise, to produce the beautiful color of the Buff Cochin. Up to date no breeder of any other variety has produced a buff color approaching that of the Buff Cochin.

Many breeders have striven for years in mating their Cochins to produce that soft buff color so much admired, and finally become discouraged and disposed of their stock on the ground that Buffs were "too difficult to breed true to color." The fact is, properly bred Cochins intelligently mated will produce 75 per cent. of specimens that will average 90 points and over by our best judges.

To mate for color outside appearance is no criterion. The under color is the breeders' guide. The breeder who is particular about under color, wings and tail of his breeding stock will surely succeed. A buff with white or blue undercolor should be discarded; black in wings or tail is bad, but white is worse. Never allow black in neck of females; to do so is to transmit the defect to her progeny, and to use a cock from such a hen is to taint your entire flock. Again, it is difficult to detect black in the neck of a male except when moulting. Extra dark or nearly red specimens usually have light or defective under color and are not strong breeders for color.

The Cochin is a heavily feathered fowl, and it is not difficult to breed them with enough fluff and feather without vulture hocks. I have bred specimens with such an abundance of fluff that it became necessary to use the shears on them in order to get fertile eggs. Too much feathering is a positive injury, but at the same time to be properly feathered a Cochin should be well feathered from the end of the middle toes up, and appear massive but not slouchy.

In shape, the principal features are the convex or high cushion and short tail.

Put a rich clear Buff Cochin of proper shape and color and well feathered on the lawn, and it will attract the attention of every passer by.

Practically the Cochin is a superior fowl. For table purposes, when from four to 12 months of age, I know of nothing superior. They fatten more readily than most any other variety, are tender, fine flavored, and have beautiful skin and legs.

As a layer, they will not produce so many eggs in a year as some other varieties. They produce an abundance of eggs during the winter months. Being "on to their job," they do not lay cheap eggs abundantly during the summer season, but will hatch as many or more chicks during this period than any other breed. No other variety possesses so many desirable qualities.

To attain the best results the Cochin must be properly cared for. The greatest danger lies in over-fattening.

Some Comments and Comparisons.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

Under the above heading an article appears over the signature of George E. Howell. I take it by his remarks that the reports of the Orange County show which have appeared in your paper and others did not altogether meet his views of the actual happenings which took place thereat.

I am responsible for the reports which appeared in THE AMERICAN FANCIER and also that of The Live Stock Monthly.

The burthen of Mr. Howell's song seems to me to be that in those reports sufficient prominence is not given to the exhibits and exhibitors hailing from Orange County. Now, when I am engaged to report upon any show I don't lay myself open to inquire into whether exhibitors reside in the county wherein the show takes place or whether they are residents of Timbuctoo; it is with the specimens on view I have to deal and the merits they possess. In the outline I drew of the show and its promoters I don't think anyone can point to any passages contained therein but what give full credit to the executive for their endeavors where it is deserved, and as to the Orange County product of poultry, if he will refer to the report which appears in The Live Stock Monthly he will find the following paragraph: "Orange County is a great centre for fine poultry, and admirers of the feathered world were *en evidence* by the thousands that thronged the aisles in the poultry and pigeon division." In the same report, in speaking of the officers, the following appears: "The executive of the Orange County show have yet considerable to learn in the matter of running a poultry and pigeon show. Their will is good, and a more courteous lot of officers we never met with, from the ticket seller at the box entrance to the president, and they will 'git thar' in time."

Mr. Howell's tabulated statement of comparison is, to my mind, worthless, unless he had at the time of formulating it given the comparative number of exhibits in each class in 1893 and 1894. He goes on to say, "The time has arrived when the society must protect itself." I am with him there, but probably not in the way Mr. Howell intends the protection to take place.

The manner in which the poultry department of the Orange County show is managed must entail a very heavy outlay. To call it liberality is a misnomer; it is, to my mind, a sheer waste of the society's funds without advancing the poultry industry of the county one whit. What they require to do, if the management will pardon an outsider for making a suggestion, is to cut down the classification. Let them carefully scan the classes for, say, three or four years past wherein prizes have been awarded with little or no competition and ruthlessly cut them out.

Another set of classes also wants eliminating, namely, the prizes awarded for pens of chickens; I mean pens, not pairs, although I have an opinion it would be infinitely better to have separate classes for males and females, instead of having the birds shown in pairs. The prize money awarded for pens of chickens where, in many instances, they were literally in their babyhood is simply nonsense.

I must correct Mr. Howell in his assertion that prizes were awarded in the Pit Game section where they were entered under different names, as such was not the fact at the Orange County fair. I was asked by Mr. Rockenstyre, who judged the Pit Games, what my opinion was, and although I had an exhibit in this particular section, I said at once they should all be considered as one class and judged accordingly, and they were, notwithstanding your correspondent's assertion to the contrary. Only one first and one second premium were awarded to Pit Games, and, if my recollection serves me right, a pair of Irish Greys were first and a pair of Black

Reds second in chickens. What was done in the adult class I could not say, but I take it the judge adopted the same principle. If he didn't the fault lies with him; he ought to have done so.

As to what Mr. Howell says referring to my report as to the quality of many of the fowls on exhibit, what I said in this respect is absolutely correct. There are no ifs about it. Many were not fit to appear in a show pen, and if the judges had done as they ought to have done many dollars would have been saved to the treasury of the Orange County Agricultural Society, and justly so, as no judge has a right to award a prize to a bird or birds of inferior quality and thereby attach a fictitious value upon a specimen which does not merit it.

In following your correspondent's remarks, I find the chief sting, as usual, is to be found in the tail of his article, namely, a dead set at a class of individuals, whom he terms "ringers," who go from fair to fair with their stock. Now, if such have the best birds and honestly win the prizes they go for, I consider they are perfectly within their rights. If they get prizes to which they are not entitled, then I put it down to the incapacity or "cussedness" of the judge.

In the columns of THE AMERICAN FANCIER of a recent date to which Mr. Howell refers, if I remember rightly, from his own pen he makes a suggestion that those fair shows should be confined to residents in the county. Now, I differ with him there. Localize a show and a win at it does not count for much to a fancier who is up to snuff and wants to buy stock. I say have open competition; still, to encourage local exhibitors, societies would do well to have some classes confined to a certain area. They would tend to bring out local exhibitors and increase their numbers, which is, or should be, the chief aim of societies of the kind.

Referring to exhibitors being hard task masters, what is wanted is to employ judges only who have the grit in them to do what is right without fear, favor, or affection. When I have had the honor of judging a show I please myself whether it pleases grumbling exhibitors or not, and the same when I am engaged to write a report. Either of those offices are very unthankful ones as a rule. Still, they have to be filled by some one, and those who attempt to please everybody, as many try to do, to make things pleasant all round, the general result is, similar to the man who tries to sit between two stools, that they come to the ground. JOHN GLASGOW.

Mahwah, N. J.

Replying briefly to the above, let me say:

1. If Mr. Glasgow had read the article he refers to, he would have seen no mention in reference to or of his report, excepting as to quality of stock. I quote from a confidential letter I received from an exhibitor only this week, and before I read the above article: "So Glasgow thought half the birds were trash there. Did he mention the fact that some of it belonged to him? People living in glass houses should not throw stones."

2. The editorial advocating the exclusion of competition outside of the county came from the editor's pen, not mine.

3. My tabulated statement did show something. It showed that the county exhibitors were perfectly able to hold their own with one or five thousand birds, and that they competed in the strongest classes. We want outside competition, the more the better, but we want them to take the same medicine that we have always had to, and that is, no prize on a disqualified bird and no first prize on a bird that does not merit better than a second.

4. I defy anyone to produce a more liberal society.

5. There were more than two prizes awarded in the Pit Game class in the list of awards sent THE AMERICAN FANCIER, for I cut them out myself.

In conclusion, let me say it is to be regretted that Mr. Glasgow misconstrued my article in so much of it as referred to his report, which was admired on all sides for the graphic account and cleverness of the author. GEO. E. HOWELL.

Southern Shots.

Spicy Comments on Poultry Topics.

BY SL TWIST (of the *Southern Fancier*.)

"Even with our long experience and a distracted brain, we can only with difficulty refrain from giving rehashes in our 'Mentionings' Department."—Statesman Patrick Henry in *Poultry Keeper*.

How refreshing! And yet we must admit that the New Jew statesman *does* send out a great deal of *fresh* goods. His goods are always done up in small packages, and contain the stamp of the brain mint. He is privileged to criticise, because his humor is so unctuous and is always laden with so much sensible application.

One hundred and three degrees is the accepted temperature for incubation. Mr. Wheeler, of Experiment Station, Geneva, with clinical thermometers, finds the heat under the wing to be 106 to 109, and the *Poultry Keeper* makes the deduction that the mean temperature necessary for incubation is 103 degrees.

What is the matter with most of the October journals? They seem to be edited by a lot of Kilkenny cats. Curtis is just tearing Bates and the *Herald* all to pieces; McReynolds is just pawing up the earth with everybody and everything; and Felch is shaking Drevenstedt by the collar until he's blue in the face. In short, the bulldog star seems to be in the ascendant, and everything is snorting and choleric. The philippics of these fellows would be much more effective if they would sit on a block of ice when they go to write, so as to cool their temper and give us good English. All public controversies in this country ought to be conducted in the English language. The most sensitive gentleman in the fraternity seems to be Mr. Theodore Sternberg. Even on minor matters he writes with an amount of feeling indicative of an epidermis as susceptible to pain as is a looking glass to a breath. In the *Western Poultry News* he speaks of a "sore spot of years' standing," because some judge spoke unkindly of his exhibit. He was so hurt at the time that years have failed to heal the scar. Mr. S. should not put so much feeling in life. It's a rocky road in the poultry world if a man is hyper-sensitive. Buckle on your armor of thick-skinned indifference, Mr. S., and "let her roll!"

A very smart man,
Of verdant hue,
To whom is due
The thanks of all,
Is the celebrated Mister
Emery S. Pugh.
Oh, Pugh!
Oh, Pugh!

Every poultryman or commentator on poultry hygiene has a specific for the prevention of lice. The simple truth is, any one of them will prevent, if you will only use it, and use it soon enough. The main point is, to do and not to talk, and tell the other fellow how to do it. But human nature is given to advice rather than practice, and especially among poultrymen.

It's a good thing that Gilbert's "Pigeon Keeping—Hints to Beginners" is to be republished, with six new chapters added by the author. It is a most valuable book for pigeon lovers, even without the additional new chapters. In the past, if you could get hold of "Robinson Crusoe" or Gilbert's pigeon book I just did not care for corn sold or who was President.

In the "Chattertown Chirpings" of the *Poultry Monthly*, Aunt Elsie winds up one of her delightful children's talks with this query, "Who will be the next chirper to write to Aunt Elsie's big boy?" I answer unhesitatingly, Solon Pugh.

This is the time of the year when the early hatched cockerel struts around the yard proud of his sleek coat of iridescent plumage, most beautiful to behold, and reminds one of the time when he himself first changed from the jacket to his long-tailed coat. You can see that the gawky

cockerel is just the least bit ashamed of his attempt to be mannish, and his determination to show that he is a man in his endeavor to crow, recalls your endeavor for the same purpose, when you first raised a little fuzzy moustache. And that falsetto crow, which breaks off when it is but half way up to high C, and with a staccato quiver, humiliatingly tumbles down to a croak and a squeak, brings to mind Stuart Robson on the theatrical stage.

So if any of you old poultry lovers wish to delightfully ruminate and philosophize at the same time, go out into your poultry yard at this time of the year, and behold the beautiful pullets in their iridescent sheen, and the lusty young cockerels in this transition period of their lives.

There is no doubt that when raising poultry for the table, the matter of rapid growth is quite an item. And I don't know but that it is an important item at any stage of the game. Chickens are raised for brawn and physical usefulness, and there is no brain phase to them like in mankind; so that a dwarfed or stunted physique is a serious detriment to a chicken. Therefore, early growth, rapid growth, is economy and wise practical breeding. So keep your thinking tank in operation, and remember to select the rapid growing breeds and the large breeds, for they can be found among the good layers. In other words, don't go to sleep; keep your eyes open.

The Missouri State Show.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER.

The eastern people having heard so much of the great and only Mid-Continental show have no doubt come to the conclusion that this is the only show of any importance that will be held in Missouri this year. I wish to impress on the minds of the readers of THE AMERICAN FANCIER, that the Mid-Continental is only one of the many that will be held in this great and only poultry state of Missouri in the next few months.

While the Mid-Continental is likely to be the big show of them all, the Missouri State show promises to rival it in point of numbers and quality. There seems to be a regular fever here just now and everybody has caught it. The majority of the big breeders have concluded to make a big exhibit at the State show and then take the pick of their yards home and fit them for the Mid-Continental. I look for competition to be closer on Brown Leghorns, Langshans, Barred Rocks, Silver Wyandottes and Light Brahmas at the Missouri State show than was ever known in the west, in fact I have already seen birds of the above varieties that will break the record over anything ever shown in the state, and those birds will be at the Missouri State show. Breeders will be there with car load lots; this may sound a little fishy to you boys and girls back east, but I am personally acquainted with parties to-day that are figuring with a railway company for car load rates.

Now my reason for calling attention to this large show to the eastern breeders is this: You that are coming to the Mid-Continental show any way, will want to be in Kansas City the 20th of December, to attend the A. P. A. meeting, so why not come a few days ahead of time, take in the big State show December 11th to 14th? I tell you it is well worth your time to see the interest that is taken in this state association, and another important feature is the number of ladies we have as members and exhibitors. There are enough of them in the meeting to come pretty near voting things as they want them, and if they would vote as intelligently at the polls, I am sure I would be in favor of woman's rights. While I am a trifle old to be popular with the ladies, if "Quincy" Forsythe, Jacobs, or any of your young bloods will come out to the show I will see that you are properly introduced.

We are offering about \$400 in cash prizes besides some elegant specials and medals. The *Rural World* of St. Louis, Mo., one of the best farm papers published in America, is offering five silver medals on the following varieties: Best breeding pen in American, Asiatic, Mediterranean and Hamburg classes, also for best pair of Bronze turkeys. There is no

string on these medals, all you have to do is win them and they are yours for keeps.

Poultry Topics, one of the best 25 cent poultry papers on earth, offers two silver medals on highest scoring 10 birds in American and Asiatic classes. Now those medals are none of your 50 cent medals, but A 1 in every respect, and large enough to hold the foam inside a *White Horse Inn* beer glass. Come out you boys and win one of them!

THEO. HEWES.

Trenton, Mo., Oct. 23d, 1894.

Ontario and Durham Exhibition.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

The above fair was held in Whitby, and a grand success it proved to be. The poultry building was filled to overflowing with some choice birds, many of them being winners at Toronto, and shown by Thomas Rice and F. C. Hare (Whitby) and William Elliott and John J. Lenton (Oshawa). Strange to say, however, some of the Toronto winners were beaten by inferior stock. The judge (Mr. Joseph Dilworth, Toronto) had some queer ideas, with which many of the exhibitors could not agree. The following is the prize list:

DARK BRAHMAS.—Fowls, 1st, T. H. Paxton, Whitby; 2d, T. C. Nichols, Port Perry. Chicks, 1st, 2d, Nichols.

LIGHT BRAHMAS.—Fowls, 1st, Nokes & Dilling, Bowmanville; 2d, W. R. Knight, Bowmanville.

BUFF COCHINS.—Fowls, 1st, 2d, F. C. Hare, Whitby. Chicks, 1st, 2d, Hare.

PARTRIDGE COCHINS.—Fowls, 1st, Nokes & Dilling; 2d, Knight. Chicks, 1st, Knight; 2d, Joseph Ramsay.

A. O. V. COCHINS.—Fowls, 1st, 2d, chicks, 1st, 2d, Nokes & Dilling.

B. B. R. GAMES.—Fowls, 1st, 2d, chicks, 1st, 2d, Nokes & Dilling.

A. O. V. GAMES.—Fowls, 1st, Nokes & Dilling; 2d, N. & F. Northcote, Bowmanville.

S. S. HAMBURGS.—Fowls, 1st, Knight; 2d, Wm. Elliott, Oshawa. Chicks, 1st, 2d, Knight.

BLACK HAMBURGS.—Fowls, 1st, Nokes & Dilling; 2d, Knight. Chicks, 1st, 2d, Elliott.

POLANDS.—Fowls, 1st, 2d, Knight.

LANGSHANS.—Fowls, 1st, 2d, chicks, 1st, 2d, Knight.

BARRED P. ROCKS.—Fowls, 1st, John J. Lenton, Oshawa; 2d, Nokes & Dilling. Chicks, 1st, Lenton; 2d, Ramsay.

WHITE P. ROCKS.—Fowls, 1st, Elliott; 2d, T. S. Henry & Son, Cedar Dale. Chicks, 1st, 2d, Elliott.

HOUDANS.—Fowls, 1st, Knight; 2d, Nokes & Dilling. Chicks, 1st, Knight; 2d, Elliott.

BLACK SPANISH.—Fowls, 1st, 2d, chicks, 1st, 2d, Hare.

WHITE LEGHORNS.—Fowls, 1st, 2d, Thomas Rice. Chicks, 1st, Thomas Hawes; 2d, Rice.

BROWN LEGHORNS.—Fowls, 1st, 2d, Rice. Chicks, 1st, Hawes; 2d, Rice.

A. O. V. LEGHORNS.—Chicks, 1st, 2d, Hawes.

WHITE WYANDOTTES.—Fowls, 1st, Joseph Ramsay, Malvern; 2d, Lenton. Chicks, 1st, 2d, Lenton.

LACED WYANDOTTES.—Fowls, 1st, Lenton; 2d, W. J. Haycraft, Agincourt. Chicks, 1st, Lenton; 2d, E. S. Dearborn & Son.

MINORCAS.—Chicks, 1st, Rice; 2d, Haycraft.

B. R. GAME BANTAMS.—Fowls, 1st, Thomas Hawes, Whitby; 2d, Nokes & Dilling.

A. O. V. GAME BANTAMS.—Fowls, 1st, Nokes & Dilling; 2d, N. & F. Northcote.

SEBRIGHT BANTAMS.—Fowls, 1st, Rice; 2d, Elliott.

TURKEYS.—Bronze, 1st, Haycraft; 2d, Lenton.

GESE.—Emblen, 1st, John A. McGillivray, Uxbridge; 2d, Knight. Toulouse, 1st, W. Meen, Whitby; 2d, Knight.

DUCKS.—Aylesbury, 1st, Haycraft; 2d, Knight.

Rouen, 1st, 2d, Knight. Pekin, 1st, 2d, Haycraft.

GUINEA FOWLS.—1st, 2d, Nokes & Dilling.

SPECIAL PRIZES.—Best Barred Plymouth Rock, John J. Lenton. Best pair parti-colored fowls belonging to the American class, 1st, Lenton; 2d, Haycraft (both on Golden Wyandottes).

JOHN J. LENTON.

Oshawa, Ontario.

Corrections.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

In the list of awards at Mineola, Queens County, N. Y., Sept. 25-29, you have credited R. A. Homeyer with 1st on Black Leghorn chicks. This is a mistake, as we received the 1st prize on Black Leghorn chicks, this being our only entry in that class.

EVERGREEN POULTRY FARM.

Queens, N. Y., Oct. 29, 1894.

In the awards of the Orange County Fair, J. H. Doane, of Gouverneur, N. Y., should be credited with winning second on pair of Buff Cochins Bantam fowls instead of Wallace E. Griswold.

HELPS WONDERFULLY.

Put my same advertisement in THE AMERICAN FANCIER for another month, as it helps me wonderfully. CHAS. ENGLAND.

Baltimore, Md., Oct. 23d, 1894.

Western Gossip.

BY C. A. EMRY.

[Written for THE AMERICAN FANCIER.]

I have been so busy THE AMERICAN FANCIER has been neglected. I spent two days at the Illinois State Fair. The poultry exhibit contained nearly 3,000 entries, and was a credit to the Prairie State.

James Garvin, of Princeton, Ill., exhibited Langshans and S. C. B. Leghorns, winning 1st on Langshan cock, 2d on Leghorn cockerel, 3rd on Leghorn pullet. Mr. Garvin is the man who bred and owned the 1st prize Bronze Turkey tom at the World's Fair. While Mr. Garvin is not as large a breeder in quantity as many others, his stock shows best of matings and experienced judgment.

Mrs. Judy made an exhibit in S. and B.'s, Langshans, and B. P. Rocks that were a credit to her, and well sustained her former record in the show room. A majority of premiums awarded those breeds were attached to her coops. She also won 1st premium on display in Asiatic class.

J. M. Rapp, Lamoile, Ill., showed splendid B. P. Rocks, Bronze turkeys, and Pekin ducks. Mr. Rapp is an enthusiastic fancier, working for the best.

W. M. Summers, of Curran, Ill., showed an excellent line of water fowls and turkeys and the leading varieties of poultry. His collection was exceptional good.

E. G. Roberts, of Atkinson, Wis., exhibited a general line of leading breeds. His specialty for years has been S. C. B. Leghorns, and he won 2d on cock, 1st on hen, 1st on cockerel, and 1st on pullet in strong competition.

Rainey Miller, of Champaign, Ill., showed a large collection. Mr. Miller does an honorable business, and won a large number of premiums. At Indianapolis, Jacksonville, and many other good fairs Mr. Miller captured many premiums.

James Temple, of Cameron, Ill., showed a fine pen of Langshans, and while a new man, he will be heard from among good company in the future.

F. H. Cook, of Union, was a large and very successful exhibitor.

S. T. Jones, of Williamsville, Ill., made a fine show in the leading varieties of poultry and turkeys. His White P. Rocks won all four of the blue ribbons in their class.

The coops of Indian Games shown by Mrs. McClelland, of Williamsville, Ill., wore two blue and one red ribbon. Also her Dark Brahmas were winners.

The Reliable Incubator Company made an excellent exhibit. Their machines were continually hatching during the week, and attracted a large crowd of interested people.

The poultry display at the great St. Louis fair was the best in the history of that successful association. Three car loads from Ohio, two car loads from Wisconsin, one car load from Illinois, besides a very large collection by local freight and express.

The large hall was taxed to meet the demands, all breeds were classified, which makes easy work for the judge, and as a rule more satisfactory to the exhibitors. The management propose to increase their poultry hall to one-third more floor room, and hope to be in shape to better care for exhibitors in future years.

The fanciers at Junction City, Kansas, have organized the Junction City Poultry and Pet Stock Association, and intend holding a show during January of the coming winter. W. S. Scott is secretary. Indications for a grand show at Kansas City, are improving all the time. If Specialty clubs should condescend to meet there, great good can be accomplished, the great Mid-west demands it. One thing has pleased us, the steady improvement in fine poultry and the rapidly increasing interests manifested by our fair associations to encourage the better class only. The day of scrubs getting the premiums at fall fairs, is growing steadily less year by year.

The outlook for a splendid show at Macon, Mo., could not be better. The Missouri State show of 1894 will be a grand exhibit.

English Correspondence.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

I notice a letter signed "Zim" in your issue of September 29th. May I ask you to put me in communication with that gentleman. I supplied the late Mrs. R. W. Sergeant with Langshan birds and eggs from the spring of 1879 to the time of her death, which I think occurred in 1886, and she never once reported having sold or hatched out a White Langshan. Of course, I know a White Langshan would be possible, for white is the *spook of black*. The egg again puzzles me. The pure Langshan tints her eggs variously, and the same hen will do this. At the present time I have a hen that did lay a dark egg, and now it lays a chocolate white. I mean like chocolate with a good quantity of milk in it. Mind you, I am not disputing what "Zim" writes, but I feel more confident when a name is given in full, and I like to exchange experiences with other Langshan breeders, who really have the purity of the breed at heart. "Zim" tells of the Wyandottes producing white birds, but this is not a case in point with the Langshan, which is a breed of *absolute purity and not a made breed*. I do not say this to detract from the Wyandotte. I simply state what I know to be the truth. I have now had twenty-three years' experience with the Langshan. The first few years was spent in lifting off from it the *reproach* that it was a weed from a Black Cochon breeder's yard. A Cochon cross for some time did duty for the Langshan in the show pen, and latterly a Game cross takes in a great measure its place, although both flourish to the detriment of the *pure* bird. There would not be such a case against these mongrels were the Langshan an *ugly bird*. Instead of this, it is startlingly beautiful. My cockerels and pullets strike even the laborers in the neighboring farms as being wonderfully grand birds. Not long since I was crossing our field, through which there is a right of way, when a countryman passing along touched his hat to me, so I returned a "Good day." He said, "Whenever I pass this way I have a look at these birds; they are beauties. I am a cattle drover, and when I go to the great shows I always have a look at the poultry, but I never see any so fine as these." "That is because you see them free, running about, and happy," I replied. But it is a fact patent to all that the pure bird has in most cases been replaced by a mongrel. For instance, the judge who is to take the Langshan classes at the Dairy show to-day goes in for a Game cross. The pure bird, however beautiful, is passed over for this *mongrel*. The principal prizes go to a bird with long back and screwed up tail. This is especially seen in the hens and pullets, for cushion is conspicuous by its absence. Anyone acquainted with the pure bird will know what a graceful curve the back assumes. It has been called bank shaped and concave. The way in which a bird *sails round* or steps daintily along is very attractive even to those who are not breeders of poultry. I have heard even children remark, "What proud birds!" Again they have frequently been called "high steppers." I am very anxious that all the individualities of the Langshan should be preserved—the curve it at times assumes, its high steps, and the various tints in the eggs. I appeal to American Langshan breeders to help me in this. You are at liberty to make any use of this letter you please. A. C. CROAD.

Poling house, Poling, Arundel,
England, Oct. 9th, 1894.

Public Opinion.

PILSENER AGAIN.

"Pilsener," in THE AMERICAN FANCIER, is a great gun, "vell I dinks," if we may be permitted to quote one of his favorite sentences. In a recent issue some of America's pigeon cranks are pictured to life, and a great contrast to the pen-and-ink sketches which appear in the same paper over the *nom de plume* of the redoubtable "Senex." The latter writer, in his pen-and-ink sketches, was sometimes insultingly personal, but "Pilsener" is funny without being offensive. Go it, "Pilsener," we like your style.

"Senex" admittedly pictured from hearsay, but "Pilsener" shows evidence of having mixed with the crowd, and has a happy knack of transferring his observations to paper. *Live Stock Monthly*.

Better Attend to His "Feather-Legs."

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

I was considerably amused the other day, when I read in the *Ohio Poultry Journal* an article under the title, "The Utility Games" by I. K. Felch, in which he advocates to the standard (his standard I suppose) and the show, various colored dunghills as "utility games." He starts out by lauding the old English Pit Game, speaks of its merits, beauty and courage, then after saying that "the time has come when our exhibitions, with the present public sentiment against Pit Game fighting can no longer make classes for Pit Game in the indiscriminate way of the past," deliberately describes a common barnyard fowl, suggesting its being made a standard breed because of the beauty, merit and gameness of the old style Pit Game. He suggests for colors, Black Reds, Brown Reds, Golden Duckwings, Blue Reds, Red Pyles, White Georgian and Black Belton. Why the Georgian and Belton is attached to the Whites and Blacks, Mr. Felch neglects to mention. He discards the Silver Duckwing color because he says the Silvers are only faded Golden Duckwings. Right here I wish to say that the Silvers are the only Duckwings that will breed true to color, that it is a true color and can not be made with any combination of the other Game colors. Golden Duckwing can be made on short notice from the Silver and the Black Red. The Silver Duckwing is one of the best outlined and oldest of game colors, and to call them faded Golden is as nonsensical as to claim Silver Wyandottes faded Golden or Silver Polish faded Golden Polish. Mr. Felch places his "utility" cocks at nine pounds (whew!) with short, "deep" face. After a lot of rubbish in which he describes a fowl to enter into whose class most any single combed dunghill of proper color would pass muster he "continues in next issue."

Mr. Felch does not describe the Pit Game either of the all English or any other type, and even if he did, who wants Pit Game in the standard? Even though true Pit Game be admitted to a Standard how long would it remain a Pit Game? How long would it retain this courage that Mr. Felch takes particular pains to praise and offers as one of the reasons why "utility" Games should become a standard breed? With due respect for Mr. Felch's knowledge as a poultry fancier, and especially for his knowledge of the Light Brahma and certain other breeds, I must say, that regarding the subject at issue, he simply don't know what he is writing. When the Pit Game breeders or fanciers want a standard for their pets, they will let us know, and I wager a cigar that they won't call upon a Brahma breeder to draft it for them. Let us hear from others who admire the true old fashioned Game.

OLD ENGLISH.

A Great Premium.

While in Kansas City Saturday last I was informed by the secretary of the Mid-Continental Association that Mr. Andrews, the big piano dealer of that city, had turned over to the association, a \$750 piano to be awarded to the largest number of birds scoring over 90 points owned and exhibited by one exhibitor.

I would just like to ask the readers of THE AMERICAN FANCIER how many men in the United States have ever made any such generous offer as this to a poultry show?

There is a string of special premiums offered there (outside of almost \$4,000 cash) that beats anything ever competed for in this country, and if the eastern men don't come and bring their birds I am going to order a boycott just as soon as the show is over.

The Exposition building will be used as a show room and will hold 10,000 birds with good light on all of them. Kansas City is going to do the proud thing by this show in way of attendance and you will be given the freedom of the city with the *jaill* thrown in if you will just come and help swell the crowd.

We want you and we need you, and we are making you offers that no club in America ever thought of offering to a show.

THEO. HEWES.

Our Ohio Letter.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

White Leghorns are without doubt one of the best breeds of fowls that fanciers are blest with to-day, and when I say white, it is not the intention to give all credit to the single comb variety. Rose comb White Leghorns are fast forging ahead in the northern states—considering of course the time they have been before the public. Some few years only since Rose Comb White Leghorns were viewed with suspicion, as are our new breeds to-day; but time always does for the strangers what lack of liberality won't do. The short body of the first R. C. W. Leghorns is now a thing of the past in all good breeders' yards and they have birds that are *Leghorns* in the strict sense of the word. It is true that scores of R. C. W. Leghorns do not run so high as the single combs, but in a few years we will breed rose combs on our birds with greater accuracy than is now done.

To get a good rose comb on a Leghorn especially, is not to say easy. The great fault is the Wyandotte shape of spike, or the spike, leaving the comb proper much below the surface. Both styles of combs are unsightly and should be bred away from at all times.

It certainly is not in keeping with reason to breed for any one section alone, but it surely does not go beyond bounds of sense to make the section that identifies a breed an especial effort, as I believe the comb of our later additions to the Leghorn family do.

Ten years ago single combs among our best matings were common, but to-day, and for at least five years it has not been our lot to have a single combed bird in the flocks. Careful mating has not only bred out the disposition to breed back, but it will also in course of time reduce combs in size as should be, and straighten even spikes as well. It is not my purpose to decry the single comb Leghorns, or single combs of any variety, but reason teaches us (or if it don't experience will in cold winter climates) that the rose combs have a decided advantage. Any casual observer at our fairs and shows will notice how badly single combs fare in this latitude in winter time.

All credit to the fancier who can make an improvement on any variety, be they standard or not. There has never yet been the handsome or useful fowl that did not have our best wishes for its future, and as our interest extends beyond three styles of combs I trust no one will construe our meaning beyond honest intentions.

THEO. G. SCHEID,

Smooth Judging.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

I see a great deal of comment in THE AMERICAN FANCIER in regard to score card and comparison judging, and while I am not set in my way in regard to either way, the smoothest judging I have seen was at the Illinois State Fair.

There was about twice as much poultry as there was room for, making it almost impossible for the judges to find the birds or get a look at them when they found them, so the superintendent put up a tent outside the poultry house and set coops in it for the judges. Then the show began in earnest, with a policeman at the door to keep out everybody except a breeder with a winner under his arm.

F. M. Munger took one row of coops with Plymouth Rocks, and J. W. Barker started on the Brahmas in the coops on the other side of the room. With all the fowls in a class before the judge at once it gave him a good chance to make a decision, as well as giving the breeder a chance to compare his fowls with the ones in competition.

The bad features of the judging that way was in the amount of carrying in and out of fowls, and, the worst of all, was fowls being overlooked on account of not having assistants enough to take the fowls before the judges at the proper time, some of them being overlooked.

JAMES GARVIN.

Princeton, Ill.

GETTING TO BE POPULAR.

THE AMERICAN FANCIER is getting to be a popular paper. I get answers from my advertisement from every quarter. E. E. PAGE, Cleveland, Ohio.

Noonday Notes.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

The Meridian Poultry Show is booming. Entries are coming in from all sides. W. E. Eallant of Chicago, has entered a World's Fair Game cock, said to be a winner of many specials. I do not know who showed him at the fair. Many specials have been offered since last report. J. C. Palmeter of Meridian, just hailed the writer, and offers to treat all the boys well at the Palmeter House; also to give a box of good cigars to the owner of best Barred Plymouth Rock pullet, and a set of table knives and forks for best Pea Comb B. P. R. cockerel. The American and U. S. Express companies will return all birds free if shipped by their lines to Cato or Jordan.

I would like to warn all pigeon and poultry fanciers against a dead beat who has caused me lots of annoyance. He paid for a lot of pigeons last spring with his note for 30 days. I was three months getting the money, then, foolishly, about Sept. 1, I accepted his check in payment for another lot of Turbits. His check was protested and I had to make it good and pay a protest fee of \$1.65 and cannot get him to pay or return the Turbits. Such is my desire to harm nobody that I refrain from publishing his name this week for fear he may be unfortunate and simply content myself with saying he lives in Orange Co. and his initials are J. P. M. I wrote him a week ago that unless he settled I would show him up in THE AMERICAN FANCIER. Next week I may give his full name.

I sent a list of all the special premiums offered to an eastern weekly devoted to the fancy, but for some reason they omitted from the list the four specials offered by THE AMERICAN FANCIER, which are: A year's subscription on best pair Pekin Ducks, best pair Bronze Turkeys, best pair Black Booted Tumblers, best pair Yellowwing Turbits.

The monograph on the Turbit pigeon by the Rev. W. F. Lumley is a very valuable work. Since reading it I doubly value my Silver Wing Turbit cock, whose mother was one of Mathias' blue hens.

In the *Feathered World* for August 24, 1894, I see that the first annual show of the Hull and East Riding Fanciers' Association had a very large entry of pigeons, and in Turbits the firm of Mathias & Lumley are mentioned in nearly every line of the awards. Mr. Lumley speaks of maple peas as being his standby to feed Turbits. I have lately fed Canadian or Alaska peas, which are very similar, if not identical, with the maple peas. They are small, sound and smooth and cost \$1.25 per bushel. CHAS. L. LANG, M. D.

Eggs and Egg Eating.

After all that has been said of the real worth of green bone for chicks and poultry, I want to add my testimony in favor of its use. I shall only try to give some of the established facts obtained by experience. Fresh bone, meat and gristle when fed to your poultry will also make the eggs more fertile. It has been proven by some of the foremost poultrymen that fresh bones cut and given to poultry will stop egg-eating, because it satisfies the craving of the flock for blood and fresh lean meat, both of which are supplied by fresh bone. One average analysis of these bones showed by actual weight thirteen ounces of lean meat, gristle and fat in every pound of bones obtained that morning at one of the markets. This meat, cartilage, etc., when cut up in small pieces and fed in a raw state to hens, gives them fresh, rich animal food. Another reason for their use is, that the bones are easily obtained and are very cheap, and when cut by a good machine you will find no other food that your flock likes as well. You can convince any one doubting this last statement by placing all your different kinds of food along with this cut bone and meat, and opening the doors of the pens. One trial will convince the most skeptical. The raw bone and meat is devoured at once, and although one ounce per hen for each day may be considered sufficient, many give their flocks more than this, and no disastrous results follow. We firmly believe no one having properly used green bone food has or

intends to discontinue its use. This may partially explain the fact that there are a larger number of poultry yards through the country than formerly. This improvement in feeding makes the poultry business more lucrative. Would it not be well for all those interested in poultry raising to give close attention to the most important methods of feeding their flocks, and in this way make a complete success of the business?—A Reader of *The Ploughman*.

Duck Raising.

BY G. A. M'FETRIDGE.

[Written for THE AMERICAN FANCIER.]

Duck culture became a paying business when carried on on a large scale. There is a great deal to learn for a beginner. The start should be small, say one pen, four ducks and one drake, give all the range possible and feed carefully, as over-feeding is conducive to poor hatches as it will weaken the germs, which means a great mortality among the young the first two weeks of their existence. Ducks do best when they have a range on swampy land as they can get enough to live on during the summer months although they should have some feed at night to induce them to come home. Ducks kept this way will lay more and better eggs, there will be no trouble in hatching and raising the ducklings. The young will be strong and vigorous from the start and will grow very rapidly.

Ducks are easily fenced, which is quite an item in the expense account. They do not need warm houses like chickens, that is, the houses need not be built so tight, as they throw off a great deal of heat and would smother where a chicken would be comfortable. The windows are usually kept part way open, even in severe weather, to prevent the house from becoming damp from the steam that comes from them.

Each house or coop should have a small yard around it to keep the ducks from going away until 8 or 9 o'clock A. M., as they often lay as late as 8 o'clock in the morning. They can be let out into this yard to feed any time after daylight. The feed for breeding ducks at present should consist of steamed cut clover hay, 4 parts, bran, 2 parts, corn meal, 1 part, No. 2 flour, 1 part. Don't feed any scrap or cut bone until the middle of November. I will write more about that later on.

Mr. Walton Resigns.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

It is with a keen sense of regret that I hereby respectfully tender my resignation as secretary and treasurer of the American Tumbler Club to my fellow members. My intercourse with the members, both personally and by correspondence, has always been of the pleasantest kind, and I sincerely trust that this kindly feeling shall always exist between them and myself, for with their permission I shall continue a member of the club. My reason for taking this action is on account of business duties occupying so much of my time that I am unable to do justice to my office. During the time I have held office in the club it has been my pleasure to have been in correspondence with nearly all the members, and although all have always shown the deepest interest in the advancement of our variety, I cannot help saying here that of all these enthusiastic fanciers Mr. F. W. Gorse has always seemed to me the most enthusiastic of all. I have not the pleasure of this fancier's acquaintance except through correspondence, but his letters to me have proven that he is an earnest fancier of the Flying Tumbler, and I therefore take the liberty, as a member of the club, of heartily recommending him as my successor. Upon being notified of the appointment or election of my successor, I shall take pleasure in submitting my report as treasurer, accompanied by a check covering the amount of cash on hand.

F. S. WALTON.
Philadelphia, Pa., Oct. 22, 1894.

PIGEONS.

Standard Announcement.

For the benefit of our pigeon readers, we have made arrangements whereby we can furnish the Pigeon Standard at 50 cents a copy.

Gilbert's New Book.

Owing to repairs on the presses and pressure of other work, the publication of the third edition of Major F. M. Gilbert's famous "Hints to Beginners" has been delayed. We hope to issue it shortly after election, November 6, when all orders will be promptly filled.

Editorial Squibs.

From the *Feathered World*, England, we glean the following, which will interest American Magpie fanciers: "In the issue of September 14th reference was made to the headway which the Magpie was making amongst American pigeon fanciers, and it is with pleasure that I note that THE AMERICAN FANCIER of October 6th reprints upon its front page, as the ideal adopted by the American Magpie Club, Mr. Lydon's illustration which first appeared in this paper on October 13th, 1893. Thus almost coincident with the unwelcome news of Mr. Warner's retirement from the fancy comes the compliment to that gentleman from across the water of his ideal bird being adopted by the American Club as the type to breed to. At the big shows last year at Baltimore and New York, 'Mags' at each event mustered nearly 100 strong, and the entries this year promise to be even heavier. New York gives eight classes, and it is hoped that at Cincinnati the same number will be allotted; so here again can be seen the good resulting to a breed from having a strong club devoted to its interests, and above all so capable and energetic a secretary as Mr. G. A. Fick, of Baltimore." Mr. Fick deserves every bit of the credit given him by our contemporary, and we will add that no squarer and more thoroughbred fancier exists anywhere.

The Carrier and Barb Club will meet at New York next winter, the majority of the members preferring the latter city to Cincinnati, Boston, or Reading.

We regret that the pigeon awards at the Hagerstown show did not reach us for publication in THE AMERICAN FANCIER. Henry Tiemann, of Baltimore, writes us that he was awarded first on Red Wing Turbits, Satinets, and Yellow Magpies and second on Red Rose Wing Tumblers.

The Boston Pigeon Association will hold its first annual show at Horticultural hall, Boston, Mass., December 12 to 14. Entries close December 1. Premium lists can be obtained by addressing C. E. Twombly, secretary, Boston, Mass.

As the Boston show will be exclusively for pigeons, we shall watch the result with considerable interest. Heretofore exclusive pigeon shows have proven financial failures, and if the "boys" in Boston succeed in coming out with a balance on the right side of the ledger, or even a small loss of cash, they will deserve a monument. Now, let every pigeon fancier worthy of the name take off his coat and help make the Boston show a success. John Kuhn, with his usual liberality, has started the ball rolling by offering \$225 in cash for specials.

The resignation of Frank S. Walton as secretary of the Tumbler Club is to be deeply regretted. No fancier in the country enjoys a greater respect and no officer could administer his trust more faithfully than Mr. Walton. Candidly speaking, the secretary of any specialty club is not to be envied. His position is not a bed of roses, and the lukewarm support the members give discourage the most plucky secretary.

Pigeon Notes.

BY JOHN HOPEWELL.

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Continued from October 20th.

THE TURBIT.

Closely allied to the family of Owls, is the family of Turbits, and yet the difference in many points is so great, as never to permit of one being taken for the other. Both have very short bills, round heads, full eyes, and large frills on the breast, but here the resemblance stops, and the shell or peak of the Turbit with its colored wings, marks the point of variation between the two varieties. The nearest approach to the Owl is in the solid varieties, the only point of marked difference being the peak or crest, without this a solid Turbit would readily be taken for an Owl. The standard qualities of Turbits are:

Size.—Small. A little less than that of English Owl.

Carriage.—Erect and graceful.

Head.—Large, round, broad between the eyes, curving evenly upward from tip of beak to crown of the head, and then sloping slightly to where the peak or shell starts.

Peak.—A group of feathers springing from the back of the head, quite full at the base and tapering nicely upwards ending in a point about on a level with the crown of the head.

Shell.—A group of feathers starting at the base of the skull just back of the eyes and curving nicely and evenly forward, the top about on a level with crown of the head.

Mane.—An elongation of the feathers of the neck, commencing at the base of the neck, gradually increasing in length until they neatly unite with the crest or shell.

Beak.—Short and thick. The upper mandible curving downward, the lower mandible quite straight and fitting closely to the upper, and of a flesh color.

Wattle.—Full, but fine in texture, of a powdered white color and confirming to the curve of the head.

Eyes.—Full, round and large, situated well up in the head and of a dark hazel color, known as bull.

Jowl.—Quite full and neatly rounded.

Gullet.—Large, filling the hollow in the throat well up, and extending down to the frill.

Frill.—Composed of soft curling feathers, commencing just below the jowl and reaching well down the breast, starting from the center of the breast and extending both ways, outwardly increasing in width as it descends.

Neck.—Short, thick at base, but tapering neatly to point of juncture with the head.

Breast.—Full, broad and prominent.

Body.—Full, round and compact.

Back.—Straight.

Wings.—Broad at shoulders, carried closely.

Flights.—Short, and resting above the tail. The ten primaries white, secondaries colored like the shoulders.

Tail.—Short and closely folded.

Legs.—Short, free from feathers, coral red in color, ending in small feet, tipped with flesh colored nails.

Color.—All pure snowy white, except the shoulders in wing Turbits, and tails in Tail Turbits, which may be Black, Blue, Red, Yellow, Dun or Silver, each color bright, rich and glassy. The Blue having two broad, even black bars across the lower part. The Silver two, of a dark Dun color.

Solid Colors.—To be of a rich even color throughout, with all the characteristics of the wing and tail varieties.

Common Defects.—Long, narrow heads, spindling beaks, imperfect peaks and crests, the same too far down on the neck. Small, deficiently developed frills, foul shoulders, flights, thighs and tails. Lack of soundness in color.

Disqualifications.—Long, spindling beaks, foul necks, breasts, shoulders, tails or flights. Crests or peaks not well developed and carried to one side. Feathered legs, disease and deformity of any kind.

There is a plain headed variety of Turbit sometimes met with, and by some called Colored Winged Owls. This standard will apply to them, with the exception of mane and crests.

Seamless Bands.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER.

I have often been asked all sorts of questions about seamless bands for young pigeons, as to what were best, where to get them, when and how to put them on, etc. The absolute necessity of using seamless bands is something that presents itself to every breeder who raises birds of any value. I can well remember when a band of any kind was a great novelty, and a seamless band an unknown thing.

The great fundamental band, if I may use the term, is the English Enamel Conference band, which can be had of H. Allsop, Birmingham, England. This band is of a delicately tinted color, and has on it the year and a letter which distinguishes the variety of bird on which it is to be placed. It is nicely rounded on the edges, is the proper size, and is quite an artistic affair. But it simply fixes the year of the bird's birth and nothing else. Hence it is not what we want in progressive America. Its chief value, and its only one, is to prevent any underhanded work in the "young bird classes." But when that is done it has fulfilled its mission, for as a means of further identification of a bird it is valueless. The open band made in this country is of little use, save for the owner's private mark, as it can be put on or off at will. What I consider the best band extant is made by Mr. E. F. Webb, of Charlestown, Mass. It has the year of birth in large, distinct numbers, and has also the loft number, equally plain, and the initials of the man who breeds the bird. For instance, if at any time in the next ten years a man finds on a bird a seamless band as follows, "1894, F. M. G., 650," he will know that the bird was bred in my loft this year, and he can write to me and get its full history. I have only to turn to my loft register and can then give its parents, grandparents, etc., as far back as is necessary.

Now, to put on the band, a man must use his common sense. It is useless to put it on to a wee bird that is liable to slip it off during the next hour and lose it in the nest. Wait till the bird is well along, so that it is some little trouble to slip it on. Then take the bird carefully and turn up the back toe along the leg, slip the three front toes in and then slip the band on, and clear up on the leg; then with the thumb and first finger gently draw out the back toe into place. The band is then on to stay for the rest of the bird's life.

There is one good point in these loft bands, in that they keep irresponsible men from palming off scrubs and claiming that they are from noted lofts. A gentleman told me only a few days ago that he had run across a lot of pens of "Gilbert's Fans" in another city that were "guaranteed" to be bred in my loft. I asked him what kind of leg bands they wore. He was not certain, but on his next trip he looked and found they wore none at all. He asked the party why this was, and was told that I never used bands as I "didn't want the judges to know my birds." That was a pretty good lie, but it showed me that the dealer was pretty shrewd. He had no doubt read that a bird when entered at a show must have no distinguishing mark. That is all very well as far as it goes, but it is quite a reflection on the honor of American judges. A judge who would look at a ring and not at a bird has no business posing as an honorable gentleman. And it is too much to ask honorable fanciers to lose all track of their matings and their results in order to conform with a rule made simply to control English sharpers who pose as judges.

If a fancier wishes a ring simply for his own guidance during the season, a plain open band with a number on it is all he needs. These can be had of Mrs. E. S. Starr, Philadelphia, or can be gotten through any reputable fanciers' paper.

There is another English ring, which is a plain tab with a number on it, which is on still another plain open ring. These I never liked, as they are a constant annoyance to the bird, and the tab is likely to slip off the ring at any time. There are many fanciers who use two bands—the English on one leg and

the seamless American band on the other. I think I can say candidly that the English Conference band did a world of harm in this country a few years ago. They were imported in great numbers and put on to young birds, which later on posed as imported birds, just over from the great English lofts.

There was many a scrub that gained honors through this little scheme. Now they are so common that no one should be misled. It takes something more than an English band to make a bird now.

I can remember when we made our own "bands" out of a little piece of red or blue worsted, but "that was in the long ago." As it is now, with so many varieties of bands in the market, no fancier, no matter on how small a scale, can well do without them.

F. M. GILBERT.
Evansville, Ind., Oct. 15th, '94.

Mass. Columbarian Association.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

The first semi-monthly meeting of the above association was held at Union hall, 133 Blackstone street, Boston, on Friday evening, October 26th, with President Gavin in the chair. This being the first show night brought together a large attendance of members, some 37 being present. About 20 Tumblers were exhibited by Messrs. Connors, Whitely, Horsman, Willetts, and Vanwart. Among them were some very good specimens, notably Mr. Connors' Red Badge hen, about as perfect as they can be got, and a young Silver, the property of Mr. Willetts. Mr. Whitely also showed a nicely Badged Blue, but a little off in the wing butts. Mr. A. T. Davis made the following awards in the Badge classes: 1st Black cock, 1st Black hen, 1st Blue cock, 1st Blue hen, T. Willetts; 2d Black cock, C. E. Vanwart; 2d Blue cock, 2d Blue hen, F. W. Whitely; 1st Red cock, 1st Red hen, T. Connors; also 1st Red hen, 1894 hatch, went to Horsman. Mr. John C. Billings made the following awards on the Solid Muffed Tumblers: 1st Blue hen, Horsman; 1st Silver cock, 1st Silver hen, 1894 hatch, T. Willetts. The classification as laid down by Mr. Harris for Homers was accepted. Mr. Middleton's arrangement of dates for the different varieties to be shown was also accepted. The question as to what shall be printed on the prize cards, &c., was left entirely in the hands of the printing committee.

On behalf of the association and through our president, Mr. Joseph Gavin, I have to thank Mr. George Ewald, secretary of the Cincinnati show, for a communication received wherein he cordially extends an invitation to all members of our club and also other New England fanciers to send exhibits and in that way help to support the show. It is a well known fact that Brother Ewald is a genuine hustler and it is to be hoped the fanciers in this section will give Mr. Ewald and the Cincinnati show management that encouragement they so richly deserve. I am given to understand the birds will receive the best of care and will be promptly returned at the close of the show.

Have also to thank Mr. Ehinger, president of the American Magpie club, for the receipt of two very neat and attractively gotten up standards for the above club; they contain a very appropriate letter from Mr. C. Burton, Barnes, England, a list of officers and members. The centre of the card contains the cut of a Magpie as adopted as a standard to breed up to. The whole being a great credit to the club. There is also a very neat sample of what I presume to be one of their prize cards which, to my mind, might be made a trifle smaller to advantage. This also contains the same cut in the centre with spaces left denoting the amount of the premium, number of class, band number, year and at what exhibition and where held. Also the date, places for the president, superintendent, judges, secretary and treasurer's signatures, the whole being a great credit to the members of this lively club. A long life and lasting prosperity to the Magpie club are the wishes of the members of our association.

The next meeting will be held at Union Hall, 133 Blackstone St., on Friday evening Nov. 9th and the varieties to be exhibited are Black and Blue, Pied Pouter cocks same in hens; Blue and Silver English Owl cocks, same in hens; Black, Red, Yellow and White English Owl cocks, same in hens; Almond Tumblers, Kites and Agate cocks, same in hens and same in young birds. Members will please take notice.

GEORGE FEATHER,
Corresponding Sec'y.
Ballou Ave., Dorchester, Mass.,
Oct. 29, 1894.

A Trip Among the Fanciers.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

A comedy writer once wrote a play, entitled "Oh! Such a night." Now I might write "Oh! Such a trip," but if I wrote under such a heading it might be mistaken that I had been upon a spree with the honorable gentlemen whom I had the pleasure of calling upon. Now it is not everyone who can boast of having had such an extremely enjoyable visit among true fanciers of pigeons and poultry as it fell my lot to have. It was my intention to stop at Indianapolis but time was limited, as I was combining business with pleasure, it was necessary for me to skip Indiana's great city and push on to Louisville, Ky. There once and I was made at home by the united cordiality of Hon. John H. Kuhn and Mr. Charles Tanner. The morning was passed pleasantly in conversing upon the various topics of interest to fanciers such as the coming Peoria show Nov. 28th to Dec. 3rd where John H. Kuhn will judge pigeons. The questions of the formation of a National American Band were talked over. Now I believe I can safely say that the following gentlemen all well known pigeon fanciers are in favor of adopting a standard, enameled, dated and numbered band or leg ring—Messrs. John H. Kuhn, Charles Tanner, F. M. Gilbert, Fred C. Weiss, Edw. T. Hazeldine, Max Koenig, August and Robert Joos and many others including myself. All with whom I have spoken upon this subject have expressed themselves favorable to this leg band, but want some one to suggest how to bring about its national adoption. Mr. Tanner invited me to take dinner at his lovely new home with his family and it was much pleasure to accept. After dinner Mr. Tanner took me through his pigeon lofts, showing me a grand lot of Turbits and Magpies, which he will show at Peoria and other prominent shows this winter, then he placed me in position to view his pugilistic game chickens. It will be hard to defeat some of his birds in the ring.

Next we took in the lofts of Mr. Kuhn; now that takes time as Mr. Kuhn has many birds and many lofts. He is one of America's largest breeders of fine pigeons and also has some great game chickens. The pigeons which were shown me were of many varieties and good individuals in all varieties.

Personally John H. Kuhn is one of the best men in the fancy and has done much to encourage and increase interest in pigeons. From Mr. Kuhn's we went to call upon Mr. J. W. Reccius and found him absent attending the K. of P. meeting at Washington, D. C. where I would like to have been myself, I being a Knight. We saw his birds and many birds he has to be admired. I am sorry I failed to meet him personally. After supper Mr. Tanner took Mr. Kuhn and myself for a drive. We called upon the Ornsby Bros. They kindly exhibited their birds by lamplight. They have good birds and some that will become winners of high honors at the shows. It had become late so we sent Charlie Tanner home, he being too young to be out.

Mr. Kuhn and myself returned to my hotel where we spent an enjoyable hour in conversation. I regretted much to bid him good-bye.

The following morning I took the train for Evansville, Ind. to visit our mutual friends, F. M. Gilbert and Fred C. Weiss. Any one who has ever visited these notables can only imagine the reception with which I met. First one then the other took me in charge and it was one continual round of pleasure. The birds I saw at the plastered loft of F. M. Gilbert made me envious so I just bought a

few good ones. Now Gilbert has grand White Fantails and Weiss has grand plain white and Saddle and Tail Fantails. Speaking of Weiss he is pretty big company, in fact so tall it is hard to keep track of his sly glances upon the fair sex. Leaving Evansville Saturday night I arrived at Terre Haute, Ind., early Sunday morning. About ten A. M. Mr. Edw. T. Hazeldine called at my hotel and invited me to dine with Mr. and Mrs. Hazeldine which kindness it was impossible for me to refuse as a better host and hostess could not be found anywhere. Ever since my return I have been blowing about "Hazel's" blowers and the manner in which he blows to make his blowers blow. Why they can blow a crop as large as a circus balloon. Hazeldine has good Fantails and Jacobins, but excels in Pouters which are grand.

After such a trip among such ardent fanciers, it is no wonder that I return to Peoria, following my friend Hazeldine's example of blowing, as all of these gentlemen have agreed to exhibit their best birds at the Peoria poultry and pigeon show to be held at Peoria Nov. 28th to Dec. 3rd, 1894. CHARLES W. ROBISON,
Peoria, Oct. 3rd, 1894.

The Boston Show.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

The Boston show is bound to be one of the best, if not the best, pigeon shows ever held in this country. I do not say this simply for the sake of something to say, but because everything indicates that such is sure to be a fact. Every fancier whom I met while on a recent trip in company with Mr. Tudor, Jr., in and about New York, was very much interested in the promised show, and one and all promised to liberally support us with entries, while many offered specials, which is sufficient proof that they endorse our show. To say that we were pleased with our trip would hardly cover the feeling of triumph which we possessed upon our departure from New York, and it is very safe to say that never was a show for fancy pigeons launched before in the history of this country that had brighter prospects than has the coming Boston fixture. There is not a particle of opposition or unfriendliness shown us at any point, and I feel sure that every fancier in America has the welfare of the show at heart. All any show needs is the hearty co-operation and support of the combined fancy, and this is just what the Boston show has got and is going to have. We have done our utmost to give a classification that will just suit the fanciers of this country, and with success I feel certain, for our classes have been looked over by such men as Messrs. Crawford and Glasgow, and they could suggest no change that could be made to better benefit the promoters or intended exhibitors. Our prize money is liberal, \$2 first and \$1 second, with but 50 cents entry fee. By setting the entry fee at a nominal sum we expect many young fanciers will show with us who would not care to risk \$1 on each bird at the New York show. The only other 50 cent pigeon show of any note held for many years was that at Philadelphia in 1892, which was a combination show, and the entries amounted to in the neighborhood of 1,400 birds. This was two years ago, and all fanciers know there are many more high class and really good specimens in this country to-day than there were in 1892. Many very good cash specials will be offered at the Boston show. Mr. John H. Kuhn has offered \$225, to be divided on various varieties; Mr. H. O. Havemeyer has offered \$25, Mr. Tudor \$10, Mr. Ingram \$2, Mr. Gorse \$5, Dr. Kendall \$5, D. E. Newell \$5, the club \$10, and the writer \$5. Several more good ones will be added before the premium list is sent out, which will be in a very few days. Now I want every pigeon fancier who may possibly own a few show birds to wake up and realize that Boston, the greatest pigeon centre in America, is going to have a pigeon show, beginning December 12 and closing December 14, 1894. Send in your entries early, for there are but 30 days before the entries close, and it is very poor policy to wait until the last moment. The premium lists will be ready by the time this is being read, and

if any fancier should by chance be overlooked we shall deem it an especial favor if he will drop us a postal giving his name and address. No fancier, large or small, will be skipped intentionally.

C. E. TWOMBLY, Sec'y.
October 31, 1894.

That Turbit Sketch.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

I have just read with much interest and quite a little amusement Mr. Chas. L. Lang's criticisms on the drawing of Mr. Tanner's Turbit cock made by myself. I do not call the drawing really first class myself, but, then, it is a fair likeness of the bird, and I can't see anything "awful" in it. As to Mr. Tanner not thinking it an accurate portrait, I will try and relieve Bro. Lang's mind at once. I am sure friend Tanner will forgive me for just quoting a part of his letter to me in regard to the drawing, which I give below:

"MY DEAR BUTTLES:—I am in receipt of your letter, the drawings, and the birds, and you have certainly gone to a great deal of trouble, and which I think is not right to expect you to do for nothing. As you make no charges, I will ask you to accept as a token of my appreciation of your excellent work the best headed Turbit I own, and I hope he may prove of valuable service to you as a stock bird. He is solid white, but Oriental bred."

I imported him last December, and entered him in the solid Turbit class at New York, where he won first. Now, in regard to the pictures, I should say they are very fine, and I dislike to put any criticism on such good work, especially where it is gratuitously performed—I had asked Mr. Tanner to fully criticize the work, so I could correct it—"but as I know you are too broad gauged to accept my criticisms in any other than a friendly spirit, I will speak my candid opinion. I am, of course, no artist, and really have no right to comment on this matter, but I cannot help but feel that the picture of the cock where he stands alone is 50 per cent. better than in the pair picture; the head is better, and as for the shape, style and general character, why I should say it cannot be excelled. In the pair picture the head of the cock is just a bit lofty, and in the hen she is just a little deep in the chest and looks a little stiff to me. If only one sketch is shown, we should show the single bird. One thing is sure—we ought to get the latter reproduced by all means, for the symmetry and grace of the drawing is so good that it would be a great advertisement to you as an artist and to me as the breeder."

If not asking too much, would you let me have the sketches when you are through with them—I mean the head of the Turbit and the one on which I have marked as being so exact a likeness"—(meaning the Turbit cock Mr. Lang thinks is "awful" and which he "bets Mr. Tanner won't own as being an accurate portrait"). "I would like to have them for my scrap book."

With sincere thanks for your kindness, I remain, very truly yours, C. J. TANNER."

I believe Mr. Tanner is as able a judge of Turbits as any fancier in America. At least, your readers can better decide just how "poor" (?) that awful drawing is.

The Turbit cock in question is the best Strawberry cock in America, his only faults being a low peak and just a trifle flat on head. He has won 1st Nashville, 1st Reading, 1st and special Atlanta for best Turbit in show.

C. W. BUTTLES.
Columbus, O., Oct. 9, 1894.

Transfers.

From Henry Tieman, Baltimore, Md. to John Loffler, 3 Satinettes; to J. H. Mehring, of Littlestown, 4 pairs of Satinettes and 1 pair Crested Black Magpies; to Mr. Engelhardt, of Chicago, 1 pair Yellow and 1 pair Black Smooth-head Magpies and 5 pairs of Homers; to Mr. Brown, of Baltimore, 1 pair Red Badges, 1 pair Inside Tumblers, and 1 pair Fantails; to John Langville, of Baltimore, 7 Black Muffed Tumblers; to Mr. Geo. H. Whitehead, Trenton, N. J., 3 pairs of Wing Turbits; to George Meredith, of York, Pa., 1 pair Satinettes

Tumbler Club.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

It is with feelings of deep regret I have been advised of the resignation of F. S. Walton as secretary and treasurer of the Long Face Tumbler Club. As he claims this to be his final decision, I consider, in view of the approaching show season, it very important this position with the club should be filled at once. I would accordingly call on members of the club to send me on or before November 8th, at my office, 304 Rialto building, Chicago, their vote for secretary and treasurer of the club. The name of F. W. Gorse has been proposed. If his nomination meets with the approval of a majority of the club members, it will be duly announced in this paper. Should any other member be desired, the one receiving a majority of votes by November 8 will be declared elected. Send votes as above promptly.

J. H. WHITMAN,
President Tumbler Club.
Chicago, Ill., Oct. 29, 1894.

All Aboard for Peoria.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

All fanciers who have not as yet made an entry at the great Peoria show should do so at once, for it promises to be a grand exhibition. The entries are coming in in fine shape, and from present indication there will be no lack of competition in most classes. There will be lofts represented that never were represented at any show before. We invite all fanciers to attend our show in person, but if you cannot accept this invitation send us an entry, and we will try and prove to you that we appreciate your favor by taking the best care possible of your birds. All helpers at the show will be fanciers, men who have spent years in the fancy, and men who have a kindly feeling towards the little feathered pets. If you have not received a premium list, you should send for one, as all entries close November 15th.

ROBERT JOOS, Supt.

The Carrier and Barb Club.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

The members of the Barb and Carrier club have voted to hold their next annual meeting in New York at the time of the poultry and pigeon show in Madison Square Garden. Six members voted for New York, two for Cincinnati, one for Boston and one for Reading. Three members did not vote. Now that the place of meeting is decided on, it is to be hoped that each member of the club will arrange to attend and also to send to the show as large a string of birds as he can. Although wishing and doing for Cincinnati, Boston and Reading whatever we can to make those shows a success let us make the exhibition of Barbs and Carriers at New York the largest and best ever seen on this side of the Atlantic.

J. S. RITTENHOUSE, Sec'y.
Reading, Pa., Oct. 29 1894.

Pigeon Flying.

Homing Gossip and Echoes From the Flying Fancy.

BY "FRITZ."

I am very much pleased to resume my columns in the pigeon flying department of THE AMERICAN FANCIER, and judging from the very many expressions of regret which have reached me from readers of my notes since they were withdrawn, both at home and abroad, not excepting the very kind and flattering criticisms I have been honored with by the editors of the chief foreign pigeon journals, I cannot but feel that my many friends too will feel pleased at seeing me once again at work.

I sincerely trust that our American flying fanciers will now extend a more substantial support to the journal in the shape of subscriptions and advertisements than that which marked the first year's issue of the paper, also items of interest contributed from the various sections. For the present I must content myself

with a semi-monthly appearance, but I feel sure that at no distant day I shall be able to resume my weekly notes if the support given THE AMERICAN FANCIER at all approaches that which is promised. I am very hopeful that it will.

As Messrs. Blunck & Drevenstedt announced in the issue of THE AMERICAN FANCIER of September 1st, last: "News-papers are not published for fun, but are run the same as any other business—for profit," I cannot afford to give my necessary time and labor for nothing, neither can Blunck & Drevenstedt, the proprietors of THE AMERICAN FANCIER, afford to pay me for my services, unless Homing fanciers will assist in the work, in the shape of subscriptions and advertisements. Surely all flying men throughout the United States should be willing to chip in the cost of a yearly subscription to THE AMERICAN FANCIER which gives them weekly, or even semi-monthly, an epitome of items of passing interest in the flying fancy and the columns of the journal which are open to all, are a valuable and necessary medium whereby the followers of the sport throughout the various sections may interest and instruct each other. There is a heap of Homing matters of interest which should appear in the journal apart from any one individual witness, and I hope to see the pigeon flying columns used more frequently from now on than they have in the past, by the various sections. From the many communications sent to me consequent upon the withdrawal of my weekly notes I cannot but feel that they have been read with pleasure and profit. I therefore say with the proprietors of THE AMERICAN FANCIER, as expressed in the issue of Sept. 29th, last: "Now boys take off your coats and go to work. We press the button and you do the rest." All Homing fanciers should by this time fully realize how valuable and necessary is a weekly journal devoted to their sport, but if they persist in withholding so narrowly legitimate and necessary support, then all I have to say is, that there is no future for the American flying fancy.

I know of no question in a flying club which requires a more careful adjustment and consideration than the one of the membership radius, and it is a question which is being constantly agitated with often more or less disagreeable results. Just at present I learn that the Brooklyn section of the Empire City Flying Club of New York and vicinity are seriously considering the subject, and at the approaching annual, will move for increasing the number of independent and distinct sectional races, uniting with the New Jersey section of the club in a general competition from the 400 and 500 miles distances in the old bird season only.

The Brooklyn and New York fanciers have long and justly viewed with extreme disfavor any general competition against the New Jersey lofts except from the extreme distances, and now that the membership of both sections of this prominent club are so complete and representative, there is no earthly reason why their sport should in any way be marred by uneven competition, either imaginary or actual. That the birds of the Brooklyn fanciers are very, very frequently handicapped in racing against those of the Newark lofts, and particularly over the south-western course, is indisputable, and in the proposed increasing of more independent and distinct competition by its sections, the club will be but following in the footsteps and experience of some of the large flying clubs abroad. From all I can gather, the matter can and will be amicably adjusted by the membership at the coming annual, and the unity and progress of the club in no way threatened. For the full and complete enjoyment of the sport, large clubs are essential, both in the matter of funds, equipment and competition, and in the proper protection of the records. Luck enters very largely into the sport of pigeon racing now, all things being nearly equal in the matter of quality and condition, and more or less advantages of location, winds and weather, will continue to exist, in spite of all that can be done, but intelligent reasoning and observation can remedy many of the more marked inequalities, and I quite agree with many of the Brooklyn fanciers that the time is now ripe for a more satis-

factory adjustment of the one of section or district in the Empire club as now upon the tapis.

In reviewing the flying work of the past season throughout the various sections, I note that the younger fanciers or less prominent homing men, have gained the major share of the honors, and I am very pleased it is so.

There is nothing so helpful to the young fancier in keeping his enthusiasm warm, his care of his birds correct, his attendance to his club and associations and his connections with the flying fraternity a mutually agreeable and pleasant one, as a little success.

It matters not whether it be by a fluke or well deserved, the healthy influence is very marked and I have on many occasions seen the result of a position well up in a race, or a win, immediately wipe out many pangs of disappointment and long drawn hopes, also cancel even determined withdrawals from the fancy.

There is nothing so encouraging to the flying fancier as little success, and while it occasionally has a reverse influence to what I have drawn, sometimes producing in the fortunate novice a severe case of what our old friend, Dr. Strong, aptly termed "hydrocephalus," or "the big head," and rendering the once former modest and retiring young fancier both "chinny" and decidedly "patronizing" and less careful in the handling and keeping of his birds. Still on the whole I am always pleased to see the honors of a flying season resting on the shoulders of both novice as well as old stager, and as a general thing the influence is a healthful one all around, the novice spurred on to further success and the old stager doubly anxious to regain any waning prestige.

Our brethren in England are just now deeply exercised over the question of a flying course and a proposed change of route from the south of France into England to that of the north course from Scotland is the all absorbing topic there at present. The disastrous results attending their initial grand national this year from La Rochelle appears to be the main cause of the proposed change, much as it was with us some years ago. Just as soon as a disastrous race was in order from Virginia or Carolina, or the District of Columbia, just so soon was the course controversy the main topic between the different advocates for the western and southwestern. Then came a change to the west shortly, a hard fly from the west, in which our best birds got a bad grueling and the losses very heavy, turned the feeling once more for the southwestern course, and so on. Of course the birds of our English brethren have many serious disadvantages to contend against in the distance racing from France, the water or channel portion of the course being the great stumbling block, and yet in good weather this 500 miles station has often been flown and flown well.

But the good days appear to be so few and far between in the experience of our English cousins and the losses so heavy from the La Rochelle tosses that very many in the fancy are clamoring now for a change of course and like the compass nearly all have the index finger pointed north.

This northern course may have many practical advantages for the fancier in the south of England, or perhaps to some portions of the midland countries, but what the Lancashire and Yorkshire or northern flying men will do for a 500 miles station remains to be seen. Perhaps stick to La Rochelle and the south, a veritable "Hobson's choice." Mr. Jno. W. Logan with his long and varied experience proposed this change of route before the disastrous toss of the grand national birds at La Rochelle, and I quite agree with him in his remark that "to continue over and over again to knock one's head against a stone wall, may prove a man's claim to bulldog pluck, but it would hardly be taken as evidence of his wisdom." A truly sensible remark. Our English friends are indeed exceedingly handicapped in their distance flying, and without this extreme distance in the day test, or 500 miles station, I am sure the sport of pigeon racing would lose one of its strongest charms and

attractions. It would to me. We are specially favored in this respect in America, and our now numerous one day 500 miles workers, and early second day returns, stand in evidence, and an attractive goal for the novice in American pigeon flying.

At this writing, late in October, our Philadelphia brethren are still enjoying the sport of pigeon racing. While all other sections have their flying equipments safely stored away for the winter, our brethren in the city of brotherly love, strange to say, are successfully and enjoyably flying their young birds in competition for local and national honors, and have even a 50 miles race in view for Thanksgiving day. There was much unnecessary, and yet it appears unavoidable, delay this year in the Philadelphia District of the National Federation coming to some definite understanding as to the carrying out of its young bird race schedule, and much apprehension was felt that the lateness of the season would somewhat mar its success and enjoyment. But so far everything appears to have gone along swimmingly, and with trifling losses, although many lofts have not been engaged. The first contest from 100 miles was flown October 6th, with 131 birds from 12 lofts, a rather poor showing, but owing to some incompleteness in management, was to be expected. The toss was at 10 A. M., at Odenton, Md., with a west wind, and the birds commenced to arrive 2½ hours later. Messrs. Geary & Kendall were the winners, scoring a velocity in the neighborhood of 1120 yards; the loft of S. Brooke Thomas being very close behind, 101 birds out of the 131 being reported home before dusk, and many late arrivals being not reported. The losses were very trifling.

The second race was from Manassas Junction, 150 miles, engaging 124 birds from the Hamilton, Quaker City and Belmont clubs, with about 25 birds from other fanciers scattered. The start was at 9 A. M., October 14th, in a fresh westerly wind, and Messrs. Geary & Kendall were again to the front, with returns at 11:59 A. M., but it is so close a thing between the first three lofts, and in the senseless absence of certain measurements, no decision has yet been rendered. The third race was flown from Orange Court House, Va., on Oct. 20th, 200 miles, engaging birds from the same lofts as in the preceding race, the start at 9 A. M. under favorable conditions. First returns to Jno. D. Munro at 1:25, recording a speed of over 1300 yards. S. D. Thomas, second, with about 1298 yards, and C. Hub, third, 1289 yards.

The last and final race closing the young bird season for the Philadelphia district is scheduled for October 29th, from Bedford City, Va., 300 miles, and in this race the birds have the opportunity to compete for the Item 300 miles trophy, as well as National District diplomas.

I have often been asked regarding the possibilities of seeing the World's Fair medals which the winning fanciers in the various sections competed for last year, and which up to date have not been forthcoming. A letter addressed by Secretary Book of the Empire City Flying Club to United States treasurer, Carlisle, brought the following copy of a letter received by Mr. Carlisle from R. E. Preston, director of the Mint at Washington, D. C.:

MINT BUREAU, Sept. 11th, '94.

Respectfully returned with the information that it is expected that the delivery of the medals of awards of the World's Columbian Exposition will be commenced in from four to five months time.

(Signed) R. E. PRESTON,
Director of Mint.

Winners of these medals may therefore take due notice thereof. "All things come to him who waits."

On several momentous occasions of the past a monster Homing pigeon liberation has been a prominent feature of the ceremonies with us in the New York vicinity and elsewhere, and the sight has been an enjoyable and wondering one to the public. I can recall several, but how insignificant and tame any show of ours in this line would appear to a resident of old

Antwerp when put into comparison with a monster toss of birds which took place at Antwerp on Sunday, October 7th, and marking the closing days of the Belgian Industrial Exhibition.

The Homing pigeon is dear to the Belgian heart and the readers of my notes can form some estimate of this monster liberation of birds when I state that some fifty clubs in the city of Antwerp and nearly the same number outside of the old city sent some 350 baskets, containing in the neighborhood of 15,000 pigeons for liberation.

From my foreign advices I learn that the toss was effected in two sections at 12 o'clock and 12:30, and the sight was an inspiring and glorious one.

Medals were awarded to the clubs entering the most birds, the first prize being awarded to the "Randaxe Club" of Antwerp, who contributed 765 birds in 21 panniers, "Oud Fwaantje" of Hoboken, getting the second with 350 birds and Spanners and so down to the 7th medal, which was awarded "Valkennest" of Antwerp, 240 birds in 8 baskets.

The whole thing was representative of the 16th century both in the costumes worn and the very panniers the birds were shipped in.

The occasion was one in which *revenue* played but a small part, nothing but pure love for the sport being considered.

This can be readily believed at a glance at the prizes given to the first birds homing which I quote from a handbill or announcement issued by *Le Martinet, De Denvenvriend* and *Le Pigeon Voyageur Belge*, the chief Belgian pigeon journals. The meagre sum of 400 francs was divided into 25 prizes.

5 prizes of 25 francs each, 4 prizes of 20 francs each, 7 prizes of 15 francs each, 9 prizes of 10 francs each and the verification of returns being catch and show, as in the 16th century, excluding all the telephones, telegraphs, automatic verifiers, etc.

Owners had to get their returns to a common centre as quickly as possible on foot for verification, and then reported to headquarters at Antwerp. The affair was a grand success and will long be remembered by the Antwerp fanciers, who were enthusiastic over the novel event, trivial though the racing work of the birds was.

Thoroughly schooled and practiced in pigeon racing of far more serious import, one can readily understand how the Antwerp flying fanciers gave themselves up to a solid day's enjoyment where their birds played so simple and yet so prominent a part.

In the perusal of the German pigeon journals devoted exclusively to the homer, one can read constantly of steady and enjoyable work accomplished by the many small clubs now in existence there. Yet nothing of any magnitude nor speed and from distance is ever chronicled beyond the very ordinary.

But to a close reader and observer of the sport in Germany, there is a certain system, unity and air of solid patronage and protection of the sport there to be admired. And really we in America can find much in the way the German fanciers have established their sport that we could copy with profit and satisfaction.

The *Feathered World* recently published some interesting statistics and comment upon the Homing fancy in Germany taken from the *Gelfug elborse* which is particularly of interest to all flying men.

It appears that the union of German pigeon clubs now comprises 256 societies with 3334 members, owning nearly 100,000 birds and the yearly report published recently presents a pleasing picture of the union's activity.

Many advantages concerning the flying, etc., of Homers have been gained through the emperor himself taking the office of protector of the union. The prizes paid for the shooting of birds of prey during the last twelve months amounted to some 300 dollars.

There have been killed in the Imperial forests during the year, 5693 birds hostile to pigeons, viz., 588 falcons, 1998 hawks, 528 tree falcons and 2260 sparrow hawks.

A new departure is also the proclamation by the German war office concerning the award of government medals.

During 1893 5 gold, 110 silver and 163 bronze medals were awarded and for the future these will be stamped with the emperor's likeness.

The police authorities also would appear to have special instructions to see that Homers are properly treated whilst on transit to liberating stations. Quite recently an Alsace Lorraine railway company was prosecuted at Bale and fined for neglecting proper precautions for the birds whilst in their care. Would that the same supervision existed with us.

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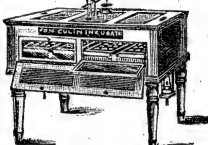
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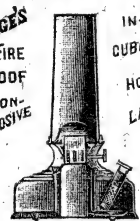
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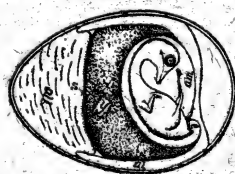
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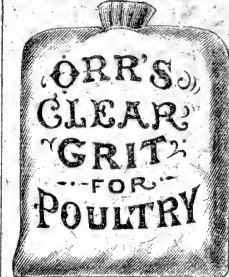
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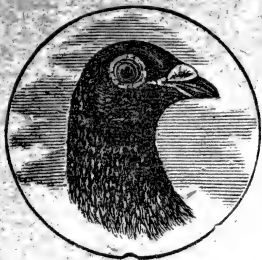
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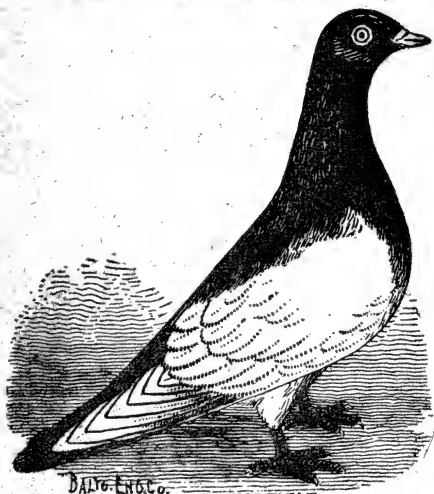
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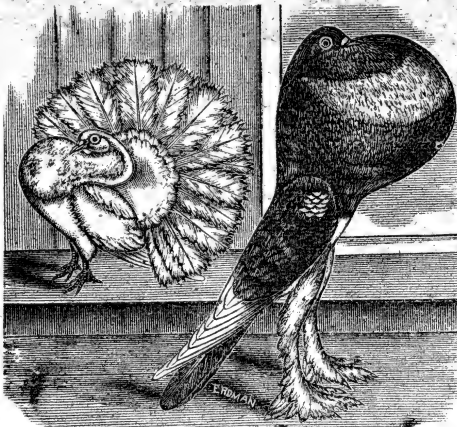
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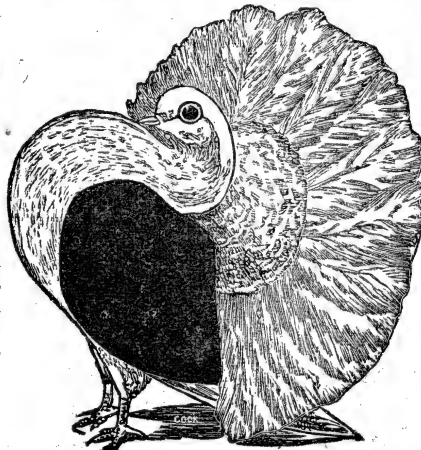
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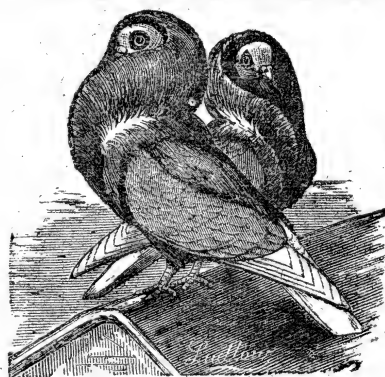
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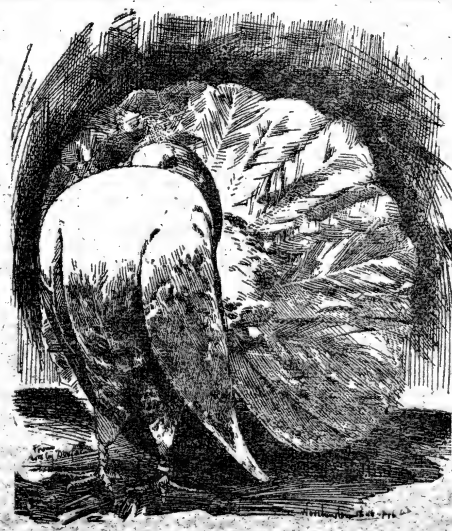
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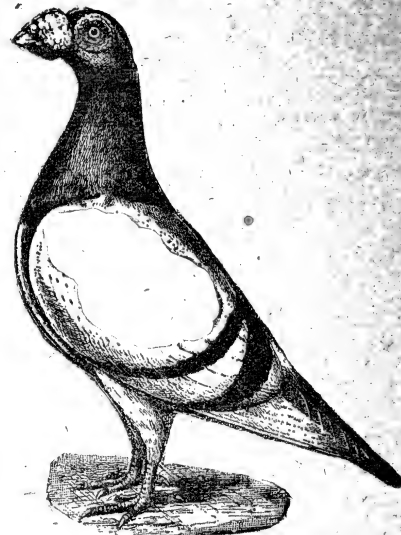


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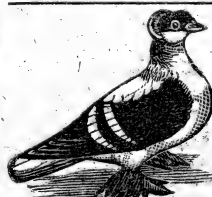
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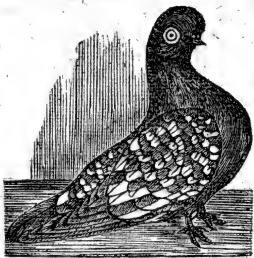
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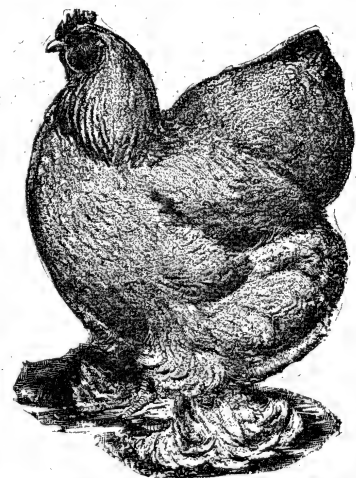
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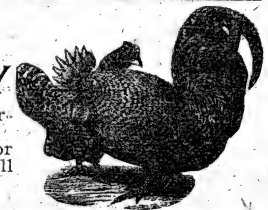
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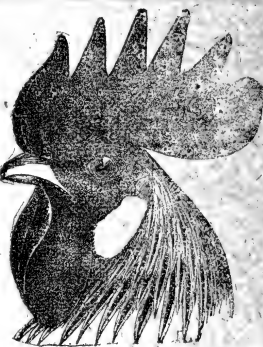
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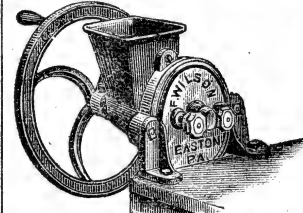
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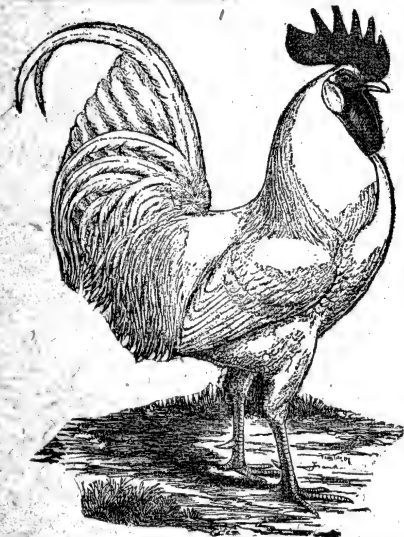
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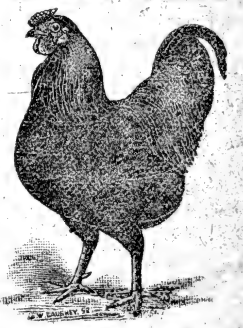
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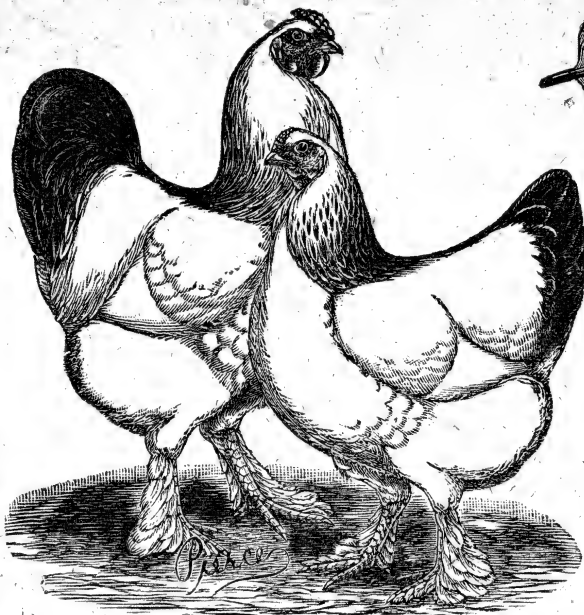
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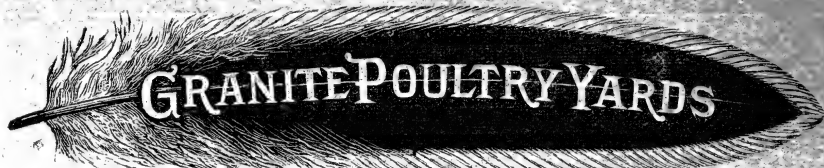
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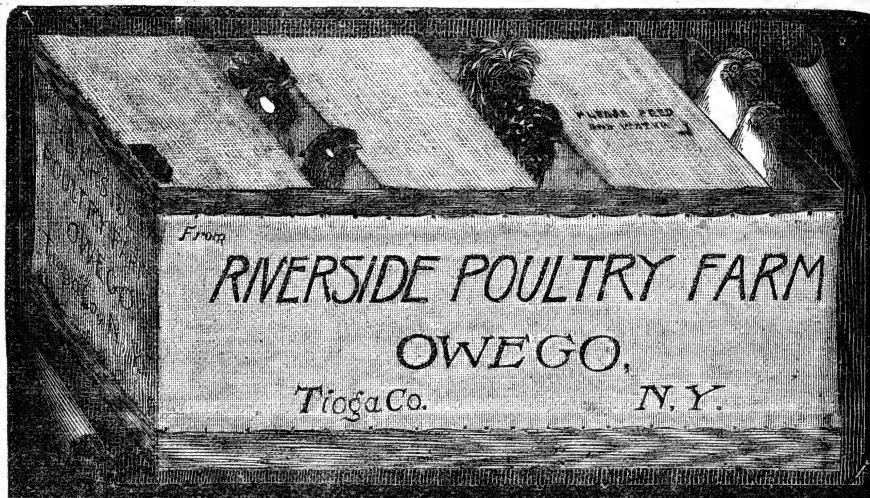
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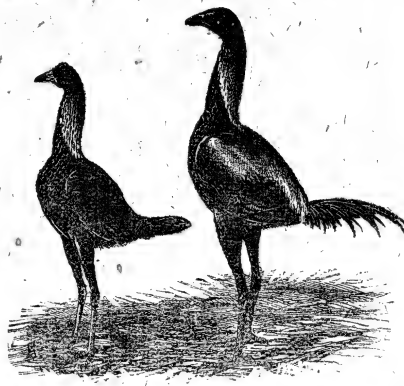
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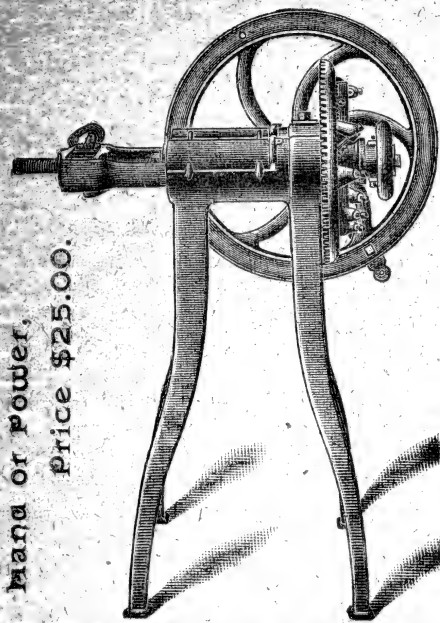
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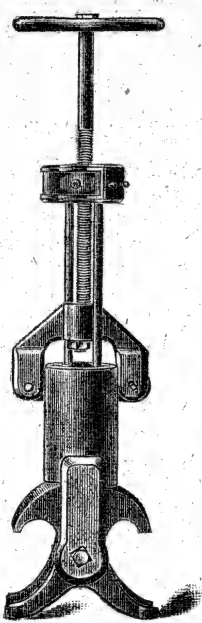
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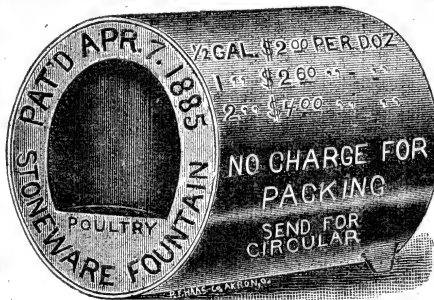
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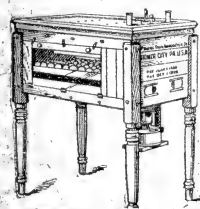
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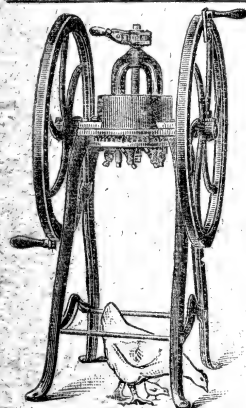


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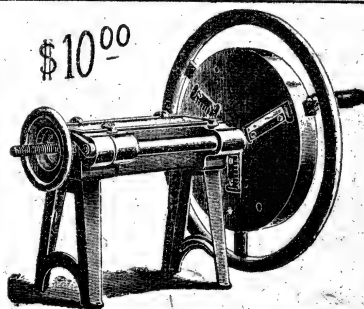
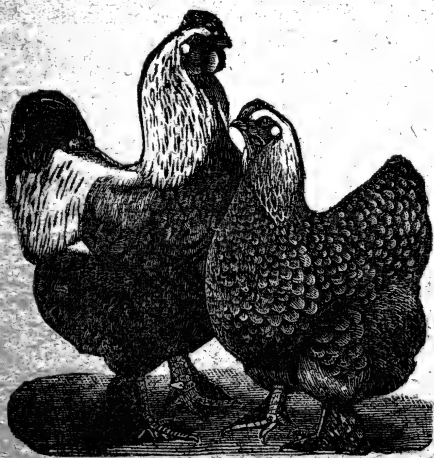
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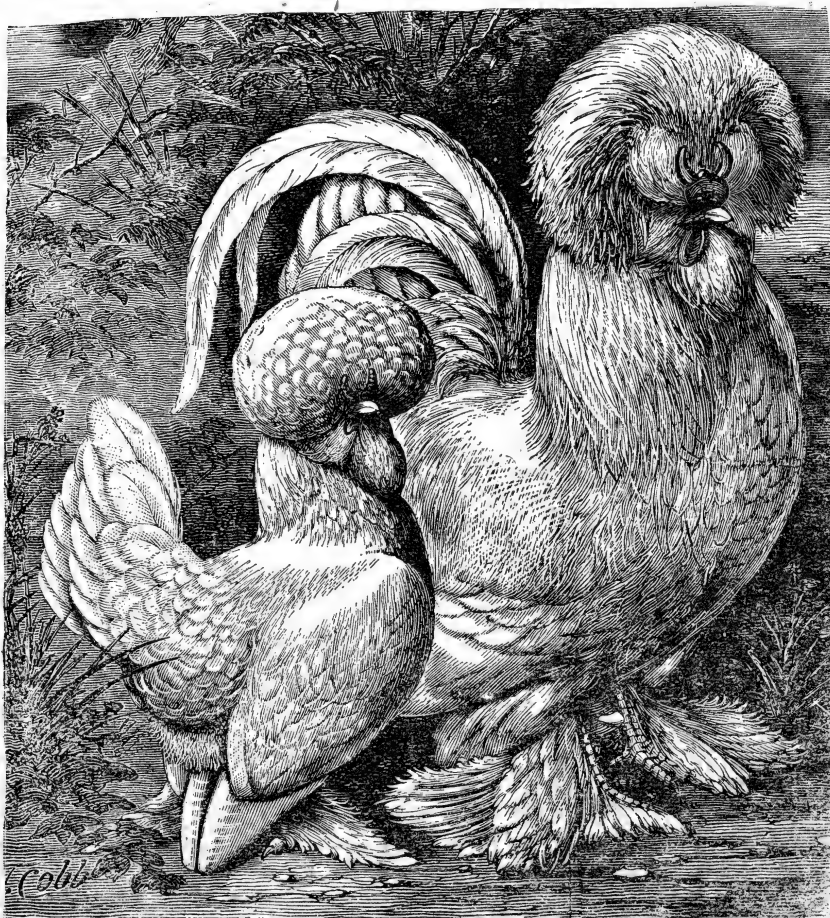
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- Nov. 13-16. — Warrensburg, Mo. C. A. Emry, judge. R. G. Carroll, secretary.
- Nov. 13-16. — Meridian Poultry Show, Meridian, N. Y. J. Y. Bicknell, judge. Francis A. Buck, secretary.
- Nov. 15-17. — Lafayette County Poultry Association, Higginsville, Mo. J. T. Harness, sec'y, Borland, Mo.
- Nov. 20-23. — The Sedalia Poultry Club, Sedalia, Mo. C. A. Emry, judge. E. A. Henney, secretary.
- Nov. 27-29. — Boyer Valley Poultry Association, Missouri Valley, Iowa. Theo. Hewes, judge. C. C. Dorr, secretary.
- Nov. 27-30. — Sumner County Poultry Association, Wellington, Kansas. C. A. Emry, judge. W. D. Whitfield, secretary.
- Nov. 27-Dec. 2. — Eastern Iowa at Davenport, Iowa. F. H. Shellabarger, judge. H. C. Goettsch, secretary.
- Nov. 28-Dec. 3. — Peoria Columbarian Association, Peoria, Ill. John H. Kuhn, pigeon judge; Robert Joos, superintendent; Wm. H. Koch, secretary.
- Dec. 3-5. — Ottawa County Poultry Association. Third annual show at Minneapolis, Kas. F. W. Hitchcock, judge. T. E. Hurley, secretary.
- Dec. 3-7. — Hawkeye Poultry Association, Mount Pleasant, Iowa. W. S. Russell, judge. A. B. Porter, secretary.
- Dec. 3-9. — Pottawattamie Co. Poultry and Pet Stock Association, Council Bluffs, Iowa. J. Y. Bicknell, judge. O. K. Pratt, secretary.
- Dec. 4-7. — Troy Poultry, Pigeon and Pet Stock Club, Troy, N. Y. John H. Duke, secretary.
- Dec. 4-7. — Lyon County Poultry and Pet Stock Show, Emporia, Kan. C. A. Emry, judge. Wm. Hammond, president. W. T. Walters, secretary.
- Dec. 4-7. — Northern Iowa, at Hampton, Iowa. G. D. Holden, judge. F. A. Bailey, secretary.
- Dec. 5-7. — Warren County Poultry and Pigeon Club, Bowling Green, Ky. G. S. Hollingsworth, secretary.
- Dec. 5-12. — Cleveland Poultry and Pet Stock Association, Cleveland, O. B. N. Pierce and Cornelius Murphy, judges. W. S. Rowe, 18 Herschner street, secretary.
- Dec. 10-14. — Missouri State Show. Rolla G. Carroll, Warrensburg, secretary. Judges: C. A. Emry, Theo. Hewes and J. W. Hale.
- Dec. 10-15. — Iowa State Poultry Association, Ottumwa, Iowa. F. H. Shellabarger and J. Y. Bicknell, judges. W. S. Russell, sec'y.
- Dec. 11-14. — Roanoke Valley Poultry Association, Salem, Va. J. H. Drevenstedt, judge. Frank A. Lovelock, sec'y.
- Dec. 11-14. — Rhode Island State Poultry Association, Providence, R. I. I. K. Felch, H. S. Ball and F. B. Zimmer, judges. Samuel Cushman, secretary, Kingstown, R. I.
- Dec. 11-16. — Hastings, Nebraska, Poultry Association. F. W. Hitchcock, judge. J. A. Howard, secretary.
- Dec. 11-13. — Brockton Poultry Association, Brockton, Mass. C. H. Pope, secretary.
- Dec. 11-14. — Coshocton, Ohio. Quincy Dawson, secretary, Roscoe, Ohio.
- Dec. 12-13. — Norfolk County Poultry Association, Franklin, Mass. W. M. Clough, secretary, Medway, Mass.
- Dec. 12-14. — Boston Pigeon Show Association, Boston, Mass. C. E. Twombly, sec'y.
- Dec. 17-21. — Southern Kansas Show, Winfield, Kan. F. W. Hitchcock, judge. M. L. Wortman, secretary.
- Dec. 17-23. — Southern Kansas Fanciers' Association, Wichita, Kas. B. N. Pierce, judge. H. L. Rochelle, Wichita, Kas., secretary.
- Dec. 18-20. — Guilford Poultry and Pet Stock Association, Guilford, Conn. L. R. Shelley, secretary.
- Dec. 18-21. — Southern Illinois Poultry Association, Albion, Ill. C. A. Emry, judge. S. N. Weaver, secretary.
- Dec. 18-21. — Nemaha Valley Poultry Association, Auburn, Neb. H. J. F. Wert, secretary, Auburn, Neb.
- Dec. 18-21. — Findlay, Ohio. McClave, judge. John A. Meeks, secretary.
- Dec. 18-22. — Buckeye Poultry Association, Dayton, Ohio. I. K. Felch, judge. F. W. Bellman, secretary, Dayton, Ohio.
- Dec. 18-22. — Indiana Fanciers' Association, Roachdale, Ind. F. J. Marshall, judge. C. J. Stutler, cor. sec'y, Roachdale, Ind.
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- Dec. 24-29. — New Mexico Poultry Association, Albuquerque, N. M. John C. Snyder, judge. W. S. Lowe, secretary.
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- Dec. 27-Jan. 3. — Erie County Poultry Breeders and Pet Stock Association, Hamburg, N. Y. E. C. Pease, secretary.
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- Jan. 1-5. — Knoxville, Tenn. B. N. Pierce, judge. John W. Flennikin, secretary.
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- Jan. 7-12. — La Crosse Poultry Association, La Crosse, Wis. F. W. Hitchcock, judge. E. H. Hoffman, secretary.
- Jan. 7-12. — Allentown Poultry and Pigeon Association, Allentown, Pa. John W. Yoachim, cor. sec'y.
- Jan. 7-12. — Montreal Poultry Association. J. Y. Bicknell, poultry judge; C. H. Currier, pigeon judge. W. J. Morton, secretary.
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- Jan. 9-12. — North-Western Ohio Poultry and Pet Stock Company, Tiffin, Ohio. T. S. Falkner, secretary.
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- Jan. 9-12. — West Chester Poultry Association, West Chester, Pa. C. C. Townsend, treasurer, Cheyney, Pa.
- Jan. 9-14. — The New Haven Poultry Association, New Haven, Conn. Ed. A. Todd, sec.
- Jan. 10-14. — Kansas State Show, Topeka Kan. D. A. Wise, secretary, Topeka.
- Jan. 10-16. — Cincinnati Poultry and Pigeon Association. J. H. Drevenstedt and Sharp Butterfield, judges. Geo. Ewald sec'y.
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- Jan. 15-19. — Howard County Poultry and Pet Stock Association, Kokomo, Ind. F. J. Marshall, judge. L. C. Hoss, secretary.
- Jan. 15-20. — Nebraska State Show, Lincoln, Neb. Emry and Hitchcock, judges. A. Lemen, secretary.
- Jan. 15-20. — Colorado Poultry Association, Denver, Colo. I. K. Felch, judge. John Herr, Denver, Colo., secretary.
- Jan. 15-20. — Georgia Poultry and Pet Stock Association, Augusta, Ga. John W. Killingsworth, secretary.
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POULTRY.

From the Editor's Perch.

Secretary Doubleday informs us that the next meeting of the American Exhibition Game and Game Bantam club will be held at the Madison Square Garden, New York City, next February. Nine out of the 13 members of the executive committee have voted so far and all in favor of New York.

The Indian Game club will meet at Kansas City, Mo., December 21, during the progress of the Mid-Continental show.

Secretaries of other specialty clubs will kindly notify us promptly of the annual meeting places of their societies.

The new catalogue and pricelist of the Prairie State Incubator Co. has been received. It is the largest one ever issued by the firm and unquestionably the finest. Profusely and beautifully illustrated, it makes a most valuable contribution to poultry literature. The incubators and brooders manufactured by the above mentioned firm are standard goods in use on thousands of poultry farms. They are made to do practical work and not gotten up to sell at cheap prices to the unfortunate novice who, misled by the bold and often false claims in gaudy circulars of irresponsible manufacturers, buys a miserably constructed incubator or brooder. Every poultryman should send for the Prairie State Incubator catalogue of 1895.

Another magnificent catalogue is the one issued by the Reliable Incubator and Brooder Co. It is handsomely printed and illustrated. The goods manufactured by this firm are what the word reliable signifies. Constructed of the best materials by skilled mechanics the Reliable incubators and brooders virtually advertise themselves. Catalogues will be sent to any of our readers for a stamp, and we trust all who are interested in artificial hatching will avail themselves of the liberal offer of the above mentioned firm.

Editor Hunter, of *Farm-Poultry*, while in Albany one day last week, thought Johnstown was on the map and like a good boy took a flying trip to our city to see the publishers and editors of THE AMERICAN FANCIER. The short hour he spent here was thoroughly enjoyable and many a word was crowded into those sixty minutes. We are glad to note Mr. Hunter's excellent health and trust his increased duties on the semi-monthly *Farm-Poultry* will not impair it. He informs us that Editor Boyer is getting ready to move to the city of culture and beans, and no doubt this team of editors will soon be working hard and true in harness together.

The "long and the short of it," Col. Rockenstyre and Ferdinand Beagle Zimmer held an important conference in THE AMERICAN FANCIER office one day last week. Both are Bantam fiends of the deepest dye and both claim having had unusual good luck raising Bantams the past season. "Zim's" trade has been something enormous, especially in Sebrights and Polish.

Robert A. Colt, who has charge of Eugene Reynal's great poultry ranch in White Plains spent a few happy hours in Johnstown on Monday and Tuesday. He hunted up old acquaintances of some nineteen years ago, and between talking chickens, base ball and past escapades, had a roaring good time. He is on the lookout for more White Leghorns, and informs us that the eleven hundred hens now at White Plains will not begin to supply the demand for eggs he receives. Selling eggs at 50 to 75 cents a dozen is a pretty nice business. Mr. Colt pins his faith on the White Leghorn as the business fowl of the century, and from his standpoint he is right. That famous Natick *dreibund* is not "in it" with the great little egg machines, the Leghorns, according to Mr. Colt.

G. A. McFettridge has severed his connection with the Stroudsburg, Pa., firm of which he was a member, and will start in the duck raising business for himself shortly.

Jacob Ruppert, the millionaire brewer of New York city, whose fine country residence adjoins that of ex-vice-president Morton, near Rhinecliff, N. Y., is going into the chicken business on an extensive scale, we understand. Twenty-four Prairie State Incubators have been ordered for his broiler establishment.

Another great poultry plant is to be built by Mr. Rockefeller, the millionaire oil king, on his place at Tarrytown, N. Y. The great influence of the New York Poultry show is reflected in the wonderful growth of poultry establishments in the vicinity of New York. No country home is complete without a chicken plant, and the intense interest shown by our wealthy citizens in fancy and practical poultry culture indicates the growing and permanent success of America's great show held in the Madison Square Garden, New York city, every year.

Doctor "Ben" Thornton is probably the best dubbed Game Bantam crank in America. When he removes his "tile" from his well groomed cranium, all doubt as to his being a Game fancier disappears. "Ben" evidently has some fine birds in training for the New York show. This rather nettles John Glasgow who also has a team in fine running order. The Hon. John writes to the *British Fancier* and gives "Benny's" plans away. He says:

"Ben" is a Game and Game Bantam fancier from a way back, and judged the large Game section at the last New York show, and what is more, judged it well. "Ben" is well known to many of the leading fanciers in England, having imported in his time more birds than any other Game fancier I have met since coming over here. He writes me that having moved to his present quarters where he presides over a hotel at a place called Richland, Atlantic county, N. J., rather late in the season his breeding operations, which have been entirely confined to Game Bantams, are somewhat limited, but from a light colored Red Pile from the yard of Mr. E. Walton, of Rawtenstall, which was brought over here last fall by a Mr.

Furness, a nephew to the noted breeder of the same name, who presides over Messrs. Ainscough's yard, he has succeeded in breeding a cockerel, to his mind equal to the Stretch Pile cockerel which set the fancy's tongues wagging at New York show last February.

"Ben" does not often talk "through his hat" when talking about a Game Bantam, and if this one is as good as the Stretch cockerel there will be some lively competition at next show in Madison Square Garden, as I have seen one or two cockerels by the Stretch bird, owned by Mr. Magoun, that will take a considerable amount of "doing."

I am promised a look at this cockerel as soon as he is healed of the dubbing operations which was performed last week, and if he is as good a colored bird as the Stretch cockerel, and has as good style as the bird from which it is bred, I shall make a strong bid to become the owner. Its sire, though high in color, has all the style for which Walton's Piles are proverbial, and might do me some service in the breeding pen next season—mated with some hens I possess. I shall have to import unless I can run up against one over here to my mind."

To judge by the above remarks there will be hot times in the Game Bantam alley at New York next winter. There are several counties to be heard from, and we believe A. A. Parker, A. F. Pierce, and several other Game Bantam fanciers are emulating brer rabbit's example in "laying low."

L. P. Harris, one of the leading fanciers and a well-known judge in the west, writes: "I am always interested in your valuable paper. It is always on hand every Monday afternoon of each week, and is looked for with interest and eagerly read. There is one feature in THE AMERICAN FANCIER that far surpasses all other papers, and that is, the show reports. They are worth to any fancier ten times the price of the paper. I dislike these narrow, contracted poultry papers that will not publish the award of a premium unless you happen to be an advertiser. It is too much like children's play, 'If you won't play with me I won't like you.' Bosh!" Right you are, Mr. Harris. THE AMERICAN FANCIER is a newspaper, not an organ. It knows neither friend nor foe, and cares not for advertiser or non-advertiser when publishing the awards made at a poultry or pigeon show. What is more, it publishes the addresses of all exhibitors in full. If there is any exhibitor benefited by such free advertising, he is welcome to it. In our experience we have found that over 90 per cent. of the exhibitors are either advertisers or would be such if they had stock for sale. The few dead beats in the fancy who depend on free advertising are sooner or later recognized by the intelligent readers of the poultry papers, but it would be a grievous wrong to exclude the masses to get square on the few.

Here is a sermon on advertising that should be carefully read by those who believe printer's ink or even chalk of little use:

"In a spirit of idleness a few weeks ago a West Philadelphia pigeon fancier scribbled his name and address in chalk on a freight car standing in the Pennsylvania railroad's yard with a few words about his birds. He thought no more of the matter, says the *Philadelphia Record*, until the other day, when a man from Ohio, a perfect stranger to him, called upon the pigeon raiser and said that he wanted to buy some birds. Conversation brought out the fact that the car bearing the West Philadelphian's name had traveled from place to place, finally reaching the Ohio town where the stranger lived. He had seen the inscription in chalk and

had come to make a purchase. A deal was quickly made, and now there is no man in Philadelphia with a firmer belief in advertising than the pigeon fancier across the Schuylkill."

It also indirectly shows the value of continued advertising. There is nothing like keeping your name and goods before the gaze of the public the year around.

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A number of White Wyandotte breeders are "kicking" over the disqualification clause in the new standard. The standard for this breed was made by a committee and accepted by the A. P. A. It contained a clause which reads: "Black, gray, red or any shade of yellow in any part of the plumage to be considered a serious defect." This appears in the section "Color of Plumage" all right enough, but under the head of disqualifications we read "Feathers other than white, in any part of the plumage." This will create confusion and we are afraid will be the means of disqualifying many birds protected by the color of plumage section. Certainly both cannot be applied and the sooner the disqualification clause is removed from the standard, the better, if the intentions of the Wyandotte committee and the A. P. A. are to be honored.

Facts and Fancies From the West.

BY THEODORE STERNBERG.

The issue is, shall we have two measures of value, two score cards, two scales of points and endless confusion, or will the fancy stay by the bridge which has, for more than twenty-five years sustained the whole poultry industry?

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A friend has just loaned me his copy of the *American Stock-Keeper* of September 8th, 1894, otherwise I should not have known of Mr. Felch's reply to my article in *THE AMERICAN FANCIER*. A blunder, an inexcusable act is none the less a blunder, an inexcusable act when committed by one who occupies a high position, by one who may be lovable in his private life. It is the fact, the act, that I am condemning. Therefore at the very outset, I now, as I did at Chicago, and before and since that meeting, publicly and honestly express my highest appreciation of much of Mr. Felch's career and because he is capable of much useful work in the future, because he is of great intelligence, because I like him and would like to work in harmony with him in the future, that I speak plainly of those acts which cannot be excused. If my comrade betrays his post, shall I not report him to the commanding officer? Great and good men have gone wrong before the day of Mr. Felch, and they will do so again. Previous good conduct is of weight as a plea for the mitigating of a sentence, but is no defence to a crime. It may even be used in an application for a pardon. Mr. Felch in his private capacity is not involved in this matter at all, his public acts and doings are. Mr. Felch appears to be utterly incapable, because of his strong personal feelings, of separating his private personality from the public Felch, I make that distinction. A recruit is just as patriotic and has just as much right (and it is his duty) to defend his colors, as an original old color guard has to desert and attack the colors. No one can read Mr. Felch's article in the *Stock-Keeper* without knowing that his present position results from causes personal to himself, that his acts are inflamed by personal considerations, personal enmities and personal anger. Mr. Felch takes exception to the words, "a bald headed lie." They are not elegant, but they are expressive. Does Mr. Felch think he can continually assault and try to destroy that which I honor? Does he think he can impute discourtesy on the part of the A. P. A. towards himself for the mere purpose of eliciting sympathy for himself, so as to strengthen his arm so he can strike the harder blow; and the charge

being false, no one will rise up and call the charge by its true name, because it is Felch who makes it? When an untrue charge is made from a malicious motive, plain language is proper. A great man may be malicious, a prominent man may speak with prejudice and color, though to suit his purpose. Mr. Felch has demonstrated that he is not exempt from human weakness. Neither am I. I feel deeply his acts. Judge what I say, as I judge Felch. I am a partizan of the A. P. A., he is a partizan of Felch, and this issue shall be determined on facts which admit of no dispute. We are neither of us free from bias, but facts are facts and cannot be overcome. The only official action of the A. P. A. at Chicago towards Mr. Felch personally, was the adopting of the resolution of kindness I quoted and reprinted in Mr. Felch's article now under review. Mr. Felch grudgingly thanks me for introducing the resolution, but he expresses kindness toward the body which adopted it unanimously. What a technical man he has become all at once. Long ago he received the official proceedings, and there the resolution is. He has known that the A. P. A. passed those personally kindly resolutions for many months. It is the fact, the act, not the failure to transmit which is of moment. Suppose I write you a kind letter expressing kindly feelings towards you and it is lost in the mail and you never do receive it, but you do obtain a copy, knowing of my kindly words, you go on and claim I spoke discourteously towards you in that very letter, when you knew the fact was otherwise, would "bald headed lie," be any too strong, especially when you made the charge of discourtesy to injure me and help a scheme of your own? But Mr. Felch when writing his *Stock-Keeper* article, then knew of the resolution of the A. P. A., for he quoted it. This stickler for courtesy has not now a word of kindness towards the A. P. A. which passed it, but still clings to his charge of discourtesy, not because the resolution was passed, but because he never received a duly engrossed and certified copy, signed and sealed by the president and secretary. The American Poultry Association passed those resolutions and adjourned. It has never met since. As a body it does not know whether Felch has ever received them. It cannot know until it meets again. It did all it could. Every intelligent man knows this to be the fact. The A. P. A. like all other organizations, only acts by motion or resolution voted upon. Is it a terrible affair to be charged as discourtesy on the part of the A. P. A.? Is it of sufficient moment to warrant and excuse an attempt to divide the poultry world into two bodies that the president and secretary failed to carry out their instructions? Their failure is their act alone and not the act of the A. P. A. But just think, the secretary lives at Baltimore, Md., the president in Indiana. Each are busy men. The papers and minutes were in the hands of the stenographer at Chicago, being used in preparing his report of the proceedings. Was it a terrible thing that their officer should have overlooked the matter? For, often it possibly, or being delayed until the publication of the proceedings, thought its being there would do. There are a thousand things which would excuse the officers in failing to transmit, if they did fail to transmit. Just think, my readers, of the mental condition of a man who would make haste to charge a regularly organized society which keeps a stenographic report of its proceedings and publishes its report and sends it to all its members. Just think of the mental condition of the man who would hasten to make a charge of discourtesy towards himself in the public press, upon partisan newspaper articles, and not await the official report, and then when he does receive the official report and finds the fact to be the other way, does not publicly and at once apologize, but still sings discourtesy. Why the man is in a condition of red hot anger and acted from anger; and is angrier than ever when he finds he has no cause for his anger. At the present writing Mr. Felch is more actuated by unofficial and partisan newspaper statements than he is by the official record of what was really said and done at Chicago. So Mr. Felch blazes out and fights. The whole matter is simply personal feeling, wounded vanity

on his part. The necessity of only one national society in the fancy, of only one Standard, of one measure by card, which shall be uniform all over the land, don't count. I'll show them who Felch is, he says to himself, and he proceeds to try and destroy the fancy in order to get even and be revenged, and this is the keynote to all his attacks on the A. P. A. The A. P. A. placed the Fillebrown letter on file and took no action on it, but not an unkind, not a sneering word did I hear uttered against Mr. Felch in the sessions of the A. P. A. at Chicago, but I did see a kindly resolution passed. But suppose the members of the A. P. A. had spoken hotly against Mr. Felch? Suppose the A. P. A. had passed severe resolutions, suppose it had pitched into Felch as he does into it. According to the ordinary rules of human actions, it would have had ample justification. Here was a society which for many years had been and was the only recognized national society in the poultry fancy, a secession society which is already organized, a society which had already formulated another card and scale of points, which was seeking to divide the fancy into two bodies, both national, which sought to destroy all that had been done in more than one direction, a society which did not ask for a debate on its ideas and submission to the vote, but was going it alone in direct antagonism to the A. P. A. This society had the lack of common decency to come and ask the A. P. A. to recognize it, just as if the southern states after secession had had their secession secretary of state write an official note to the United States congress and ask permission to use the constitution of the United States until they could print a new one, and if there were any second hand volumes, please lend them to us, for this Decimal society is no more or less than a secession society, a schism in the fancy, and the secession was a fact before the A. P. A. met at Chicago, and nothing the A. P. A. did, or could do at Chicago, excused the already executed act. For Mr. Felch as father and prime mover of this secession, to talk about courtesy, I criticize the actions and doings of the A. P. A. at Chicago as monstrous.

Mr. Felch no longer has the right to criticize the acts and doings of the A. P. A. From the moment he put himself at the head of an antagonistic society he ceased to have that right. The proceedings at Chicago were satisfactory to the A. P. A. Mr. Felch says when he was active in the A. P. A. that society was all right. Then why leave it; why cease to be active? I find nothing in the Los Angeles meeting to justify his ceasing to be active. He was active at Charleston. I find nothing there to justify his present course. But he did not wait for the Chicago meeting; he seceded before that meeting. Neither by himself or by another did he offer his decimale scale as a substitute for the Standard scale at Chicago. He did not inform the A. P. A. that if it would adopt his decimale scale his decimale society would dissolve. He made no attempt at Chicago in the A. P. A. to get his views adopted and made standard, but insolently he organized his secession government in all its detail. It came to Chicago and demanded recognition. Talk about courtesy! Mr. Felch don't seem to know what it means. But the acts of the A. P. A. towards him at Chicago were really grand. They are far reaching, and tell the poultry fancy that the A. P. A. in its relations to the fancy at large is the same broad gauged, patriotic body it always has been, and as good and as beneficial to the fancy as it was when Mr. Felch was active in it. I said, and say it again, the Decimal has the same right to organize as did the A. P. A. There is no law against such organization. The A. P. A. is a voluntary association, so is the Decimal. There is no United States statute against it. It is not forbidden in the Ten Commandments. I know of no law, human or divine, prohibiting it, but all the same a member of any society who organizes an opposition society is a traitor to the old. Mr. Felch winces at the word traitor. This shows that he understands the situation. He commits treason to the A. P. A. and objects to the name he who commits treason bears. He ought not to be so thin skinned. Quinine is quinine

still, even if concealed in a sugar capsule. Treason is treason by any name.

Now, I say he had the right to organize his decimale secession society. So have the fanciers of New York the right to organize a new society, make a scale of points, issue score cards, and publish a standard. So have the fanciers of Georgia a right to make a decimale scale and card and issue a standard different in every respect from any other standard. So the Pacific Coast has the right to make a scale of points differing again, and make Buff Brahmas standard and disqualify for white in the Light Brahma fowl. Canada can come in on the deal and make a standard and measure of its own. Each State has the right to make standards and scales of points and measures of value which will cut out every bird not bred in that State from competing in it. Why, get the thing started and we will see a Pacific Coast standard which will cut off every eastern breeder's sales there. We of this mid-west could hold our own trade for ourselves by making a standard which will shut every one else out. Standards and scales can be and will in the future, if Mr. F. wins on his secession movement, be made independently by the breeders of each breed, with a scale for each breed. One hundred different standards and scales of points are as justifiable as are two. We will never stop at two. But let Mr. Felch go on with his game of revenge, for fancied slights open wide. The end of score card judging of an organized national fancy, with one card, one measure of values, one standard for all America, is at hand, and Mr. Felch will be responsible for it. In the days to come he will find that the fancy will stay, as they now are, together and say, no real or fancied discourtesy to any one will justify a divided fancy. Hurt feelings, wounded pride, lacerated vanity will not justify two scales of points, two measures of value, two standards, and two national societies. As long as membership in the A. P. A. is open to all, as long as matters of moment are open to debate and decided in open meeting by a majority vote, just so long the fancy needs no other society than the one under which it has flourished in the past. Felch claims his decimale method to be the best; others say not so. This is proper matter for debate in the A. P. A., and should be decided there. It can be decided there. Every error, every mistake can be corrected there. If not this year, then the next. Therefore a new society is not needed. One national society is all the fancy requires; to found more is suicide. No personal anger, no act of any man, can justify the fancy in changing the order of things and starting anarchy and chaos. If the members present at any meeting of the A. P. A. did an improper act, far better stand it for a year and then turn out and rectify it than for the fancy to ratify the idea that secession for any reason shall be permitted. Reader, cannot you see that I am contending for the very existence of a national fancy in this land? I do not like to have to show Mr. Felch's course up as it is! I like the man, and hope he will accept the olive branch offered him by the A. P. A. at its Chicago meeting in the resolutions adopted. Come back and be one amongst us again. We will kill the fatted calf when the prodigal returns. Let Mr. Felch's views and opinions take the same course and stand the same test as do those of others, for we have many men of many minds in the A. P. A. We don't think alike on many subjects. We have personal disputes; men are there who don't like each other. We are not saints by any means, but only mortal men, full of errors; but we do all unite and will stand shoulder to shoulder in defence of the A. P. A. itself. We all believe in standing by the majority as voted, and will everlastingly fight secession and will maintain one national society, one standard, one score card, and one scale of points. *In hoc signo vinces.*

In order to complete my reply to Mr. Felch, it is but proper the public should know who were present at Chicago and who comprised those who did the terrible things Mr. Felch's brain heated with anger has conjured up. The following members responded on roll call: Allen

Bogue, London, Ontario; Sharp Butterfield, Windsor, Ontario; George G. McCormick, London, Ontario; William McNeil, London, Ontario; George W. Mitchell, Bristol, Conn.; C. J. Ward, Chicago, Ill.; T. W. Tuggle, Columbus, Ga.; J. B. Foot, Norvord Park, Ill.; W. A. Gregory, Lexington, Ill.; Geo. T. Pitkin, Chicago, Ill.; J. N. Barker, Thornton, Ind.; Sid. Conger, Flat Rock, Ind.; C. H. Johnson, Rushville, Ind.; B. N. Pierce, Indianapolis, Ind.; George Seeger, Jr., Lafayette, Ind.; R. Twells, Logansport, Ind.; John Woocher, Jr., Indianapolis, Ind.; F. W. Hitchcock, Greenleaf, Kan.; G. O. Brown, Baltimore, Md.; Theodore Sternberg, Ellsworth, Kan.; Henry S. Ball, Shrewsbury, Mass.; Geo. V. Fletcher, Belmont, Mass.; Philander Williams, Taunton, Mass.; E. B. Easter, Detroit, Mich.; Theodore Hewes, Trenton, Mo.; John E. Diehl, Beverly, N. J.; P. H. Jacobs, Hammon, N. J.; J. Y. Bicknell, Buffalo, N. Y.; F. C. Brandy, Whitney's Point, N. Y.; James Forsyth, Owego, N. Y.; J. H. Drevenstedt, Johnstown, N. Y.; E. H. Knapp, Fabius, N. Y.; George E. Peer, Rochester, N. Y.; T. Farrar Rackham, New York City; E. B. Thompson, Amenia, N. Y.; F. B. Zimmer, Gloversville, N. Y.; Robert A. Braden, Dayton, Ohio; Chas. McClave, New London, O.; Frank Saumenig, Springfield, O.; A. F. Cooper, Homer City, Pa.; H. W. Mowry, Oaklawn, R. I.; S. W. Bicare, Charleston, S. C.; Eber Bladgett, Charleston, S. C.; D. M. Owens, Athens, Tenn. A goodly number of representative poultry men. The lot know almost as much as Mr. Felch. I am proud of the list. From what Mr. Felch has written one who did not know the fact might believe that deep, dark, and damnable conspiracies against the fancy were concocted by the gentlemen named and others who come on later, and to accomplish villainies and dynamite plots other bloody, desperate men were called in to assist and to bury the dead. Here is a list of the new members who participated in the gunpowder plot: S. A. Nofitzger, North Manchester, Ind.; J. L. Todd, Atlantic, Iowa; C. A. Emry, Carthage, Mo.; J. W. Wale, Sedalia, Mo.; Allen F. Herbert, Iona, Mich.; F. H. Shellabarger, Letts, Iowa; G. F. Gast, Prospect, Ohio; Dr. M. F. Lee, Columbus, Ohio; James A. McIntosh, Columbus, Ohio; Theo. G. Scheid, Bluffton, Ohio; J. F. Knox, Buffalo, N. Y.; C. E. Howell, Elmira, N. Y.; James E. Hazzard, Elmira, N. Y.; B. E. Rogers, Lake Bluff, Ill.; C. E. Rockenstyre, Albany, N. Y.; John H. Duke, Troy, N. Y.; Ira C. Keller, Prospect, Ohio; M. L. Andrews, Sedalia, Mo.; H. V. Crawford, Montclair, N. J.; F. J. Marshall, Middleton, Ohio; D. Lincoln Orr, Orr's Mills, N. Y.; Charles H. Rhodes, North Topeka, Kan.; Wm. P. Wheeler, Geneva, N. Y.; A. E. Blunck, Johnstown, N. Y.; Elmer P. Bowditch, Seattle, Wash.; James Qurolla, Kearney, Mo.; E. A. Haslet, Atchison, Kan.; John A. Rundell, Lamar, Mo.; Louis Mollenbaur, Quincy, Ill.; Albert Leman, Lincoln, Neb. Mr. Felch, who seems so sensitive of a want of courtesy in others, is himself so remarkably courteous as to characterize those who participated in the proceedings of the A. P. A. at Chicago as "a gang," and he expressed in his *Stock-Keeper* article the kindly and courteous hope that the A. P. A. will meet at Kansas City, so it will be run by "the same gang." I really suppose the only way to escape "the gang" is for the A. P. A. to meet in Mr. F.'s parlor at Natick and he solitary and alone hold the meeting. But to the end that the fanciers of America can know and spot "the gang" I have given the name and residence of each who at Chicago comprised "the gang." These names are not entirely unknown to the fancy, and if they be a "gang" I am willing to be classed with them, but, then, Felch is so courteous.

Public Opinion.

ALWAYS ON TIME.

I like the FANCIER very much: Always something to interest a person in it and another very important thing, it is always on time.

WM. RUTHERFORD.

Oct. 20th, 1894, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Practical Pointers.

BY GEORGE E. HOWELL.

[Address all Communications for this department "Practical Department," AMERICAN FANCIER, Johnstown, N. Y.]

From the columns of the British *Feathered World* I take the entries of the different breeds that are popular in America at the Dairy shows since 1891:

	1891.	1892.	1893.	1894.
Brahma	105	83	69	87
Langshan	117	105	72	87
Cochin	101	64	64	72
Minorca	89	83	69	97
Hamburg	66	71	109	74
Plymouth Rock. ..	81	97	71	73
Wyandotte	103	121	117	131
Leghorn	119	116	136	167

Of the breeds mentioned here, the Leghorn and Wyandotte show the most consistent gains. Of the breeds not mentioned, because of the comparatively few acquainted with them, the Dorking comes the nearest to holding its own with the big entry of 1891. The best gain of any class was made by the Orpington, which came within two of doubling the number shown in 1891 in the year 1894.

It is impossible to get a similar table on this side, but were such possible I think it would show a steady increase in nearly every breed. *Re* the same subject I quote: "Leghorns, Wyandottes, and Bantams were the best classes. The special for the best bird in the show was accorded to a very good Golden Wyandotte cockerel, one of the best we have yet met this season, a good White Leghorn cock following him up very closely." This is clipped from an editorial in the *British Fancier* apropos of a sweepstake special offered at a leading show, and bears out the comparison made above. Still lower down in the editorials I see one stating that the Plymouth Rocks were about the best class shown at another exhibition. Verily, we must look out on this side. With such out and outers as the Wyandotte and Plymouth Rock carrying off first honors against all comers, our English brethren will be wanting to adopt them.

John Glasgow, whose weekly letters in the *British Fancier* are read with considerable interest on this side of the water as well as the other, has just purchased a pair of extra good White Wyandotte chicks to exhibit in English shows. This will surely open a market for many White Wyandottes for export. Mr. Glasgow is becoming a regular medium of reciprocity between this and the mother country. His views are positively refreshing when compared with some of our writers on this side.

From the reference made to the Orpington, it would seem they are gaining ground on the other side. I also note Mr. Cook has originated a Buff Orpington. This variety may suit our English cousins, but here they don't go. See!

There are a few breeders who still stand by the Black Spanish. If we just lay aside all our favorites, pets, etc., and give all their due, few will be found that can shell out more eggs. Here is what one subscriber says about them: "I don't think they can be beaten for eggs; if they can, it will have to be a breed that lays two a day."

Dear Brethren:—In computing your little tables of advertising, always remember when you include THE AMERICAN FANCIER in your lists that we publish 13 numbers to your other fellows' three. We are not finding any fault at this seeming oversight on your part, only refreshing your memory in the early stage of the game.

Some one requested a remedy for sore head. Being unfamiliar with the disease, I could give him no remedy. From the *Southern Fancier* I clip the following for the benefit of my southern readers: "Whether sorehead is a disease, the symptoms of a disease or the result of a disease, what its causes are or the true nature of the trouble, is an unsolved

problem. One thing is certain, nothing is more destructive to poultry of all kinds. Various remedies have been suggested as sure cures. A remedy that proves efficacious in one instance signally fails in another. We have tried all the remedies that we have seen published and all that we ever heard of, and the most satisfactory that we ever tried is the following: Take one part of good fat lightwood tar and two parts of lard, mix well and anoint the afflicted parts as often as may be necessary until a cure is effected.—J. H. M."

On the same subject a correspondent of the *Poultry Keeper* writes: "I hatched as nice a lot of chicks this summer as I ever saw. The most of them were Brown Leghorns, some few Cochins, and also Plymouth Rocks. They were growing nicely until they got from a pound to two pounds in weight, when I noticed that they were taking sore head. I began to administer things that I supposed were good for the disease. I used sweet oil and coal oil, lard and calomel, neats foot oil and sulphur, and several other compounds. I think the lard and calomel was the most effectual. I lost over three hundred and fifty before I succeeded in checking the disease. I think the best medicine for sore heads in the world is never to let your birds out in rainy, damp weather, and if there are weeds or grass in your run keep the chicks up until the dew is all off. I experimented with a half-dozen in that way, and they were cured just as soon or sooner than the others that had the grease, etc., applied to their heads. For the benefit of amateurs who have no experience, I will tell how sore head looks when it is in its first stages (though a few birds may look different). You will notice in young chicks a little spot on the eyelid or on the bill. It swells very rapidly until it sometimes grows as large as a grain of corn. It closes up their eye or prevents their closing their mouths sometimes. In the more mature fowls it looks a little different. Their faces and sides of their heads break out in little sores. In a day or so their eyes will be entirely closed in some cases, generally scabbed over, so that you could not tell that they ever had an eye if you did not know it. Sometimes their eye is filled with a matter similar to a slimy saliva, entirely white. Some people who don't know what they are talking about say that it is roup, but it is not, although they sometimes discharge a little at the nose, and, as is the case with roup, it is a little offensive. If you will examine their mouths you will most always find (on their tongue generally) a little white blister, looking sore. I don't consider that there is any certain cure for sore headed chickens. It don't pay to fool with them much after they get bad off unless they are extra fine birds. To give salts one day and sulphur the next, until killed or cured, might be of a little benefit to them, if you refrain from using it in damp weather, and keep them up in the morning as aforesaid. The chopping block is the best thing if one or two have it. Take them, cut off their heads and burn their bodies, as the disease is as contagious as smallpox."

A subscriber in Northampton, Mass., asks for the cause and a treatment for canker. Richard Woods, in his valuable work entitled "A Practical Guide to Successful Pigeon Culture," says canker (and scrofulous deposits generally) are traceable to an impure and overheated state of the blood, and my experience teaches me that a thorough cleansing of the bowels is the only rational treatment to adopt in cases of this kind.

The remedy again is Epsom salts, accompanied by a temporary "lowering" diet, but in this case the dose should be doubled for the first four or five days, after which it should be reduced to the original quantity, with which the bird should be daily dosed for another four or five days; then the quantity may be again reduced one-half. This should be given until the cure is effected. Let me here note it is not so much the quantity of medicine used as the proportions in which it is given and the length of time it is administered. On no account should any cankerous deposits be removed until the above treatment has had time to allay the inflammatory state of the blood.

When this has been accomplished it will be found that the deposits will be more readily removed, and without the danger of any further complications.

It is a notable fact that no matter how conversant the average agriculturist may be with the different breeds of farm animals his education in the poultry line has been and is woefully neglected. The agricultural publications are directly responsible for this. Some have the assistance of a self-imposed apostle whose ignorance equals and knowledge of hen culture seldom exceeds those whom he wishes to teach. When these great and shining lights hold forth on the merits of Buff Light Brahmas and Rose Combed American Silver Plymouth Rocks, it is time for all well disposed farmers to run and hide.

In the way of cuts, matters are still worse. The hideous examples of out-of-date poultry portraiture is something awful to behold.

The poultry fancy draws its trade in a measure from the marketman, the farmer, and the home flock of the villager. Occasionally a fancier is developed from the ranks.

What a great ally the poultry business would have in the intelligent and interested editors of agricultural journals. The efforts of the average editor at the present time is doing the fancy harm and their readers no good, for they are misinforming the latter and misrepresenting the fancy.

Not a little importance is now attached to the stripe in the center of the feathers adjoining the neck and saddle of a Brown Leghorn male. The best cockerels in this respect I have seen in Johnstown, belong to "Jim" Windsor, an amateur, who deserves his good fortune, for he started on the right path by procuring a good breeding male to head his breeding pen. I am a strong believer in like begetting like, and trust very little to luck. Johnstown is especially favored with good stock of nearly every variety, in both large fowls and Bantams, and it will not be long before we will be able to have a hen show at any time.

Can it be true that we are drifting very near a fork in the stream of poultrydom? Some infer the fancier must take one course and breed for feathers only, must never test the laying qualities of the birds he keeps and must never say his breeds would make good fowls for the farmer.

The poulturer's boat will go down the other current, and he must keep hens, just hens, ring, streaked and speckled. He must value them by the eggs they lay, and the pounds of meat they have on their carcass. Feathers and points must never enter into his vocabulary.

I say no; I am just as good a fancier if my best hen from a fancy standpoint is my best layer, the heaviest hen I have of the breed.

Am I less a fancier because in selecting my breeders I keep the most symmetrical birds I have, that is, the best shaped birds of the breeds they represent? That is what I consider symmetry to be, and why should it not be a standard section? Why should typical shape be discarded from the scale of points? Am I less a fancier because I bring in a practical point in selecting my stock? Could not the farmer do away with the long legged, lantern jawed monstrosities, as unfit for his use without injuring the fancy?

There is no one more capable of putting an attractive dozen eggs or a lot of chickens on the market than a fancier, and I do not see wherein you can separate the two branches.

It has been decided by the managers of the Orange County fair, that the poultry exhibit hereafter will be a local affair. This will take away a strong incentive to showing a good string, and destroy the competitive interest which has always been very strong among the county breeders.

The poultry department has been one of the strongest at the fair for years, and I hope the new move will not cause the local breeders to lose any interest in the

department. Now that outside breeders cannot be depended upon to bring them in, I suggest each breeder in Orange county add as many breeds to his string as he can manage; keep up the interest and fill the show yourselves; there are enough breeders, all you want is the breeds. Gather them in, boys.

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It is to be regretted that some plan could not have been formulated by the directors, whereby outside competition could have been admitted, and an entry fee on each bird charged.

But the powers that be are omnipotent, and if they say no, it will be no. This I have already learned in two lessons. In the first, the boys wanted one judge, the superintendent another. The superintendent won, and that year some of the classes went home without being judged. Such are the ways of a county fair.

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"I have found that should a hen moult early, she will lay early, with every reason to believe she can be kept at it through the winter. I also noticed a hen that raised a brood of chicks would moult earlier than the one that did not, consequently will lay earlier in the fall. It will be well to bear this in mind when reducing the flock. A hen the second and third year of her existence will lay just as many eggs as a pullet, and will lay more regularly and a larger egg."

I have seen the last sentence of the above paragraph, taken from notes in the early fall, footed about the poultry world by different members of the profession, until I am led to believe it to be an exceptionally brilliant remark; that is, for me. The latest to shy a castor in this direction is Mr. Hunter of *Farm-Poultry*.

The success Mr. Hunter has had with his pullets as fall layers is something marvellous, and few would care to run up against him with either hens or pullets in a fall egg laying contest. Speaking for myself, I will admit that I am a Leghorn breeder and a fancier, but will have to differ with him as to the kind of a fancier, and also am not the Elmira Howell as his article seems to infer. I might add, I should like to be as good a Leghorn breeder as Chet Howell, but it wasn't the Leghorn at all that I had in mind when I first wrote upon the subject. Besides being a fancier of fine fowls, I was also a fancier of fresh eggs for market. During the months of October, November and December to get a steady supply of eggs is a task that fills the soul of the modern poultryman with anguish, for such a trade, a pullet under nine months of age will not do. To my mind, for reasons stated above, namely, the eggs are too small and irregular, and pullets are too inconsistent layers; you never know when they will or when they won't. Then too, pullets of the smaller breeds that grow up and begin laying in August and September, or earlier, will invariably moult before snow flies. Now where does the profit come in? A Leghorn pullet lays three dozen of eggs that our customers will not receive, and then moults. The Brahma pullet does not lay at all. I am free to admit, pullets of the American breeds, if hatched early and fed with the same care Mr. Hunter would accord to them, make a very snug little craft to anchor by when eggs are wanted, but I still support my first claim, that "an early moulted hen is the best for the purpose." She has had a rest while changing her feathers, is not worth but eight or ten cents a pound, will commence laying almost immediately eggs that are bringing 40 cents a dozen, and making your next season's contract with the consignee secure for another year. Later, after the pullets without forcing, have reached maturity and ready to lay a uniform egg, steady and regularly, you can dispense with the old hen at 12 and 14 cents a pound, and she has laid eggs enough to twice cover her market value if sold in September.

After a practical experience with this class of poultry raising for years, I appreciated the fact that the forcing necessary to get fall eggs, if you depended on pullets, was too heavy a strain on their undeveloped organs, and impaired their future usefulness as layers. I learned to select the earliest moulted of the hens and forced them when at their best and in the fullness of their matured vigor.

A subscriber asks: What causes my young stock to get colds in the head when they roost in a house at night? I answer: The change from a hot, close house to the fresh air of the morning when first turned out, or else a draught from the door or window. The method of Jim Seeley, superintendent of Levi P. Morton's poultry ranch at Ellerslie, is to cover the doors and windows with muslin, thus admitting all the air possible and excluding any possibility of a draught.

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At this season, when the youngsters are all doing their best to outgrow each other, they need separate accommodations from the old fowls and also from each other as regards the two sexes. Where the room is to be had, a small temporary house is very convenient; make the roof water tight, place a swing door along the lower half of the front, to be raised half way up during the day; cover the upper half with wire netting, and as the nights become colder put muslin over this; place the perches on a level with the bottom of the wire window and raise the house up high enough to allow the birds to run under at will. You will be surprised how many spare cockerels can find shelter in a house of this kind, and if made 4 feet by 8 feet in dimensions it can easily be moved on a sled from one place to another. A flock of early pullets isolated in one of these houses will develop wonderfully fast. The features of these houses are: Your chicks are absolutely protected from all prowling vermin, which, with me, is one of the greatest terrors. Only a few weeks ago I received word that a mink had made his way through a decayed portion of the floor, and twenty-four early hatched Brown Leghorn pullets are now gone to the land where minks and hawks are unknown and wheat and corn is not needed. Another strong point is that you get plenty of fresh air, and each bird has a wide, roomy perch to rest on. In the south the wire netting can run on all four sides.

An Apology and Correction.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

Let me through your columns apologize to Miss A. C. Croad for my saying that I ever received Langshan eggs from her yards direct. The fact is, the eggs I had reference to came from the yards of Mrs. R. W. Sargent, and from the fact that she was known as the agent of Miss Croad and as keeping pure Croad stock, I made the mistake in writing, and should never have noticed the error only from the fact of noticing in your paper that the lady whose name I had mentioned in my former article was "looking me up," and when THE AMERICAN FANCIER gave her address, then for the first time I noticed my blunder, and I hasten to beg pardon. Further, let me say in mentioning the incident *re* the white chicks, I had no intention of harming anybody, and am *certain* the birds that produced the white chicks were pure Langshans, and not only that, but were *very fine* specimens. In fact, the cockerel raised from the eggs Mrs. S. sent me was *the best* male of the breed I ever owned, and the hen called "Black Bess" that laid the purple egg was a show bird of no average merit. The same birds were bred together the following season, and no "sports" were hatched, and I never hatched one since. Although I do not keep or breed Langshans, still I think them one of the grandest breeds we have and *the best* of the larger varieties as regards hardness and as layers. Will further say that the white chicks were true Langshan in shape, size, etc. They were two cockerels and one pullet. One cockerel died when about one-third grown in the late fall, when nearly full grown the pullet was stepped on by a horse and killed, and the other cockerel I gave a farmer to cross on his common hens. I had never heard of White Langshans at the time, and so did not value them highly, and only mentioned this circumstance, among others, as being one of the many unexpected or queer things that can, and does, occasionally happen in breeding live stock.

"ZIM."

Make It This.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

We doff our hats to the debut of the Maryland Poultry Club, and wish it long life and prosperity in its noble undertaking, from the fact that it meets a long felt want among the poultry and pigeon fanciers of the state of Maryland and the District of Columbia.

It is an evident fact that the poultry industry is a growing institution in our midst, and the signs of the times point to a thorough organization of those interested, that the best results may be had in its welfare.

The exhibition of fowls that takes place annually at the fair held at Hagerstown, Frederick and Rockville, demonstrates this fact and clearly shows the interest that is manifested in the welfare and development of the feathered tribes.

I had occasion recently to visit numerous farms in Frederick and Washington counties, and was more than gratified at the fine display of poultry which I saw. Here, there and everywhere, the idea seems rampant for stock that will be a source of profit, as well as pleasure, to the Maryland farmer. The average farmer is no longer satisfied with the old dung hill fowl, and has awakened to the fact that it costs no more to raise the thoroughbred, while the profits are greater. The cultivation of this idea throughout the state will afford a rich harvest for the new association.

There is no better way to further this thought than by organization and annual shows. Without organization it is every man's business in general and no man's business in particular. This sort of thing is against progressive work in any field, more especially in the poultry arena, where the diffusion of ideas and true fraternity may be exemplified with greater force and power than in any other calling. The poultry and pigeon fancier is a queer individual; he knows what he is doing, but is always over-anxious about his neighbor's welfare, lest the neighbor is doing so much better.

For success then, we must look to a permanent head, and that head must be a live, energetic organization, like the one just instituted; its membership to be composed of all lovers of poultry and pigeons from the various sections of the state.

As residents of the District of Columbia we look with keen interest on this undertaking, and desire to urge upon the fraternity of our Mother State, the advisability of framing their laws for the admission of the residents of the national capital. The suggestion of THE AMERICAN FANCIER is a wise and a just one, for the divers reasons that may be offered to warrant such an affiliation.

All good people know, or should know, that geographically considered, the District of Columbia is a part of the state of Maryland. Aside from the fact of its imaginary boundary of ten miles square, and being the seat of the government, it might readily be taken as Washington, Maryland, U. S. A.

Washingtonians have always looked on the people of Maryland as kins folks, and from time immemorial have exchanged greetings of friendship over the tissue paper boundary. In the national capital we have some earnest workers for the "cause of feathers," who no doubt would be pleased of the opportunity of affiliating with the members of the Maryland Poultry Club. As a section our area is limited and our fields of operation small, yet as an adjunct may prove of invaluable service to all concerned.

Washington is one of the most beautiful cities of the world, and as a drawing card for shows and conventions its claims are undisputed. The many attractions of the capital city prove a strong incentive for visitors, and records show that it is the visitors' delight and the tourists' hobby. As an alternating place with Baltimore for show purposes, no greater combination could be formed. It is bound to win every time it is played.

Then, brethren of Maryland, why not erase this dotted line of separation and admit our people to membership in "The Maryland and District of Columbia Poultry and Pigeon Association?" Your field would be larger and advantages greater than your first inclination. When the A. P. A. meets here in 1895, they will come as the guests of this as-

sociation; the cocks will crow louder, the hens cackle longer, and new blood and stamina will be infused in the ranks of the poultrymen south of Mason and Dixon's line. To the honor and glory of the feathered race these things will come to pass. Make it the Maryland and District of Columbia Association.

GEORGE E. HOWARD,
Washington, D. C.

The Seymour, Conn., Show.

The Seymour Poultry Association will hold their first annual show the 25th, 26th and 27th of December, one that we expect will be outdone only by New Haven, but will try and have the largest in the state. The hall is a very large and roomy one and well lighted and the poultry fanciers of the association ask the hearty co-operation of all the fanciers in the good old nutmeg state to make this a rousing show. The last year has brought a great many into the industry and it will be a good place to exhibit and make ready sale of fowls, so we ask your support. The association also wants the fanciers throughout the state to bear in mind and send for their premium list. The officers are very busy making out their plans and the prospects are good. They have so far many special prizes offered them. The Monitor incubator will be on exhibition and will hatch chicks at the show by artificial heat. There will also be a great many other attractions which will make this show an interesting one for the lovers of poultry. Seymour is situated in the Naugatuck valley about 10 miles from Waterbury and 10 miles from New Haven on the Naugatuck division of the consolidated railroad. Within a radius of six miles we have a population of 40,000, so we can assure you of a good place to exhibit and a success. Wm. M. Hughes of Newport, R. I., will be the judge.

G. J. FABER, Sec'y.

Nov. 5, 1894.

Seymour, Conn.

Superintendent Orr Speaks.

Noticing the letters of Mr. Glasgow and Mr. Howell, I would like to say a few words regarding our last county fair. I wrote Mr. Glasgow after reading his letter, thanking him for his report, stating I was very well satisfied with it.

We had a very large show, by actual count, 4600 birds, and quite a few were not fit to show. As farmers drove in with pigs and fruit, they would drop at our department, poultry that was only fit for the pot. There is a great "cry" around here about barring outsiders. If they do that, I will have nothing to do with the show, as then the proportion of culls will be of a larger per cent. Usually fanciers from a distance will not send disqualified birds to a show unless it is an oversight. What glory is there in it for me or any other fancier to win over farmer Jones or Smith? I asked the society early last June to charge so much per pen and pair, but they would not listen to such a proposal. They now have their eyes open, and next year we will have a regular poultry show if they will only come up to the times, otherwise they will drop back to their old time show of about 900 birds.

The list of awards sent to THE FANCIER was in some cases wrong, and I see that on the Games it has caused Mr. Howell to be led astray. Anybody wanting a corrected list can get one by sending to D. A. Morrison, secretary, Newburgh, N. Y. The mistakes are my fault not THE AMERICAN FANCIER. I was an exhibitor myself, and suppose I live in a glass house, but am free to confess by far the greater per cent of "culls" was shown by Orange county breeders. I have in my mind now, one entry of about 25 Light Brahma chicks, all sent in one coop. I don't think one of them would stand inspection. That is the kind of birds we would have if we made it a strictly county fair. I say open it to the world on good show principles. The greatest kicking that I have heard has come right from Orange county. We should feel happy in putting up such a show and happier still to think that we got our share of the premiums. Mr. Glasgow I consider a thorough fancier and am highly pleased that I have met and become acquainted with him.

D. LINCOLN ORR.

The Sultans.

The Sultans were brought into England from Constantinople by Miss Watts in 1854, and recognized from the beginning as unique pets. They are well known throughout the Ottoman possessions, and what is strange, have at one time been regarded as sacred birds by the followers of Mohammed. They were originally named Mézzuin, and this arose probably from the generally accredited transportation of the prophet to the seventh heaven, where he saw an angel in the form of a cock, his feet standing on the first heaven and his creast reaching to the second, five hundred days' journey as men travel. When the Almighty sang His morning hymn, this angel cock always crowed so loud that he was heard throughout the whole universe of heaven. Of course, the reader can accept as much of this tradition as his credulity will bear.

One might doubt, in this age, that people were so foolish as to believe the Sultan a venerated bird, if it were not proved by the still visible carved picture of the bird on one of the columns of the Mosque Amr, Cairo, with outspread wings and holding between his claws a papyrus scroll, on which is written some Arabic characters.

The Sultan breed is below our medium sized fowls, not even as large as the Polish. The cock has a large flowing crest, shaped like a half globe and without a seam or line in the center to show the parting of the feathers to either side. The comb is crescent shaped, the horns pointing upwards, the base of the comb rises from an urn-shaped secondary which projects out on the nostrils. The nostrils are broad and cavernous; the ear lobes, though hidden, are small and white; wattles small and wrinkled, owing to a heavy beard. The neck hackle and saddle feathers are full and flowing; body short; wings long and drooping; legs, short and heavily feathered; vulture hooked in degree to merit "winged," and Dorking-like, they possess a fifth toe. The tail is large, upright and well sickled, carried well back like a Japanese Bantam. The plumage is pure white.

Our standard favors an invisible comb or with two small spikes. The pure Sultan has a comb such as we have described, and is the form most popular among English fanciers. Some eight or ten years ago the Polish and Sultan were crossed to aid each in special points, and the angular comb, with the small spikes of the Polish for a while supplanted the crescent-shaped comb, but after a while the original form, somewhat modified, ruled again.

The crest of the hen is compact and globular; beak, short and white in color, or rather fleshy white, with large cavernous nostrils; comb, two small spikes, shaped like those of the cock, but much smaller; beard, thick and curving well around the throat and meeting the crest; neck feathers, full; back, short; breast and body, deep; wings, large and carried low; tail, large, erect and well expanded and somewhat shaped like a Japanese Bantam hen; legs, short and well feathered; hocks, fully vulturized; toes, five in number, and the plumage pure white throughout.

There is a kind of grotesque beauty about the Sultan fowl which seems to please those who like rare pets. They are not so good to lay as the Polish, nor is their flesh so tender. Doubtless the heavy leg feathering and huge vulture hocks have much to do with the production and quality of both. They are non-sitters, though once in a while one shows maternal propensities. There is much of the Bantam style and pomposity about them, particularly the hen, with her drooping and long pointed wings, erect and well fanned tail, her carriage and fussy ways. They are docile and real pets like the Polish. They are kept more for ornament than for real usefulness, and in this sphere of life their oddity is much in their favor.—[From Wild Cat Poultry Farm Catalogue.

Cocou de Malines.

As this variety of fowl appears to be likely to find favor with the English poultry fancier, the majority of whom appear to be totally unacquainted with it, I offer a few remarks on same, hoping they will be of service to those who think of taking up the breed. This breed of fowl has been made and produced in Belgium and around the town of Malines, where the small farmers and peasants raise table poultry for the Brussels market, the one and only aim of the breeders being, apparently, to have a good, large fine-fleshed fowl fit for the table at a very early age. The race de Malines consists of two varieties, the Cocou and the White, but the Cocou is the most in favor, being considered somewhat hardier, and the color being more preferable than the White. With regard to the origin it is not quite safe to make an assertion on the subject; but certainly it is not the outcome of a scientific or premeditated cross or series of crosses, as in the Wyandotte, Orpington, etc., but has rather grown upon the Belgium peasantry in the same manner as has the Lincolnshire buff upon the small farmers and breeders in South Lincolnshire, by the occasional addition of birds possessing the qualities sought for by the breeder and demanded by the consumer. However, the breed is now well fixed, and I am informed by the best breeders in Belgium that it is the outcome of the addition of single-combed Brahma and Cochins to the "Campine," a species of fowl very much like a large single-combed Hamburg, quite indigenous to Campine district of Belgium, hence its name, and without doubt the finest laying fowl in the world. As the name implies, the Cocou de Malines is a Cuckoo-colored fowl, raised in Malines, and very much resembles our Plymouth Rocks, but the legs are flesh-colored and slightly feathered, as in our Langshan, and the comb single and upright in both sexes. They mature very early, and have a decided penchant to take on flesh at any age and under any treatment. They lay fairly well in autumn and winter, and produce a richly colored egg of a fair size, and are excellent sitters and mothers. The principal points of perfection are: Plumage regularly marked, each individual feather being marked from end to end. Comb, face and wattles of a bright red and of medium size, comb single, evenly serrated and carried well back. Ear lobes fair size, red, but occasionally marked with white. Beak strong, flesh-colored, marked with dark grey. The neck is short in comparison to the size of the bird, well furnished with hackle, which should not exhibit a yellow sheen. The tail is short and carried semi-horizontally, the feathers short, and the coverts very numerous, forming a cushion of considerable size. The breast is large and deep, and the general contour of the bird would give even a novice a fair impression of the bird's table qualities. The principal defaults are lack of size and volume, Brahma or triple comb, yellow legs, plumage spotted with red or shaded yellow (except at the end of the summer), excessively clear or dark, irregularly barred; squirrel-tailed or too low carried, bad conformation of back, bow legs, drooping wings, etc.

The following is the scale of points drawn up by Mons. Paul Monsen, President of the Belgian Poultry Breeders' Society, to whom I am indebted for much of my information of the Cocou de Malines and the Campines.

Size, apparent weight, and volume	25
Breadth and depth of breast	10
Shape and contour	10
Condition	10
Plumage	20
Length and color (legs and feet)	5
Head, comb, eye, wattles and lobes	10
Neck and hackle	5
Tail (carriage, length and form)	5
Points	100

The chickens are very strong and precocious, and are usually ready for market at the age of twelve weeks, and are then known in the poulterers' trade as the Poule de Bruxelles, and are much sought after by the caterers of that city.—Geo. Blades in *Poultry*, England.

Poultry at Raleigh, N. C.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER.

The poultry and pet stock exhibit at Raleigh, N. C., Oct. 23 to 26, was the largest and best exhibit ever held in the State, some 1,700 birds (actual count) competing—in fact, so many birds that the managers had to secure some 200 Spratts Patent coops extra to accommodate the large number of birds rushed in at the last moment. The show was superintended by Bro. W. S. Barnes, of Raleigh, N. C., and he succeeded in receiving the hearty good will and wishes of every exhibitor by his close attention to his duty and businesslike manner in seeing that every exhibit and exhibitor was well taken care of. Among the fanciers present were: F. E. Hege, Salem, N. C.; H. M. Thomas, Camden, Del.; W. A. Smith, Whitney Point, N. Y.; W. M. Carroll, Lynchburg, Va.; T. Farrar Rackham; A. D. Green, Laurenceville, N. J.; R. S. Petty, Pittsboro, N. C.; L. W. Jordan, Seneca, S. C.; Daniel Allen, W. S. Barnes, C. S. Ryan, J. C. Barker, Miss Mary Hinton, Raleigh, N. C.; W. D. Harrill, Ellenboro, N. C., and many others. The show was judged by the Decimal Score Card. Below are the awards:

BARRED P. ROCKS.—Cock, 1st, Hege; 2d, Thomas; 3d, Smith. Hen, 1st, 2d, 3d, Smith. Cockerel, 1st, 2d, 3d, Hege. Pullet, 1st, Smith; 2d, Thomas; 3d, Hege.
WHITE P. ROCKS.—Cock, 1st, Thomas; 2d, Smith. Hen, 1st, Thomas; 2d, 3d, Smith. Cockerel, 1st, Hege; 2d, Smith; 3d, Barker. Pullet, 1st, Hege; 2d, Smith.
PEA COMB B. P. ROCKS.—All to Smith.
S. WYANDOTTES.—Cock, 1st, Hege; 2d, Smith. Hen, 2d, Smith. Cockerel, 1st, Thomas; 2d, Smith. Pullet, 1st, Hege; 2d, Smith.
G. WYANDOTTES.—All to Smith.
W. WYANDOTTES.—Cock, 1st, Hen, 1st, Smith. Cockerel, 1st, Hege. Pullet, 1st, Smith.
BLACK WYANDOTTES.—All to Smith.
BUFF WYANDOTTES.—Cock, 1st, hen, 1st, Smith.

BLACK JAVAS.—All to Smith.
WHITE JAVAS.—All to Smith.
MOTTLED JAVAS.—All to Smith.
AMERICAN DOMINIQUE.—All to Harrel, Red Caps.—All to Smith.
SHERWOODS.—All to Smith.
LIGHT BRAHMAS.—Cock, 1st, Thomas; 2d, G. B. Poultry Yards. Hen, 1st, Hege; 2d, Thomas; 3d, G. B. Poultry Yards. Cockerel, 1st, Hege; 2d, Thomas; 3d, Hege. Pullet, 1st, Thomas; 2d, G. B. Poultry Yards; 3d, Hege.

DARK BRAHMAS.—Cock, 1st, Thomas. Hen, 1st, Thomas; 2d, Hege. Cockerel, 1st, Thomas; 2d, Hege. Pullet, 1st, Thomas; 2d, Hege.

BLACK COCHINS.—Cock, 1st, Thomas; 2d, Smith. Hen, 1st, Thomas; 2d, Smith. Cockerel, 1st, Thomas. Pullet, 1st, Thomas; 2d, Smith.

WHITE COCHINS.—Cock, 1st, Thomas; 2d, Smith. Hen, 1st, Thomas; 2d, Smith. Cockerel, 1st, Thomas; 2d, Smith. Pullet, 1st, Thomas; 2d, Smith.

BUFF COCHINS.—Cock, 1st, 2d, Hege; 3d, Thomas. Hen, 1st, Thomas; 2d, 3d, Hege. Pullet, Thomas; 2d, 3d, Hege. Cockerel, 1st, Thomas; 2d, Hege; 3d, Petty.

PARTRIDGE COCHINS.—Cock, 1st, Smith. Hen, 1st, Thomas; 2d, Smith; 3d, W. N. Carroll. Cockerel, 1st, Smith; 2d, G. B. Poultry Yards. Pullet, 1st, J. C. Barker; 2d, W. M. Carroll; 3d, Smith.

BLACK LANGSHANS.—Cock, 1st, Thomas. Hen, 1st, Thomas; 2d, 3d, Smith. Cockerel, 1st, Hege; 2d, Harnee; 3d, Hege. Pullet, 1st, Hege; 2d, Harnee; 3d, Hege.

WHITE LANGSHANS.—All to Smith.
BLUE LANGSHANS.—All to Smith.

R. C. W. LEGHORNS.—All to Smith.
R. C. BROWN LEGHORNS.—All to Harris.

R. C. BUFF LEGHORNS.—All to Hege.
S. C. BUFF LEGHORNS.—Cock, 1st, Smith. Hen, 1st, Smith. Cockerel, 1st, L. W. Jordan. Pullet, 1st, 2d, 3d, Jordan.

BLACK LEGHORNS.—Cock, 1st, hen, 1st, Thomas. Cockerel, 1st, pullet, 1st, Smith.

WHITE LEGHORNS.—Cock, 1st, Hege; 2d, Harris; 3d, Smith. Hen, 1st, Hege; 2d, 3d, Smith. Cockerel, 1st, G. B. Poultry Yards; 2d, R. E. Harris; 3d, Miss Mary Hinton. Pullet, 1st, G. B. Poultry Yards; 2d, Miss Hinton; 3d, W. S. Barnes.

S. C. BROWN LEGHORNS.—Cock, 1st, Smith; 2d, Harris. Hen, 1st, Smith; 2d, Daniel Allen; 3d, Smith. Cockerel, 1st, Petty; 2d, 3d, Hege. Pullet, 1st, Petty; 2d, 3d, Hege.

DOMINIQUE LEGHORNS.—All to Smith.
BLACK MINORCAS.—Cock, 1st, hen, 1st, Thomas. Cockerel, 1st, Ryan; 2d, Hege; 3d, Smith. Pullet, 1st, Hege; 2d, Harrell; 3d, Ryan.

WHITE MINORCAS.—All to Smith.
BUFF LACED POLISH.—Cock, 1st, Thomas; 2d, Smith. Hen, 1st, Thomas; 2d, Smith. Cockerel, 1st, pullet, 1st, Smith.

S. B. POLISH.—Cock, 1st, Thomas; 2d, Carroll. Hen, 1st, 2d, Thomas.

PLAIN GOLDEN POLISH.—Cock, 1st, Thomas; 2d, Smith. Hen, 1st, Thomas; 2d, Smith. Cockerel, 1st, 2d, Smith. Pullet, 1st, 2d, Smith.

BEARDED GOLDEN POLISH.—Cock, 1st, Thomas. Hen, 1st, Thomas; 2d, Smith. Cockerel, 1st, pullet, 1st, 2d, Smith.

W. C. B. POLISH.—Cock, 1st, Thomas; 2d, Hege. Hen, 1st, Thomas. Cockerel, 1st, pullet, 1st, Hege.

W. B. POLISH.—Cock, 1st, Thomas; 2d, Smith. Hen, 1st, Smith; 2d, Thomas.

W. C. P. POLISH.—Cock, 1st, Thomas; 2d, Smith. Hen, 1st, Thomas; 2d, Smith.

WHITE HAMBURGS.—All to Smith.
G. P. HAMBURGS.—Cock, 1st, Thomas; 2d, Smith. Hen, 1st, Smith; 2d, Thomas. Cockerel, 1st, pullet, 1st, Smith.

BLACK HAMBURGS.—Cock, 1st, Smith; 2d, Thomas. Hen, 1st, Thomas; 2d, Smith. Cockerel, 1st, pullet, 1st, 2d, Smith.

SILVER PENCILED HAMBURGS.—Cock, 1st, Thomas; 2d, Smith. Hen, 1st, Thomas; 2d, Smith. Cockerel, 1st, pullet, 1st, Smith.

S. S. HAMBURGS.—Cock, 1st, Harrell; 2d, Thomas. Hen, 1st, Thomas; 2d, Hege; 2d, Harrell. Cockerel, 1st, Smith. Pullet, 1st, Smith; 2d, Hege.

G. S. HAMBURGS.—Cock, 1st, 2d, Smith. Hen, 1st, Thomas; 2d, Smith. Cockerel, 1st, pullet, 1st, Smith; 2d, Smith.

WHITE DORKINGS.—Cock, 1st, Thomas; 2d, Smith. Hen, 1st, Thomas; 2d, Smith. Cockerel, 1st, Thomas; 2d, Smith. Pullet, 1st, 2d, Smith.

SILVER GREY DORKINGS.—All to Smith.
COLORED DORKINGS.—All to Smith.

SILKIES.—All to Smith.
W. F. B. SPANISH.—Cock, 1st, Smith. Hen, 1st, Smith. Cockerel, 1st, Thomas; 2d, Smith. Pullet, 1st, Smith; 2d, Thomas.

JERSEY BLUES.—All to Smith.
SILVER CAMPINES.—All to Smith.

NAKED NECKS.—All to Smith.
SICILIANS.—All to Smith.

CREVE COEURS.—Cock, 1st, 2d, hen, 1st, 2d, Smith. Cockerel, 1st, pullet, 1st, Thomas.

FRIZZLES.—Cock, 1st, Thomas; 2d, Smith. Hen, 1st, Thomas; 2d, Mrs. Green. Cockerel, 1st, pullet, 1st, Mrs. Green; pullet, 2d, Thomas; 3d, Green.

BLUE ANDALUSIANS.—Cock, 1st, Smith; 2d, Thomas. Hen, 1st, Green; 2d, Smith; 3d, Thomas. Cockerel, 1st, Mrs. Green; 2d, Smith. Pullet, 1st, 2d, 3d, Green.

R. C. ERMINETTES.—All to Smith.
BLACK SUMATRAS.—All to Smith.

BLACK RUSSIANS.—All to Smith.
HOUDANS.—Cock, 1st, 2d, hen, 1st, Thomas; 2d, 3d, Hege. Cockerel, 1st, Hege; 2d, Thomas; 3d, Smith. Pullet, 1st, Thomas; 2d, Hege; 3d, Smith.

INDIAN GAMES.—Cock, 1st, 2d, 3d, hen, 1st, 2d, Hege; hen, 3d, Smith. Cockerel, 1st, Hege; 2d, Ryan; 3d, Hege. Pullet, 1st, 2d, 3d, Hege.

B. B. R. GAMES.—All to Smith.
B. B. R. MALAY GAMES.—All to Smith.

BANTAMS.—Black B. R. Game.—Cock, 1st, hen, 1st, Smith. Cockerel, 1st, pullet, 1st, Hege. White Game.—All to Smith. Red Pile Game.—All to Smith. White Pile Game.—All to Smith.

White Polish.—Cockerel, 1st, Smith. Golden Sebright.—All to Smith. Black Tailed Japanese.—All to Smith. Silver Duckwing.—All to Smith.

White R. C.—All to Smith. Black R. C.—All to Smith. Booted White.—All to Smith. Silver Sebright.—Cockerel, 1st, pullet, 1st, Smith.

Black Pekin.—All to Smith. White Pekin.—All to Smith. Buff Cochins.—Cockerel, 1st, Hege; 2d, Carroll; 3d, Hege. Pullet, 1st, Hege; 2d, Carroll; 3d, Hege.

GUINEAS.—White—Pair, 1st, Harris; 2d, 3d, Smith. Lavender Pearl—Pair, 1st, 2d, Smith.

PEA FOWLS.—Pair, 1st, Harris; 2d, Smith.
TURKEYS.—Bronze—Pair, 1st, R. E. Harris; 2d, Smith. Black—Pair, 1st, Smith. White—Pair, 1st, 2d, Harris. Wild—Pair, 1st, Smith.

GESE.—White China—Pair, 1st, 2d, Harris. African—Pair, 1st, Harris. Toulouse—Pair, 1st, 2d, G. W. Vanderbilt. Embden—Pair, 1st, W. A. Smith.

DUCKS.—Colored Muscovy—Pair, 1st, Barker; 2d, Smith. White Muscovy—Pair, 1st, Smith. Pekin—Pair, 1st, Smith. Rouen—Pair, 1st, Smith. White Crested—Pair, 1st, Smith.

HEAVIEST CHICK IN SHOW.—Light Brahma, 12 lbs., H. M. Thomas.

HIGHEST SCORING BIRD IN SHOW.—White Plymouth Rock, 95½, Hege.

PET STOCK.—Dogs—St. Bernard, 1st, Hege. Pug, 1st, Hege. Pointer, 1st, Hege. Mastiff, 1st, Kendrick. Rabbits—Angora, 1st, Hege; 2d, Smith. Lop Ear, 1st, 2d, Hege. Maltese, 1st, Hege. English, 1st, Hege; 2d, Smith. Himalayan, 1st, 2d, Hege. Hares—German, 1st, 2d, Hege. Guinea Pigs—1st, Hege; 2d, Smith.

Rats—White, pair, 1st, Hege. Spotted, pair, 1st, Hege. Mice—White, pair, 1st, Hege. Spotted, pair, 1st, Hege.

S. T. L.

Rochester Poultry and Pigeon Association.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

There was a meeting of the Rochester Poultry and Pigeon Association at Powers block on Thursday, November 1st, with a large attendance of members, when it was determined to drop the Pit Game from the premium list. After general business was transacted, a discussion on the different breeds of fowls was gone into. It appears by the way the boys are talking they are coming out in great force with their stock next January, and it looks as if the exhibition will be a great deal larger this January than last. The premium list will be ready about December 1st, and if you do not receive one please write to W. J. Harrison, secretary, 15 Dewey place, Rochester, N. Y., and please make your entries as soon as you can after receiving a premium list. Entries will close January 1st, 1895, and on no pretense whatever will an entry be received after that date. There are about one hundred special premiums offered, amongst which are a silver cup from S. Sisco on best pen of White Rock chicks. Mrs. W. P. Wheeler offers ten dollars in gold on best breeding pen of Buff Leghorns. Eke & Gainsey offer five dollars in gold on the best B. P. R. cockerel; so get your stock in shape and come to Rochester next January. We will try and use you well and send you all home happy.

W. J. HARRISON, Sec'y.
Rochester, N. Y., Nov. 5, 1894.

Rules for Fattening Fowls.

Recently I have been favored with a statement from one of our most successful poultry fatteners, as to the rules which guide him, and the methods he adopts to secure success. The following is a summary of his observations:

1. In fattening fowls the actual quantity of food supplied goes only a little way in the production of flesh, as compared with the conditions under which the birds are kept.

2. There is considerable difference in the readiness with which fowls fatten, even of the same variety. In selecting for this purpose, a large framed bird should be chosen, and one that has well grown.

3. The birds thus selected should be placed in a large run (outside), and for the first three or four weeks fed on no more than one meal a day; then gradually increasing the quantity until they have as much as they can eat, when they are finally finished off by cramming, which in itself occupies three weeks. The object of this treatment is to reduce them as much as possible at first, then gradually build up the flesh upon the frame. This method is not suitable for young chickens, which are fed right off, but for large fowls to be killed about Christmas.

4. When cramming commences each bird should be placed in a separate pen, or half a dozen of the same age and sex together, in a quiet, sweet, and, if possible, rather dark room or shed, and for the first few days be fed from a trough, finishing off by the crammer. The food should consist of either fine barley meal, or fine Kentish ground oats, mixed with a little fat, and made with milk into a paste when feeding from the trough, and like very thick cream when used with the crammer. The fat should be small in quantity at first, but may be gradually increased during the process.

5. Before a bird is crammed each meal the crop is felt, and if there remains any food in it from the previous meal, no food is given until the next time of feeding. Observations should be made as to the quantity assimilated, so as to give a fowl each time as near as possible just about as much as it can digest. Should a bird show any signs of sickness during the process it should be placed in an open run for twenty-four hours without food. To aid digestion grit may be kept in a dish before each pen, and boiled nettles mixed with the food twice or thrice a week, as an aid in keeping the blood cool. Young chickens may be fed thrice a day, but for older birds twice a day is much to be preferred.

6. After the birds are killed, to prepare for which they should be kept without food for thirty-six hours, the blood is drained from the body, and the fowls are plucked immediately. The meat is then drawn by the hands forward to the breast, and the legs tied back to keep it in place. The bird, while still warm, is dipped into cold water, and thus becomes stiff, but it is an improvement to wrap the body in linen cloths dipped in milk or water.

The above indicates the methods adopted for producing the best table fowls, and while entailing trouble and care, brings its own reward, for the specimens so produced command good prices. —STEPHEN BEALE in *Country Gentleman*.

The Development of a Chick.

The development of a chick within the egg is one of the most wonderful things in nature. At the end of the fifty-eighth hour of incubation the heart begins to beat, two vesicles are seen, and a few hours later the auricles also appear; on the fourth day the outlines of the wings may be perceived and sometimes of the head also; on the fifth day the liver is visible; on the sixth other internal organs appear; in 190 hours the beak is fully formed; in 200 hours the ribs are clearly developed; in 240 hours the feathers are visible; in 268 hours the eyes appear; in 288 the ribs are completed and the feathers on the breast; in 330 the lungs, stomach, and breast have assumed a natural appearance. On the eighteenth day the first faint piping of the chick is sometimes audible. —*St. Louis Globe-Democrat*.

Symmetry.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

With pleasure I read the editorial extracts and comments on symmetry in your issue of October 13th.

Symmetry throughout the Standard gives eight points to the symmetry section on all breeds, excepting B. B. R. Malays, ducks and geese. On those breeds ten points is given to symmetry.

Symmetry is typical shape, outline of form of each breed. Plymouth Rock symmetry, Cochon symmetry, Leghorn symmetry, Dorking symmetry, ideal outline of form of each breed, and to hold us to this ideal and real shape of the different breeds is the mission of the symmetry section. I want a Cochon a Cochon, a Dorking a Dorking, and a Leghorn a Leghorn, in their true outline of form, for their real beauty, and until the A. P. A. can so record themselves with something more explicit to us than symmetry let us learn to be just in its use.

An illustration: A Barred Plymouth Rock pullet, symmetry eight points, the eight points the outline of form, typical shape of the breed in head, neck, back, breast, body, tail and legs—eight points given to the uniting of these sections into an ideal Plymouth Rock pullet. Cuts on shape—Neck, $\frac{1}{2}$ (too long), breast, $\frac{1}{2}$ (not full), tail, $\frac{1}{2}$ (too small), etc. A specimen meriting not more than $\frac{1}{2}$ point cut on any section making the eight points in symmetry should be cut $\frac{1}{2}$ point only on symmetry, and it is inconsistent and unreasonable to make a harder cut than $\frac{1}{2}$ on symmetry where the different sections making the symmetrical proportions of the breed are not cut more than $2\frac{1}{2}$ points. A specimen cut 1 point on shape of back, 1 point on shape of breast, 1 point on shape of tail, or a specimen where shape receives from 3 to 5 points cut on the different sections, should be cut 1 point on symmetry. Any specimen justifying $1\frac{1}{2}$ points cut on symmetry in outline of form is unfitted for fanciers' use, and should be consigned to the market.

Symmetry, if thoroughly understood and intelligently applied in scoring, has as true a value in the interest of correct shape in each breed as any 8 points in the scale of 100, or perfection.

Its abuse: At the Illinois State Fair it was my misfortune to look over the score card of an ideal B. P. Rock pullet, given to the pullet then and there upon exhibition, and signed by an Illinois judge. Cuts on shape—Breast, $\frac{1}{2}$; tail, $\frac{1}{2}$. The pullet merited them and, in my judgment, no more, but the cut for symmetry on that ideal shaped bird was $1\frac{1}{2}$ points. Such work, brother fanciers, being either ignorantly or intentionally done, is what gives symmetry the claim of detriment to the specimen scored. It is the cutting and slashing on symmetry by those ignorant of the value of the 8 points in the true outline of the typical shape considered that makes the majority of workers against the symmetry section.

A judge that says symmetry (typical shape of the breed to be scored) is a section that cannot be described is a judge unfitted to make cuts for deficiency in ideal shape on the shape sections of the breed. Felch to the contrary notwithstanding, and still we hope and wait for the wisdom of the A. P. A. to give us something better. Brothers, be not asleep on the camp grounds; master the conditions that govern you, be watchful, hopeful, and work to correct and perfect something better to unite us more firmly together through the father of our cause, the A. P. A.; make no fight outside, but content yourselves on symmetry for four years to come.

C. A. EMBRY.

Carthage, Mo.

Birds and Their Eyes.

Birds, as a rule, cannot focus their eyes on an object, save at a considerable distance, and then only with difficulty. The reason for this singular fact is found in the position of the eyes in the head, one being placed on each side and looking directly outward, so that they cannot be brought to bear on one object save, perhaps, at a very long distance and directly in front.

The truth of this statement may readily be demonstrated by anyone who has observed ordinary fowls turning their heads on one side when desirous of more closely examining some object which has attracted their attention. When excited by the presence of a strange object, chickens will often be noticed examining it, first with one eye and then with the other, turning their heads for that purpose, showing that they cannot bring both eyes to bear upon them at once. The only exception to the general rule is found in the case of the owl, whose eyes are placed in front of the head, and are capable of being brought to a focus on an object at a very short distance in front. —*Baltimore News*.

PIGEONS.

Standard Announcement.

For the benefit of our pigeon readers, we have made arrangements whereby we can furnish the Pigeon Standard at 50 cents a copy.

Pigeon Notes.

BY JOHN HOPEWELL.

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Continued from November 3rd.

THE FANTAIL.

Like many others of the pigeon family, the Fantail dates its origin far back to the earliest days of civilization, and is frequently mentioned by ancient writers, showing that it was even in those early times a favorite. It is supposed to have originated in India, where it is still bred and admired. Ships in the East Indian trade have often brought them to our ports, and some that I have seen quite recently were fine specimens of their kind, and readily found purchasers when presented for sale. Old writers sometimes called them broad tailed Shakers, and others again Peacock pigeons, a name readily suggested by the shape of the tail. One writer suggests the name Turkey pigeon, a not inappropriate name, also suggested by the manner of carrying its tail. I formerly knew two varieties, the English and the Scotch, but these two have now been combined, forming a pigeon with all the desirable qualities of both, and much nearer an ideal bird than either of the two old varieties. The standard for Fantails is as follows:

Size.—Medium—that is, neither large and coarse nor too small and fine.

Carriage.—Erect, proud and graceful.

Head.—Small and fine, forehead full, carried well back, and just touching the tail.

Beak.—Straight, medium in length, upper mandible slightly heavier than the lower, which should fit neatly into the upper; upper mandible slightly curved at the tip. In Whites, Yellows, Reds, Duns, and Silvers, flesh colored; in Blacks and Blues, black or dark horn color.

Beak Wattle.—Small, fitting neatly to base of bill.

Eye.—Full and bright and set about in the middle of the head. Color in Whites, Saddlebacks, and Silvers, hazel or buff; in Blues, Blacks, Duns, Reds, Yellows, and Silvers, orange.

Eye Cere.—Small and fine.

Neck.—Long, tapering neatly from body to junction with the head, curved in a graceful, swan-like manner, and continually trembling or moving backwards and forwards, and carried so far back as to rest on the cushion of the tail.

Breast.—Full and round, carried very high up, so as from a front view to completely hide the head.

Back.—Very short.

Body.—Oval in shape, small and close feathered.

Wings.—Quite large, flights long, drooping, and meeting at the tips beneath the tail.

Tail.—Large, round, wide spread, and flat, carried upright, a perfect arch in shape, the outside feathers touching the floor of the pen; composed of from 30 to 36 broad, long feathers, rather thicker arranged at the centre of the tail than the sides.

Cushion.—Large and full, neatly rounded, and well covering the base of the tail.

Legs.—Of medium length and clean, ending in small feet, the bearing of the bird being chiefly on its toes; color, coral red.

Condition.—Healthy and clean.

Color.—Black, Blue, Red, Yellow, Silver, Dun, White, Saddlebacks are varieties in which the wings are colored as in Turbits, all the rest of the body being white; then we have Fans with colored bodies and white tails, also white bodies and colored tails, and a variety known as Silkies, in which all the web of the feather is separated, looking like threads of chenille. A variety known as Frizzles has the feathers all turning towards the head, the fibres of the tail and flight feathers curling and reversed.

Common Defects.—Long, thin head and spindling beak, coarse body, short, thick neck, small tails with narrow feathers, also extremely large tails carried low and carried inwards like a scoop, small cushion and short legs.

Disqualifications.—Tail with less than 24 feathers, foul feathers, lack of carriage, tail carried to one side, bad condition and disease or deformity of any kind.

In addition to this variation in color, we have Fantails with crests which should rise gracefully from the back of the head, forming a point pointing forward and reaching just above the skull. We also have feather legged or booted Fantails, on which the feathers of the leg are short and neatly arranged about the feet and legs. All varieties have their admirers, but the plain legged variety are the favorites generally.

[To be Continued.]

Queries and Answers.

Queries.—As a beginner, I wish you would answer the following questions through THE AMERICAN FANCIER if space permits: 1. Is anything better than good wheat to feed to pigeons regular? 2. If pigeons are not permitted outside of house, what should be kept in pigeons' house so that they can get at it any time they wish? 3. How many pigeons can be kept in a house 12 by 18 and 10 feet high? 4. Do you know of a secondhand (\$8.00, R. Fulton's) pigeon book for sale, cheap and in good condition? 5. Can pigeons be paired successfully if mating coop is in house with the other pigeons? 6. Can anything be kept in pigeons' house to keep rats out? 7. Would a ferret catch and kill pigeons if kept in pigeon house? POUTER.

Denver, Pa.

Answers.—1. There is nothing better than good wheat as food for pigeons, but a variety answers better than to feed one kind all the time. 2. Food, water, grit, saltcat, and occasionally green vegetables. 3. About 25 to 30 pairs. 4. I do not at present know of any. 5. Pigeons will pair even if confined in room with other pigeons, but it is better to keep them secluded when mating. 6. Yes, a well trained cat will keep rats out of a loft. 7. A ferret left in a pigeon loft overnight would make short work with the pigeons. All the above questions have been answered in previous articles on pigeons published in THE AMERICAN FANCIER.

Query.—I have a pigeon which, when I feed it, it seems unable to pick up the feed and can't get down that far. It keeps bobbing its head three or four times before it finally reaches the object it is after. If you will kindly advise me what the trouble is and also a cure, if any, you will oblige, WM. ELDER.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Answer.—This is a form of vertigo in which the sight of the bird becomes affected. It does not see the grain readily, and cannot gauge the distance to the kernel it desires to reach. I attribute it to a disordered state of the digestive apparatus. Give it half a teaspoonful of Rochelle salts every three days, or try two or three pellets of the homeopathic remedy, belladonna, three times a day.

Query.—Kindly let me know a good cure for canker in the mouth. This seems to be my main trouble, and is

quite frequent, taking off many grand youngsters. Is there any sure cure, and also what is good to use as a preventative? Cleanliness, pure water, and good feed could not be improved on.

C. M. S.

Detroit, Mich.

Answer.—In issue of THE AMERICAN FANCIER of July 28th, 1894, this trouble is treated quite at length. Examine your files for that number.

Query.—I have had two Fantail squabs die of what I think is known as canker. Their throat filled up with a solid yellow growth, so that their parents could not feed them, and I finally killed them. What is the cause of this disease? How may it be prevented? Can it be cured in the advanced stages? I was unable to remove the growth without choking the birds. Is it contagious? Do you know of any quick way of artificially feeding squabs about two weeks old? Could they not be pumped full of food the way poultry is sometimes treated? I wish to raise squabs for market. Can you tell me of any fanciers near Boston who have runts for sale?

S. E. W.

Answer.—See our issue of July 28th, 1894, for full instructions on canker. Squabs can be fed artificially by the same process as is recommended for stuffing or cramming fowls and turkeys. Many young birds have been raised by artificial means, but not extensively to my knowledge. A little ingenuity and experiment would suggest no doubt a practical way to accomplish the desired object. Examine our advertising columns or those of our contemporaries for runts for sale.

JOHN HOPEWELL.

Noonday Notes.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

My preceptor in the study of medicine, Dr. Andrews of Honolulu, Sandwich Islands, used to say, that every man ought to have a hobby, something entirely foreign to his business, something to which the mind can turn outside of working hours for rest and refreshment. His hobby was flowers and his greenhouses on Fort street, Detroit, Michigan, where he lived when I was with him, served him grandly as a place of rest and inspiration. One man will have horses, another, billiards or cards, another amateur photography or art work of some other kind, another the cultivation of pets. Cowper, the poet, had a regular menagerie. Show me the man who has no hobby outside of his regular business, and I will show you a narrow minded man, one who bores his friends by always talking shop. Such a man is Dr. H., who for twenty years thought of nothing but his practice, he dreamed of his patients and his ledger, he talked medicine to every chance acquaintance, no night was too stormy nor the distance too long. He was keen in business and was a good collector. At the end of twenty years he had a stroke of apoplexy, and is now, at forty-five, a broken down old man, when he should just be entering his prime. Of all the hobbies, perhaps the cultivation of fancy pigeons is most commendable where one is situated suitably for it. One learns to know his birds intimately and they become more like friends to him than chattels. Of course a true fancier may have to sell his surplus, and may sometimes sell even his best birds, those to whom he has become most attached, but no true fancier will sell his best birds to one who will not appreciate them. One may even part with his own children where he can see that it will be greatly to their advantage. During ten years of my life since reaching manhood, I lived in the metropolis, where it was not possible to surround myself with the pets I craved, but never a day passed that I did not dwell in imagination upon the little place in some thrifty village, that I hoped some day to occupy. This is a free country and one may accomplish almost any reasonable ambition, so I find myself at thirty-five with just about the surroundings I had dreamed of. As I stand in the shell driveway leading to the stable and let fall the grain to the Turbits, which crowd over and between my feet, drinking in the clear, cool air, rendered sparkling by the brilliant October sunshine, I am conscious that "man wants but little here below nor wants that little long," and can

harness my own horse, and drive away into the country feeling content with myself and life in general. The farmers whom I meet with heavy loads of apples on their way to the evaporator, look cold. They wear their winter overcoats and their noses are blue. I don't feel cold and I wear no extra coat either, but my circulation is vigorous and digestion perfect, and my interest in nature keeps my brain active during the long rides that would be tedious if I had nothing but the woes of others to think of. A purple finch flies to the top of a spruce tree in the cemetery and pours out his hasty liquid song and is off. A chipmunk races with the horse, and just as he was about to be beaten, dodged into the stone wall. What is that flying high as a crow but much more swiftly? Surely it is a Homing pigeon. I wonder if it can be the one I let Oscar take to Buffalo yesterday to be released this morning? Yes! Upon my return to the stable just at dusk, I found the Blue Checker in his accustomed place over the window, and pause to get him a handful of buckwheat and a dish of water before I go in to supper. As we sit before the blazing wood fire after supper, Florence says: "Don't you sometimes wish you were back in New York again with the elevated roads and bigger fees?" And I sit looking into the fire and thinking, till finally aware that she is looking at me, I answer, "No."

CHARLES.

The Various Ailments of Pigeons with Hints for their Prevention and Cure.

The maintenance of health amongst his stock is a veritable desideratum with every good pigeon fancier, for if he fails in this, he is handicapped very heavily in the race for the goal of "success."

The ailments of pigeons are varied, often complicated and difficult to cope with, and, when once disease has taken firm root in the birds, the chances of thoroughly eradicating it are very limited. It, therefore, behooves the aspiring fancier to use the utmost endeavors in order to prevent this unwelcome visitor entering his lofts. As a breeder of some standing I would urge him to take fully to heart the old proverb, "Prevention is better than cure." With its utmost force does it apply to him, and should ever be uppermost in his mind. Young beginner in the fancy, write it in large, bold letters in your stud book; give just heed to it, it will materially influence the balance to your favor later on.

Of course, with the most careful in the fancy, ailments will, at times, spring up amongst their stock; but I don't think I am exaggerating when I say that 90 per cent. of the diseases that lurk in some lofts might, with due care and attention, be utterly avoided. Let me, then, give a brief summary of the various matters that should be scrupulously heeded.

The loft or building wherein the birds are kept should be in a good spot, well sheltered from cold north or north-east winds, roomy, well ventilated, still, at the same time, free from draughts. Cleanliness is a most important factor, particularly with regard to the nesting places, food, drinking water, vessels, etc. Supply them with wholesome grain; vary it; let good old grey peas and barley be their staple food. Be sparing with maize, wheat and hempseed. Attend to their digestive organs by furnishing crushed oyster shells, old mortar, etc., also provide a "salt cat," or rock salt. See they are not short of a good bath each day, especially in the warm season.

Thoroughly whitewash the walls, boxes, etc., at least once a year, and, should you at any time observe nits or insects in crevices, etc., put an end to same with some good, pungent insect powder.

If these precautions are faithfully adhered to, the fancier will not be troubled greatly with sickness of his feathered pets.

The most common diseases of pigeons are dry roup, wet roup, canker, feather rot, wing disease, and a troublesome complaint known as "going light."

These six, I think, are all we need and have space to touch on in this short article, and I will take them in their respective order, and give the most simple and best methods for their cure.

First, then, dry roup.

This is a kind of dry and husky cough, caused by excessive cold or damp, particularly when moulting. For this give three or four cloves of garlic once a day.

Wet roup is another similar complaint, but the cough is attended by a discharge from the mouth and nasal organ. It is rather infectious, and the sufferers should consequently be taken away from the others, when three or four peppercorns may be given once in three days, or some good roup pills, which are now in the market. A few sprigs of green rue infused in the drinking water is also an excellent remedy.

Canker is also contagious, and is mostly caught by cocks fighting each other. Rub the part affected daily with burnt alum and honey, or a little carbolated vaseline.

Feather rot is often brought on by a too plentiful supply of hempseed, and other heating foods, and will disappear, in most cases easily, on strict attention being paid to their diet.

Wing disease is often the result of blows by fighting, or other means. It generally takes the form of a large, sore lump near the shoulder. The wing should be gently slung, and painted with tincture of iodine, or some prefer to anoint with carbolated vaseline or pure cold cream. I think iodine is most effective.

"Going light" is a most troublesome disease, and difficult to combat. It is a general decay of the constitution, and may be termed consumption of the bird.

It can only be treated by tonics, such as the tonic pills now sold for pigeons; a little sulphate of iron in water, and the like, to restore lost vitality. It is very seldom they can be saved when once severely attacked by this.

On the more simple ailments, such as "crop bound," "hard moulting," etc., I need not touch, as everyone knows the good old remedy of castor oil for the former, and how, in the second, to assist the shedding of the feathers with the thumb nail.

For nits, vermin, etc., in feathers, use the insect powder can vigorously.

In conclusion, I would again say the great thing is to try and avoid these ailments; but, when they insist upon invasion, let your aim be to "nip them in the bud," and, if you use the remedies carefully I have herein mentioned during the early stages of the diseases, you will find them, though simple, to be very effective.—*Feathered World.*

A Pigeon's Travels.

An interesting story is told in the *Eastern Morning News* of the return of a Homer pigeon belonging to Mr. T. P. Hancock, of Alsager, near Crewe. In the course of a race from Cherbourg the bird alighted on a German vessel, the officer of which was thoughtful enough to send it back to the owner in England. Mr. Hancock received the bird on Friday in good condition, and apparently having been well cared for. It had been placed in a specially made box, with sufficient food and water, and on it being liberated it flew straight to its old loft. Mr. Hancock has received a letter from C. E. Steffan, second officer of the steamship *Campania*, of the Hamburg South American line, upon which vessel the bird alighted, and on which she has had a long voyage. The officer says the pigeon came on their vessel and laid an egg. In San Nicolas, up the river Parana, between Buenos Ayres and Rosario de Santa Fe, where they loaded grain, he got a male pigeon. After leaving Bahia they reared two young ones, and the officer adds:—"The male bird and the two young ones I gave to a person here (Hamburg) who keeps pigeons. He assures me to bring the young birds up. First, I hesitated what I should do—to send you the whole family or not; but I determined to send you your bird in fear the young ones would die on the passage across. I send the bird with a Grimsby boat as parcel, and bring it myself on board the steamer to give it in charge of one of the officers in the expectation to get the poor creature safely back." This act of kindness on the part of the German officer will be of interest to those connected with Homing.—*Feathered World, England.*

The Cincinnati Show.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

From all indications, Cincinnati will have a pigeon show which will be (in the language of the irrepressible Ewald) a pee warmer. Without wishing to throw cold water on any other show, I would say that Cincinnati has a great many points in its favor. In the first place, it is near the center of the Union, and all fanciers have an equal chance, as regards distance, in shipping. I have at least a dozen fancier friends who would not think of sending a bird to New York, or to any other extreme eastern point, yet are willing to show at Cincinnati. I think, from what I hear, that most of the specialty clubs will hold their annual meet at Cincinnati. The Fantail Club have rated to meet there, and we look for a big entry, as several very nice prizes, outside of the catalogue, will be given away. One will be a silver cup for the best Fantail (any color) bred by a member of the club in 1894.

Again, Cincinnati, Louisville, Evansville, and Nashville (all close together) have enough really first-class birds to give a grand show if not another outside bird was sent. This of itself is a big thing. I am positive that these four cities have more good birds than any four in America, no matter what their size, and as the feeling between them is of the most friendly nature, the show is thus an assured success from the start. In a personal letter Ewald tells me that the two great points for which he is striving are, first, ample classification, and second, good judges who know their business and will put the ribbons where they belong without fear or favor. Their date is January 10-16, and I think I can assure any timid fancier who may be backward about trying his luck that his birds will be well cared for, returned promptly and safely, and that the ribbons will be honestly placed. As the western and southern men have been sending their birds east for several years, there is a chance now for the old adage, "Turn about is fair play."

F. M. GILBERT.

Pigeon Flying.

Philadelphia Items.

The third young bird race of the Philadelphia District of the National Federation of American Pigeon Fanciers took place on October 20, the birds being liberated at Orange Court House, the 200 mile station, at exactly 9 A. M. The weather was fair, and while there was very little wind, what little there was assisted the birds in their flight, consequently a very respectable showing was made.

John D. Munro had the first return at 1:24:53 P. M.; average speed 1,307 yards. S. B. Thomas comes next with a speed of about 1,298 yards, and C. Hub was third; speed 1,289 yards. The leading returns to each loft will be found in the following report, which is official:

Name.	Reg. No.	In Loft.	on wing.	Time
H.M.S.				
J. D. Munro	C 634	1:24:53	4:24:53	
J. D. Munro	C 636	1:27:48	4:27:48	
S. B. Thomas	C 549	1:28:12	Cer. Tel.	
S. B. Thomas	C1236	1:28:12	"	
C. Hub	C1215	1:31:15 1/2	4:31:15 1/2	
C. Hub	C1252	1:31:45 1/2	4:31:45 1/2	
D. De Hart	C4292	1:32:35	4:32:35	
D. De Hart	C4311	1:32:45	4:32:45	
J. G. Hunt	C 667	1:31:03	4:31:03	
J. G. Hunt	C 669	1:45:18	4:45:18	
G. Barker	C3924	1:35:03	4:35:03	
G. Barker	C3905	1:35:03	4:35:03	
Geary & Kendall	C1541	1:35:39 1/2	4:35:39 1/2	
Geary & Kendall	C1551	1:38:34 1/2	4:38:34 1/2	
D. S. Rogers	C 966	1:37:27 1/2	4:37:27 1/2	
D. S. Rogers	C1401	1:47:15 1/2	4:47:15 1/2	
P. W. Krause	C2024	1:38:46	4:38:46	
P. W. Krause	C2048	1:38:57	4:38:57	
C. Doerr	C1518	1:38:28	4:38:28	
C. Doerr	C1909	1:42:52	4:42:52	
J. Eberle	C7313	1:42:08	4:42:08	
J. Eberle	C 59	1:42:32	4:42:32	
T. J. Wright	C1086	1:40	Cer. Tel.	
H. W. Beck	C8457	1:52	Cer. Tel.	
M. F. Sullivan	C1427	1:53:08 1/2	4:53:08 1/2	

In compliance with the earnest request of a number of local fanciers, backed up by the endorsement of Race Secretary C. H. Jones, of the National Federation, the *Item* has consented to receive entries and assist in promoting another competitive race of Homing pigeons before the close of the long distance flying season. This race will be a 50 mile affair, and will be flown from Charlestown, a point on the P. W. & B. R. R., on Thanksgiving Day. The birds will all be tossed together at about 9 A. M. of the race day, and the conditions governing the race will be the same as those governing the *Item* 100 mile championship. The entry fee has been fixed at one dollar per bird, and as Mr. Jones and other fanciers predict an entry of over 100 birds, the cash

prizes should be both large and numerous. Entries may be made to either C. H. Jones, 10 South Broad street; A. M. Wood, 4305 Fairmount avenue, or the sporting editor the *Item*, any time prior to the Thursday preceding Thanksgiving Day. This race will be open only to fanciers living within the city limits.

Race Secretary Jones has kindly consented to assume the management of the race, and a fair and square contest is sure to be the result.

The race should prove a popular one with the short distance fanciers, as the distance is not too far for one of the broad shouldered, heavy type to cover at the top notch of speed. It will also suit those whose birds are sent annually to the 300, 400 and 500 mile stations. As the season is now too far advanced for such heavy work, and there is no reason to believe the true Antwerp cannot do just as good a "clip" from a distance of 50 miles as from a point two or three times as far.

As in the 100 mile races, there will be no limit placed on the entry of each contestant. The more the merrier, and the bigger the prizes.

As the race is tried as an experiment, it would give satisfaction and promote interest if those fanciers who intend taking part would do so at once instead of waiting until the last moment at their disposal. There is more fun in a case of this kind than in most of those for National record, and the *Item* hopes to see a big entry and sharp competition for the prizes.

S. Brook Thomas has done good work in the young bird races.

Geary and Kendall have been in the lead or near it in each race.

The rules state that watches should be enclosed in envelopes and sealed in the presence of the owner, immediately after birds are timed home. Watchers and owners should not forget this fact, or disqualifications might result.

Reporting the arrival of Homers by certified telegrams is a necessary evil, but should be avoided whenever possible. It is not an exaggeration to state that the operators do not call up the main office to ascertain a correct standard time once in a score of different cases in which they are called upon to send certified telegrams of the arrival of a bird.

The new Keystone Club will give the Hamilton a run for the leadership next season.

Report has it that H. W. Beck's loft is situated so high that the watchers strain their necks looking up for the arrivals, and of late Herman has been offering them a more exalted point of observation.

The race from the 300-mile station next Saturday will close the young bird series.

Every fancier who participates in the 300-mile race should enter his birds for the *Item* trophy. The same birds have not been winning every time, as contestants have to name which birds are in competition for the trophy prior to the race, there are likely to be a few surprises, and both trophy and bodie may go to outsiders. Every one has a chance.

Mark Smith and a few fanciers over in the neighborhood of Gray's Ferry road have arranged a short distance race from near Peter Kershaw's Globe Hotel at Bonnafon. This race will be flown on Thanksgiving Day.

The Hamilton Homing Club will celebrate the same holiday by a two-mile race from Randor. The entrance fee for this race is \$2 per bird and entries close the first Tuesday in November.

No little excitement was stirred up in local pigeon flying circles yesterday by the announcement that a race, open to any resident in Philadelphia, would be flown from Charlestown, Md., 50 miles, on Thanksgiving Day, to determine who is entitled to the 50 miles championship of the city, and incidentally to settle who shall possess a number of cash prizes that will be put up for competition.

When the 100 miles championship was first inaugurated by the *Item* it was a mooted question whether the long or short distance birds would prove the speediest from the distance, various arguments pro and con being advanced. The results of the 100 miles race have proved the superiority of the long distance Homers from such a distance; but there are many who think the shoe will be on the other foot in a competition from the fifty mile station. In any event the race should be more open and more keenly contested, and with the chances so even, it is expected both the long and short distance fanciers will be well represented in the contest. In order to make good sized cash prizes and several of them, the entrance fee has been fixed at \$1 per bird, each contestant having the privilege of entering as many birds as desired.

Entries may be made any time between now and the Thursday preceding Thanksgiving Day to C. H. Jones, 10 South Broad street; A. M. Wood, 4305 Fairmount avenue, or the sporting editor of the *Item*.

Owing to the fact that a number of the contestants in the 100 mile race had not had the distance from Odenton to their lofts measured at the time of the race, it was impossible to determine the exact average speed and make the awards until the measurements for the leading lofts had been made. Record of the leading birds is appended:

Name.	Distance.	In loft.	Speed. Yds. per min.
M. Sullivan	100.32	11:02:24	1442.40
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G. Connell	97.64	11:00:00	1434.98
L. A. Mehler	102.30	11:05:30	1434.64
G. Connell	97.84	11:00:05	1433.94
F. A. Clark	102.37	11:05:43½	1433.82
W. T. Innes	102.89	11:06:22½	1432.80
W. T. Innes	102.89	11:06:24½	1432.00
F. A. Clark	102.37	11:06:13½	1428.00
E. S. Sanderling	102.34	11:06:13	1426.80
G. Linsenmaur	102.38	11:06:28½	1424.40
W. Thompson	101.41	11:05:28	1422.54

The birds of the other contestants were close up.

M. Sullivan is a clear winner of the first two prizes, George Connell takes the third and L. A. Mehler the fourth, and should no protests be received by Tuesday next, the following prizes will then be awarded: First and second, M. Sullivan, the *Item* 100-mile championship trophy, a set of Long's Pigeon Remedies and \$40; third, Geo. Connell, \$20; fourth, L. A. Mehler, a pair of

youngsters out of Frank Lane's 500-mile stock.

No further challenges for the 100-mile championship trophy will be considered until early next Spring.

Should the weather prove favorable, the young birds of the members of the Philadelphia District of the National Federation will be liberated at Bedford City, Va., this morning, in competition for the *Item* 300-mile trophy and the National record. This is the last of the Federation young bird races, and no further flying events will take place prior to the race for the championship of Philadelphia for fifty miles, which takes place on Thanksgiving Day, and which is open to all residents of Philadelphia.

It has been suggested that a special race for big cash prizes be arranged for next April or May, all contestants to pay \$1 per month from now until date of race for each bird it is desired to enter, the entrance fees to be divided into prizes. Before definitely arranging such a race, it is thought well to see if the suggestion meets with approval from the flying fanciers; consequently, those who would enter such a race, if arranged, are requested to forward their names to the sporting editor of the *Item* at once.

Two Homing pigeons have been lost in the neighborhood of Germantown, marked C2926 and C2930. Any information will be gladly received by Charles H. Jones, 10 South Broad street, Philadelphia.

The birds of the Philadelphia District of the National Federation sent to Bedford City, Va., the 300-mile station, to be liberated on Saturday, October 27th, were held over on account of rain until the next day, when the weather being clear, with light westerly breezes, the birds were tossed at 8:16 A. M.

In Philadelphia the wind was fairly strong from the east and north-east all day, and the result was another Waterloo, not a single bird returning the day of liberation. The birds were in competition for Federation young bird honors, and also for the *Item* 300-mile championship. As no birds returned day of toss, no Federation diplomas will be issued, and the race for the *Item* 300-mile trophy is declared off. The amount received for entrance fees will be returned by Race Secretary Jones.

Owing to the fact that Charlestown is a flag station and close to the river, where there would be a possibility of pigeons being shot by gunners, it has been decided that the race for 50-mile championship shall be flown from north-east, one station this side of Charlestown. As the race does not take place until Thanksgiving Day there will be ample time for everybody to get their birds in trim for the event. The entrance fee has been fixed at one dollar per bird, and entries can be made to A. M. Wood, 4305 Fairmount avenue; C. H. Jones, 10 South Broad street, or the sporting editor of the *Item*. The amount collected in the shape of entrance fees will be divided into cash prizes. The rules of the *Item* 100-mile championship races will govern.

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Good south-west winds can hardly be expected over a full 300-mile course at this season of the year. August is the time for young bird races.

Pet Stock.

The Rabbit at Home.

BY W. N. RICHARDSON.

[Written for THE AMERICAN FANCIER]

Anyone who has visited a rabbit warren in the early morning or at dusk, has heard when his presence became known, a long, distinct rap, at which the older rabbits disappeared into their burrows, while the inexperienced younger ones sat on their haunches staring wonderingly until a second alarm was given, when they hastily sought cover. This rap or thump is made by the rabbit's only weapon of defence, namely, the hind foot being used in forcibly striking the ground. This rap is also a challenge for love or war. A buck will be scouting about the burrows, and on arriving at one he will give a resounding rap, and if no reply, another, until he is attracted elsewhere. If the burrow is occupied, the tenant will respond immediately. If a sleek young doe, the result is interesting and amusing, the pair playing and racing about until she suddenly disappears in the burrow. If a buck appears, the scene is changed, for a knock out ensues; they rush at each other with the ferocity of bulldogs, snapping at each other and by lying on their sides try to disembowel one another, and by jumping over each other try to thump their heads with their hind foot, and if successful, the recipient is as completely knocked out as if struck with a stick. He is not killed, however, only stunned, while the victor proceeds to rap at some other door for fun or fight, as the case may be, until tired or vanquished, he retires to enjoy a nap or nurse his aching head.

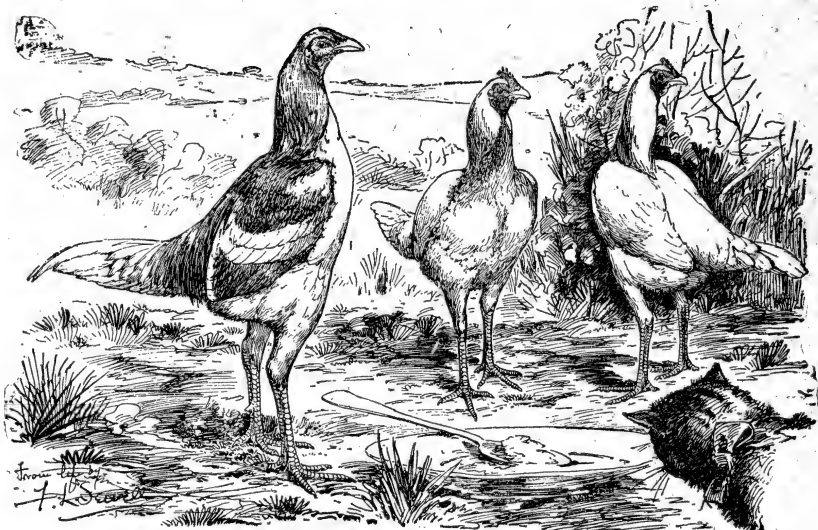
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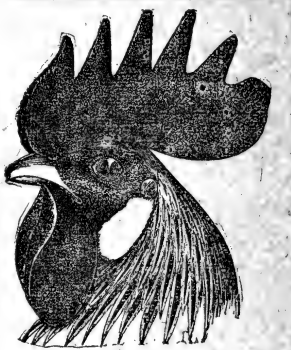
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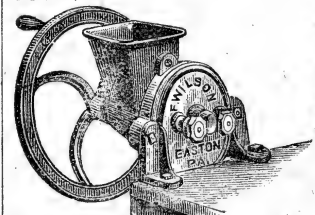
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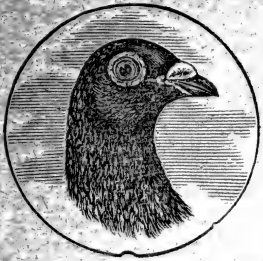
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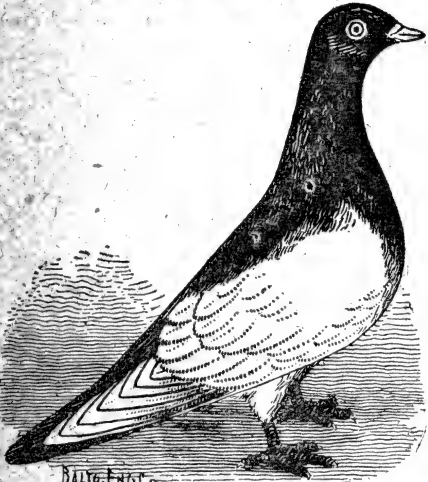
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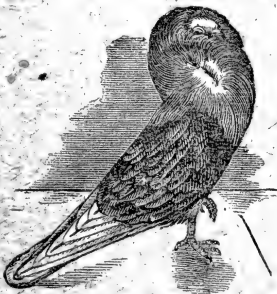
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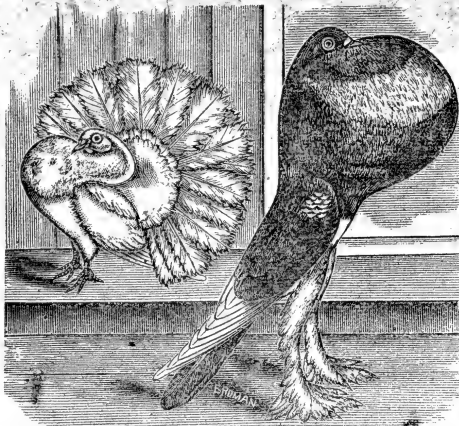
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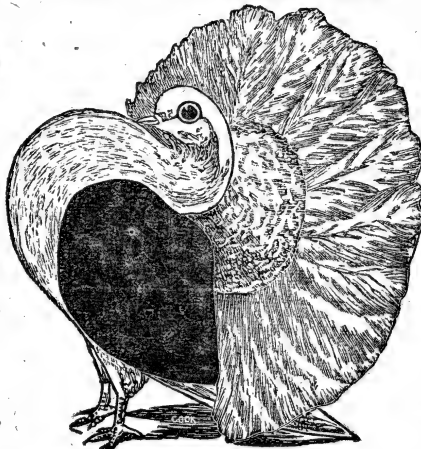
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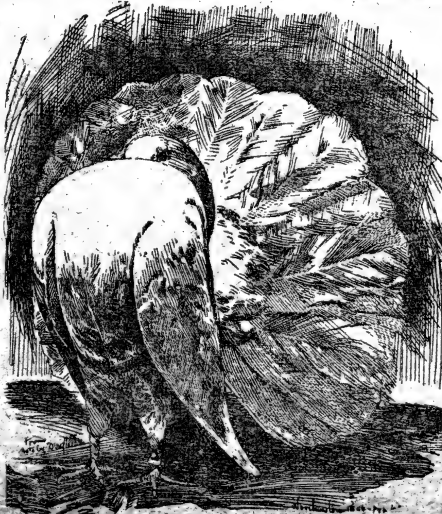
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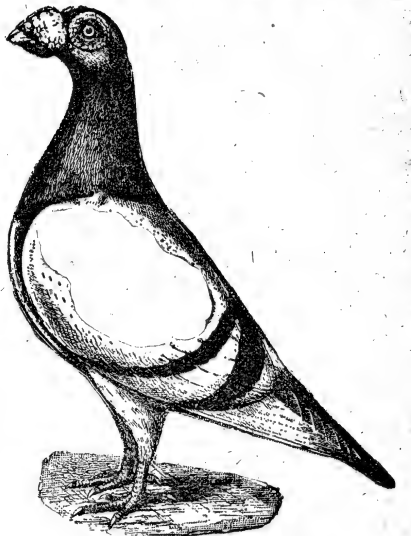


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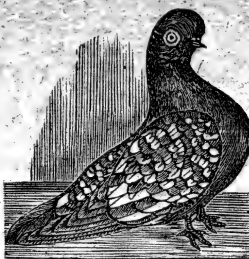
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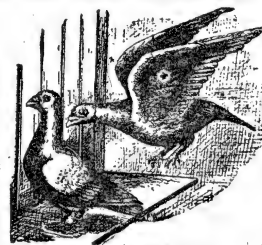
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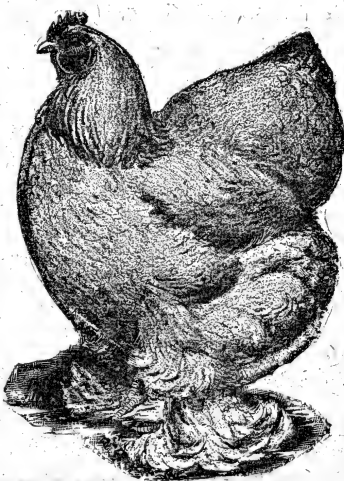
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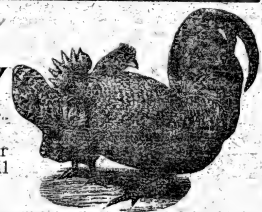
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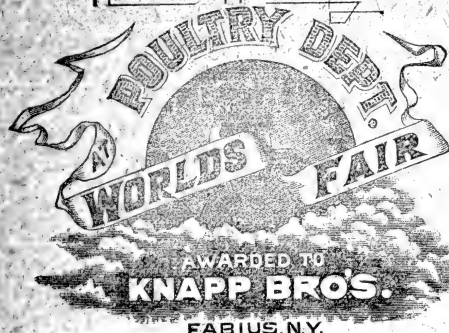
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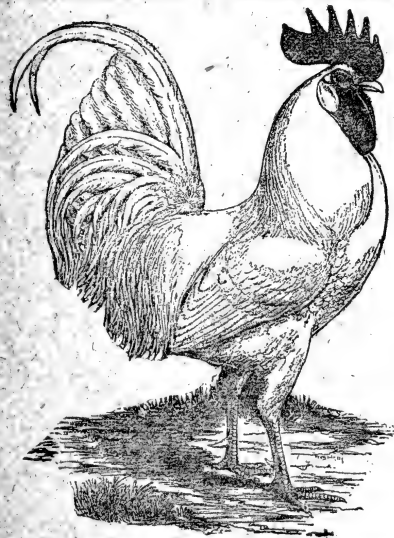
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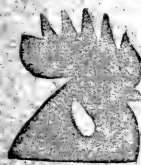
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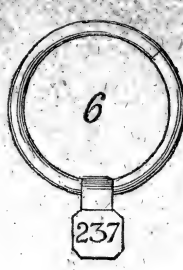
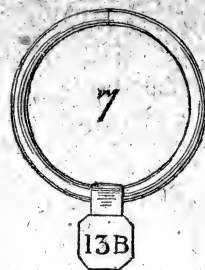
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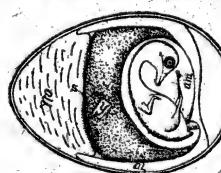
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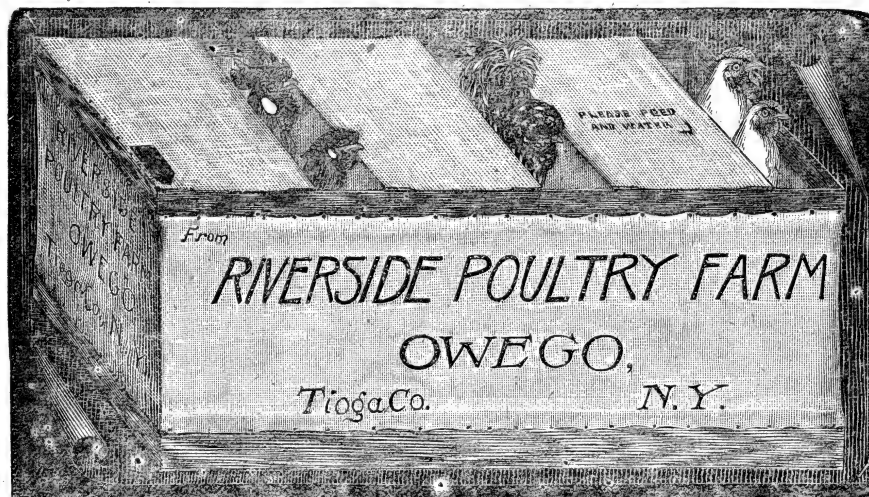
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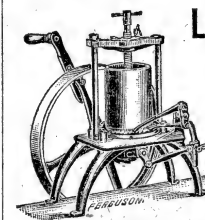
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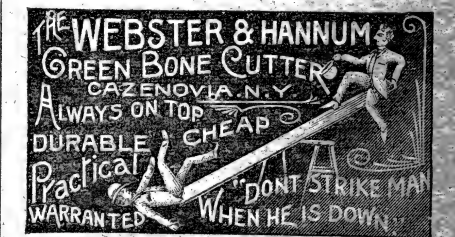


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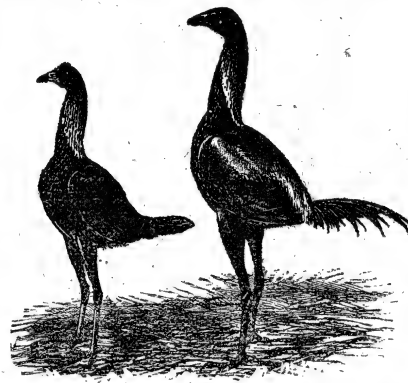
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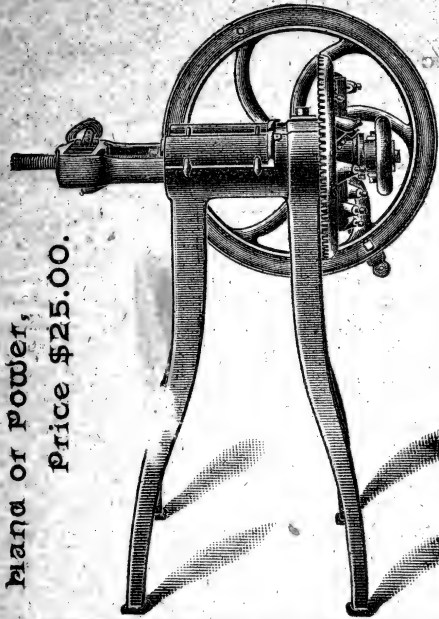
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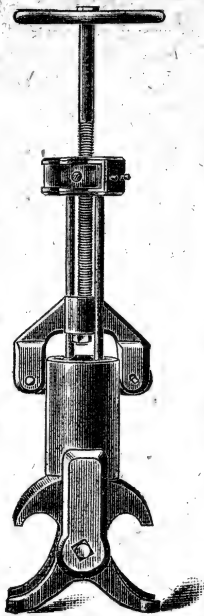
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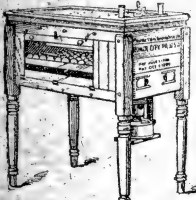
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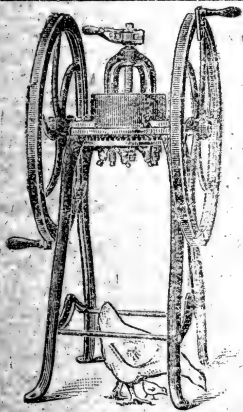
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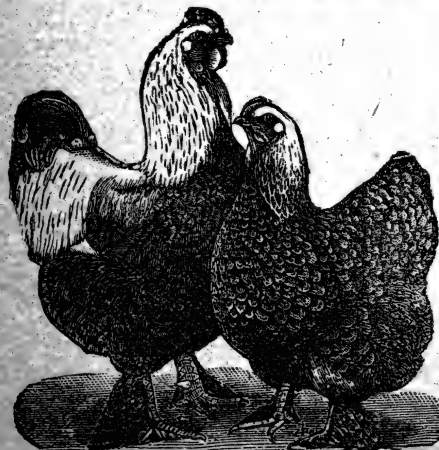
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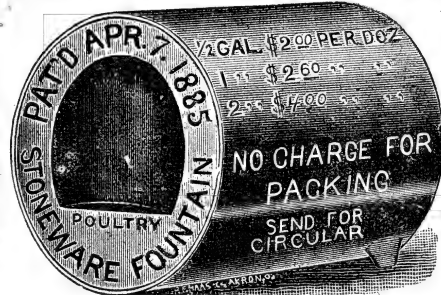
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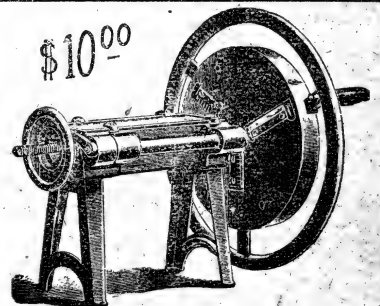
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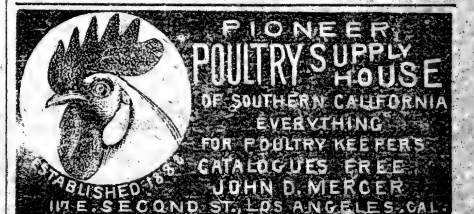
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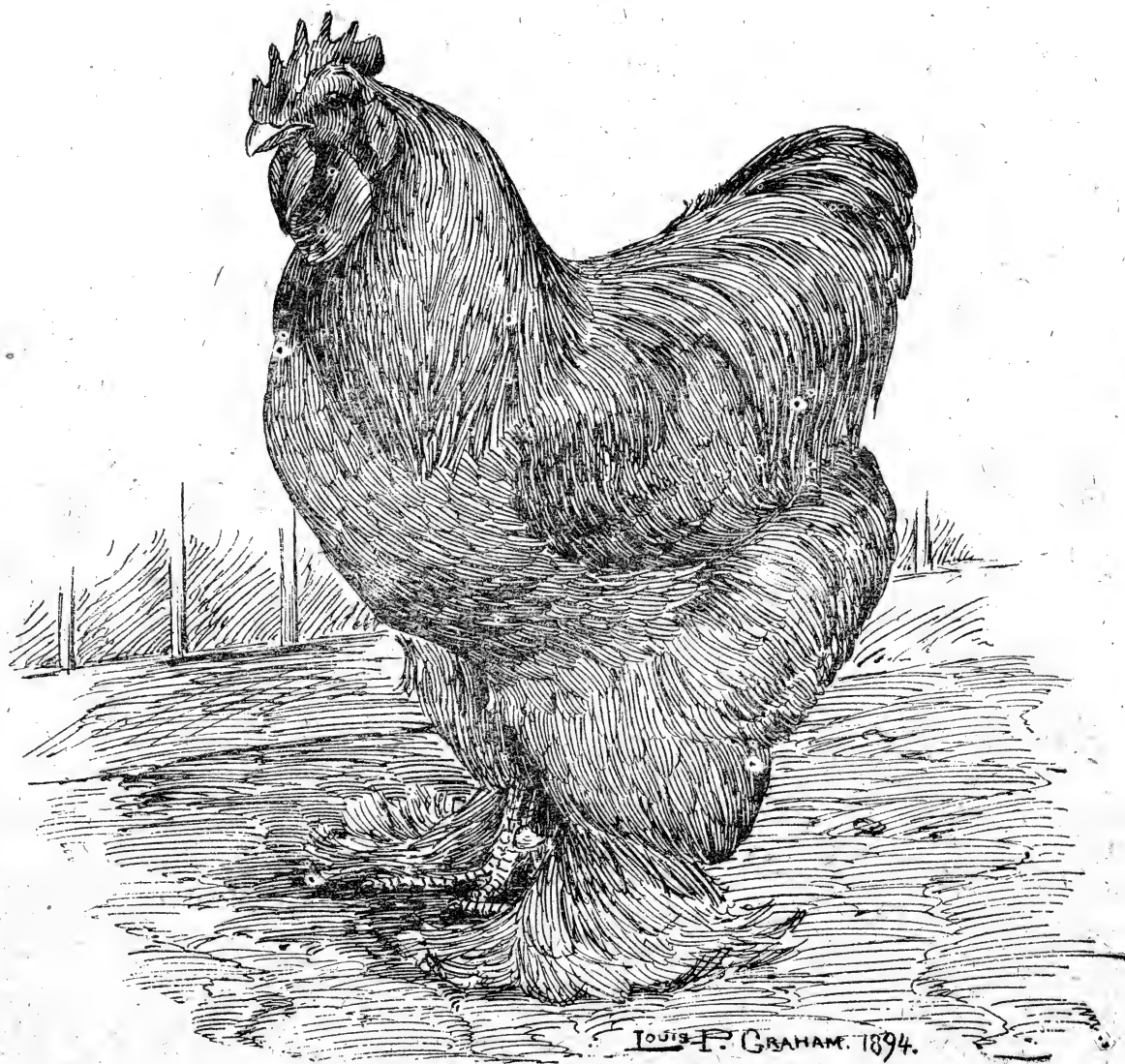
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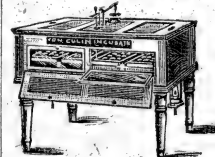
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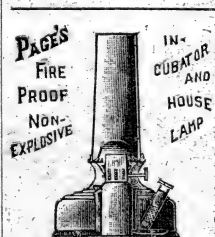
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- Nov. 27-30.—Sumner County Poultry Association, Wellington, Kansas. C. A. Emry, judge. W. D. Whitfield, secretary.
- Nov. 27-Dec. 2.—Eastern Iowa at Davenport, Iowa. F. H. Shellabarger, judge. H. C. Goettsch, secretary.
- Nov. 28-Dec. 3.—Peoria Columbarian Association, Peoria, Ill. John H. Kuhn, pigeon judge; Robert Joos, superintendent; Wm. H. Koch, secretary.
- Dec. 3-5.—Ottawa County Poultry Association. Third annual show at Minneapolis, Kas. F. W. Hitchcock, judge. T. E. Hurley, secretary.
- Dec. 3-7.—Hawkeye Poultry Association, Mount Pleasant, Iowa. W. S. Russell, judge. A. B. Porter, secretary.
- Dec. 3-9.—Pottawattamie Co. Poultry and Pet Stock Association, Council Bluffs, Iowa. J. Y. Bicknell, judge. O. K. Pratt, secretary.
- Dec. 4-7.—Troy Poultry, Pigeon and Pet Stock Club, Troy, N. Y. John H. Duke, secretary.
- Dec. 4-7.—Lyon County Poultry and Pet Stock Show, Emporia, Kan. C. A. Emry, judge. Wm. Hammond, president. W. T. Walters, secretary.
- Dec. 4-7.—Northern Iowa, at Hampton, Iowa. G. D. Holden, judge. F. A. Bailey, secretary.
- Dec. 5-7.—Warren County Poultry and Pigeon Club, Bowling Green, Ky. G. S. Hollingsworth, secretary.
- Dec. 5-12.—Cleveland Poultry and Pet Stock Association, Cleveland, O. B. N. Pierce and Cornelius Murphy, judges. W. S. Rowe, 18 Herschner street, secretary.
- Dec. 10-14.—Missouri State Show. Rolla G. Carroll, Warrensburg, secretary. Judges: C. A. Emry, Theo. Hewes and J. W. Wale.
- Dec. 10-15.—Iowa State Poultry Association, Ottumwa, Iowa. F. H. Shellabarger and J. Y. Bicknell, judges. W. S. Russell, sec'y.
- Dec. 11-14.—Roanoke Valley Poultry Association, Salem, Va. J. H. Drevenstedt, judge. Frank A. Lovelock, sec'y.
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- Dec. 11-14.—Coshocton, Ohio. Quincy Dawson, secretary, Roscoe, Ohio.
- Dec. 12-13.—Norfolk County Poultry Association, Franklin, Mass. W. M. Clough, secretary, Medway, Mass.
- Dec. 12-14.—Boston Pigeon Show Association, Boston, Mass. C. E. Twombly, sec'y.
- Dec. 17-21.—Southern Kansas Show, Winfield, Kan. F. W. Hitchcock, judge. M. L. Wortman, secretary.
- Dec. 17-23.—Southern Kansas Fanciers' Association, Wichita, Kas. B. N. Pierce, judge. H. L. Rochelle, Wichita, Kas., secretary.
- Dec. 18-20.—Guilford Poultry and Pet Stock Association, Guilford, Conn. L. R. Shelley, secretary.
- Dec. 18-21.—Southern Illinois Poultry Association, Albion, Ill. C. A. Emry, judge. S. N. Weaver, secretary.
- Dec. 18-21.—Nemaha Valley Poultry Association, Auburn, Neb. H. J. F. Wert, secretary, Auburn, Neb.
- Dec. 18-21.—Findlay, Ohio. McClave, judge. John A. Meeks, secretary.
- Dec. 18-22.—Buckeye Poultry Association, Dayton, Ohio. I. K. Felch, judge. F. W. Bellman, secretary, Dayton, Ohio.
- Dec. 18-22.—Indiana Fanciers' Association, Roachdale, Ind. F. J. Marshall, judge. C. J. Stutler, cor. sec'y, Roachdale, Ind.
- Dec. 18-26.—Mid-Continental Poultry Association, Kansas City, Mo. J. H. Drevenstedt, Sharpe Butterfield, B. N. Pierce, Theo. Hewes, F. W. Hitchcock, and Theo. Sternberg, judges. Dr. G. W. Davis, president. F. M. Slutz, secretary.
- Dec. 19-24.—North-Western Illinois, at Lanark, Ill. F. H. Shellabarger, judge. F. Irvin Root, secretary.
- Dec. 21-25.—Eastern Middlesex Poultry Association, Malden, Mass. G. K. Holbrook, secretary.
- Dec. 24-29.—New Mexico Poultry Association, Albuquerque, N. M. John C. Snyder, judge. W. S. Lowe, secretary.
- Dec. 25-27.—Seymour Poultry and Pigeon Association, Seymour, Conn. G. J. Faber, sec'y.
- Dec. 25-28.—Ionia, Mich. I. K. Felch, judge. A. F. Herbert, secretary.
- Dec. 25-29.—South-Eastern Nebraska Poultry Association, Beatrice, Neb. C. A. Emry, judge. H. H. Halladay, secretary.
- Dec. 26-Jan. 2.—San Francisco, Cal. A. Armstrong, secretary, Petaluma.
- Dec. 27-Jan. 3.—Erie County Poultry Breeders and Pet Stock Association, Hamburg, N. Y. E. C. Pease, secretary.
- Dec. 31-Jan. 4.—Ontario Poultry Association, Butterfield, Jarvis, Smelt and Johnson, judges. T. A. Brown, sec'y, London, Ont.

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- Jan. 2-5.—Butler and Warren County Poultry and Pigeon Association, Middleton, Ohio. F. H. Shellabarger and C. W. Butties, judges; Henry Hensy, secretary.
- Jan. 3-5.—Hutchinson Poultry Association, Hutchinson, Minn. Geo. D. Holden, judge. Dr. J. F. McArthur, secretary.
- Jan. 7-12.—La Crosse Poultry Association, La Crosse, Wis. F. W. Hitchcock, judge. E. H. Hoffman, secretary.
- Jan. 7-12.—Allentown Poultry and Pigeon Association, Allentown, Pa. John W. Voachim, cor. sec'y.
- Jan. 7-12.—Montreal Poultry Association. J. Y. Bicknell, poultry judge; C. H. Currier, pigeon judge. W. J. Morton, secretary.
- Jan. 8-9.—Highlandville Poultry Association, Dedham, Mass. B. F. White, secretary.
- Jan. 8-11.—Peninsular Poultry, Pigeon and Pet Stock Association, Jackson, Mich. J. H. Drevenstedt, H. A. Bridge, and S. H. Slifer, judges. Frank W. McKenzie, Concord, secretary. E. J. Mason Grant president.
- Jan. 8-11.—Interstate Poultry Association, Falls City, Neb. C. A. Emry, judge. Cyrus Milam, secretary.
- Jan. 8-11.—Roanoke Valley Poultry Association, Roanoke, Va. G. O. Brown, judge. Frank A. Lovelock, secretary.
- Jan. 8-12.—Henry County Poultry Association, Geneseo, Ill. F. J. Marshall and F. H. Shellabarger, judges. W. A. Shelhamer, sec'y.
- Jan. 8-12.—Maryville, Mo. I. K. Felch, judge. Fred. Parcher, secretary.
- Jan. 8-12.—Rochester Poultry and Pigeon Association, Rochester, N. Y. Judges: F. B. Zimmer, C. E. Rockenstyre, G. S. Pratt, George E. Peer and Amos P. Mack. W. J. Harrison, secretary.
- Jan. 8-13.—Tacoma, Washington. H. H. Collier, secretary.
- Jan. 9-11.—New Hampshire Poultry Association, Concord, N. H. J. J. Trenoweth, secretary.
- Jan. 9-12.—North-Western Ohio Poultry and Pet Stock Company, Tiffin, Ohio. T. S. Falkner, secretary.
- Jan. 9-12.—Chattanooga Poultry Association, Chattanooga Tenn. P. M. Reagan, sec'y.
- Jan. 9-12.—West Chester Poultry Association, West Chester, Pa. C. C. Townsend, treasurer, Cheyney, Pa.
- Jan. 9-14.—The New Haven Poultry Association, New Haven, Conn. Ed. A. Todd, sec.
- Jan. 10-14.—Kansas State Show, Topeka Kan. D. A. Wise, secretary, Topeka.
- Jan. 10-16.—Cincinnati Poultry and Pigeon Association. J. H. Drevenstedt and Sharp Butterfield, judges. Geo. Ewald sec'y.
- Jan. 14-19.—Columbus, Ohio. G. F. Gast, secretary, Prospect, Ohio.
- Jan. 15-18.—Binghamton, N. Y., Poultry Association. Nat. E. Luce, secretary, Binghamton, N. Y.
- Jan. 15-18.—Chenango Poultry and Pet Stock Association, Smyrna, N. Y. J. Y. Bicknell, judge. Courtney E. Ferris, secretary.
- Jan. 15-19.—Howard County Poultry and Pet Stock Association, Kokomo, Ind. F. J. Marshall, judge. L. C. Hoss, secretary.
- Jan. 15-20.—Nebraska State Show, Lincoln, Neb. Emry and Hitchcock, judges. A. Lemen, secretary.
- Jan. 15-20.—Colorado Poultry Association, Denver, Colo. I. K. Felch, judge. John Herr, Denver, Colo., secretary.
- Jan. 15-20.—Georgia Poultry and Pet Stock Association, Augusta, Ga. John W. Killingsworth, secretary.
- Jan. 16-18.—St. Johnsburg, Vt. W. B. Eastman, secretary.
- Jan. 16-18.—New England Light Brahma Club, Boston, Mass. G. W. Cromack, secretary, Stoneham.
- Jan. 16-18.—Ansonia Poultry Association, Ansonia, Conn. J. W. Willis, supt.
- Jan. 17-22.—Berks County Poultry and Pigeon Association, Reading, Pa. Judges: Poultry, Halsted and Zimmer; pigeons, Stanton. B. F. Ruth, president; H. M. Shoemaker, secretary.
- Jan. 18-20.—North-Western Poultry and Pet Stock Association, Sioux City, Ia. Theo. Hewes, judge. J. W. McMillen, president. Chas. E. Lozier, secretary.
- Jan. 20-25.—Washington (C. H.), Ohio. W. R. Dalbey, secretary.
- Jan. 21-24.—Central Mass. Poultry Association, Worcester, Mass. W. H. Fitton, secretary.
- Jan. 22-25.—Parsons Fanciers' Association, Parsons, Kansas. C. A. Emry, judge. A. C. Braunsdorf, secretary.
- Jan. 22-25.—Pittston Poultry Breeders' Association, Pittston, Pa. J. Y. Bicknell, judge; W. R. Allen, secretary.
- Jan. 22-26.—Omaha Poultry Fanciers' Association, Neb. I. L. Richards, secretary.
- Jan. 28-31.—Utah Poultry Association, Salt Lake City. Theo. Hewes, judge. J. W. Haslam, secretary. W. W. Browning, president.
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From the Editor's Perch.

Incubation and Its Natural Laws, is
the title of a new book by Chas. A.
Cyphers of Boston, Mass. We have no
hesitation in pronouncing it the most
thorough book on the subject ever writ-
ten. Notwithstanding the fact that it is
full of science and the laws governing
artificial hatching, it is so well written
that any intelligent reader can grasp the
meaning of the author. It is not a book
that will be carelessly read and thrown
down to become dusty with age; on the
contrary, it is a book that will be read
again and again. Many old theories are
exploded and many new ones advanced
with convincing proof of their stability.
We would be pleased to quote at length
from the author's remarks if space per-
mitted, but will refer every reader of THE
AMERICAN FANCIER to the book itself. It
is invaluable and as it costs but 50 cents,
no progressive poultryman can be with-
out a copy.

One of the handsomest catalogues we
have seen in many moons is the one
issued by F. A. Stuart of Marshall,
Michigan. "Stuart's Buffs" are famous
in the great west and justly so, for no
breeder has worked harder to get on the
top perch. Every poultryman send for
Mr. Stuart's catalogue.

The largest premium list issued by any
poultry association is the one just re-
ceived from the Cleveland Poultry and
Pet Stock Association. It is beautifully
gotten up and a credit to the society and
printer. The Cleveland show will be a
great one.

Another exceedingly neat list is the
one sent out by the Peninsular Poultry,
Pigeon and Pet Stock Association. This
society will hold its third annual show at
Jackson, Michigan, and it promises to be
one of the largest and best shows ever
held in the Wolverine state. Frank Mc-
Kenzie, Concord, Michigan, is the secre-
tary.

Here is the way P. H. Jacobs, editor of
the *Poultry-Keeper*, hits the narrow-
minded unjournalistic publishers and
editors of poultry papers who are afraid
to say a good word of their contempor-
aries:

"If we were disposed to fear other
journals we would not succeed at all.
We prefer competition. There are a
hundred readers of poultry papers where
there were twenty of them ten years ago.
An old paper that is afraid of a new one,
or is envious or jealous, and attacks it,
simply shows its weakness, and will have
the heaviest end of the log to lift."

Right you are. When we feel it neces-
sary to withhold our praise of a con-
temporary because of its greater success
than our own darling, we will quit the
newspaper business. We are all brother
journalists and not literary cutthroats.

The *American Cultivator* says:

"Experiments at the stations indicate
that fowl fed upon corn and cornmeal,
wheat and barley usually lay a larger
egg than do those fed upon bran and oats,
and the yolk is larger, therefore it is
richer and more nutritious. This is what
might be expected from the nature of the
food, but unless some care is taken the
hens may get too fat upon such food, and
there will be a less number of eggs than
on the poorer food. Alternating these
feeds with bran and meal mash in the
morning, to which a little meat is added,
oats and wheat at noon and corn at night,
comes nearer a 'well-balanced ration'
than any other we know."

There is so much truth in such a concise
form in the above paragraph that we
advise inexperienced feeders of poultry to
paste it in their hats. Pages can be
written on the laws of feeding and the
value of grain, yet they cannot convey
more clearly the principles that govern
successful feeding for eggs than the little
"par" we reprint.

Without rich food you cannot expect
rich products in the shape of eggs or
milk. That everyone who has had ex-
perience in producing and selling milk,
knows. Quality is as essential as quan-
tity if good prices and a fancy trade are
expected. Those who decry corn as a
food for laying hens lose sight of the
quality factor in the product. A fresh
egg like fresh milk can be of very poor
quality. We have learned that from bitter
experience in past years when compelled
to buy both articles to supply a demand
we could not fill from our own dairy and
poultry yards. That is why we are
opposed to the mere forcing for quantity
of milk and eggs regardless of the quality.
While it is true that the average trade
cares little for an egg except that it be
fresh, it is equally true that the trade
that pays more than average prices for
eggs looks upon quality as the prime
factor.

We are indebted to the Berkshire
Poultry and Pet Stock Association for a
complimentary ticket of admission to a
lecture on poultry to be delivered in
Sedgwick Hall Annex, Lenox, Mass.,
November 14th. We are pleased to note
the more frequent occasions on which
poultry topics are discussed for the benefit
of the practical breeders and amateurs.

A certain old gentleman who in past
decades was a power in the fancy, whose
every word was eagerly caught by the
willing ear of the new born fancier is still
imbued with the idea that what was his
meat in the dim past must be his mutton
in the bright future. Many another good
man has made the same grievous error
of judgment. The wheels of progress are
in motion; electricity and steam have
supplanted engine motive power, yet
there are still men among men who travel
on in the old rut believing that all others
are "but travelers like themselves." The
latest indication of a return to ancient
methods garbed in modern dress, is the
attempt of I. K. Felch to introduce the
"Utility Game" to the fancy. This
unique fowl is neither a Pit Game nor an
Exhibition Game. It is a market fowl in
the garb of a standard bred Game. The
latter evolved from the old English Game
and stands to-day among the highest and
most thoroughly bred fowls on earth.
The Pit Game is bred for fighting pur-
poses only, regardless of color points.
The idea of "Utility Games" originated
in the fertile imagination of Mr. Felch.
He is willing to give us a bird that is
neither an Exhibition nor a Pit Game.

It will be nothing more than a respectable
mongrel, such as we see at hundreds of
county fairs masquerading as standard or
Pit Games. What Mr. Felch's object is
in desiring to burden our or his new
Standard with such misfits is not clear.
He is on record against the so-called new
breeds. He denounced the Buff Leghorn
as a mongrel, spoke slightly of other
meritorious new breeds, condemned under
a *nom de plume* the best table fowl in the
Game class, the Cornish Indian, and yet
comes out advocating a mongrel creation
of his own. Where is the consistency in
such methods? What does the much
vaunted self-constituted censorship as-
sumed by Mr. Felch over the misguided
mortals who fail to reason as he does,
amount to, when he is guilty of the same
offence he so hastily condemns in others?
The intelligence of American fanciers is
too well known and established, and Mr.
Felch must have a very poor opinion
it if he believes modern fanciers will gulp
down the morsels he dishes out. They
are taken *cum grano salis* in these days,
and especially will this be the case with
his so-called "Utility Games."

We receive hundreds of letters during
the year from young fanciers and inex-
perienced poultrymen asking us to give
remedies for the various ailments the
feathered races are afflicted with. This
leads us to offer a few general remarks
on the subject of diseases of poultry.

Our old friend, J. H. Davis, in his new
and interesting little book "The A, B, C
of Poultry Culture" remarks: Afflictions
among poultry—fowls never have dis-
eases—may be the result of negligence,
ignorance or laziness on the part of the
breeder in many cases. The breeder
who knows how to take care of his fowls
and does it, may expect vigorous birds
and few sick ones. Afflictions among
fowls are not natural. They never con-
tract afflictions in a state of nature.
Now here is a text for a sermon
and we will help formulate it trusting
some well read brother will preach it in
print later on.

Mr. Davis is right and Mr. Davis is
wrong. He is right when he says fowls
"never contract afflictions in a state of
nature" because nature ordains that the
fittest only survive. The weaklings fall
by the wayside. He is wrong when he
says "fowls never have diseases." They
have. If you don't believe it read what
our learned chicken doctors have to say,
albeit, they say it in scientific language.
But aside from what the doctors say,
every poultryman knows that chickens
have diseases of some kind. Apoplexy is
a disease. So is consumption or going
light. Chicken pox comes under the
same head and so on with canker, roup,
diarrhoea, etc. All are diseases that
fowls under domestication are subject to.

Having established the fact that fowls
are afflicted with diseases or afflictions,
as Mr. Davis calls 'em we must look for
the remedy. We do not believe in lay-
men doctoring men or animals except in
very simple cases where the unpro-
fessional can recognize or diagnose the
disease, ailment or "affliction." Even
then a good physician is worth a hun-
dred "would be doctors." This state-
ment will not prevent the "smart Ales"
of the universe from assuming that they
know as much as an M. D., but we are
not dealing with the S. A's. We want

to talk to the sensible but inexperienced amateurs. So here goes.

When fowls are bred in confinement nature's laws must not be disobeyed. It is true that free range helps us to secure health and vigor for our flocks. That is simple. But there are hundreds of fanciers so situated that they cannot secure that "free range" and they must depend on small houses and small yards to raise their annual product of fine feathers. That is difficult. But it has been successfully done in the past and can be done in the future.

To breed fowls in health while in confinement we must study the laws of nature and of feeding. This is no easy matter but it must be the aim of every fancier to learn how best to accomplish it. Proper buildings are the first requisite and scrupulous cleanliness the second. Healthy breeding stock of course is indispensable and we assume that only such is tolerated in the yards of the fancier. A proper building is one that protects delicate fowls at night from drafts and prevents the freezing of the combs, wattles and toes, yet has sufficient pure air to keep the carbonic gas under control. A small building is better than a large one and a muslin window is better than one of glass in a roosting room. With a muslin window ventilators are unnecessary in cold climates. Have the building or roosting room small enough so that the animal heat of the fowls will supply all the warmth necessary to prevent freezing of the combs, wattles and toes. So much for the buildings.

Now for the food. Corn, wheat, oats and bran are staple articles of food for chickens. No better mixture than ground corn and oats and bran has yet been found to feed to chickens. We used it for seven years as a standard for all morning feeding to young or old. Cracked or ground bones, crissel, meat scraps are all desirable adjuncts in the daily menu. Of the prepared foods Spratt's poultry meal is without a superior. It contains every ingredient necessary to the growth of a chicken. Vegetable food is indispensable. Potatoes, boiled and mashed with the grain mixture alluded to above, chopped carrots and beets and small heads of cabbage are all cheap and excellent foods. Probably the most important addition to the above is water. The latter should be pure and given twice a day in winter. We always used it hot when the temperature in the chicken house was below freezing and poured it into open vessels. It kept warm long enough for all the fowls to drink and then was poured out. Never allow fowls to drink ice cold water or chew snow and never allow fowls to eat frozen clover or vegetation of any kind if you want the egg basket filled with increasing regularity.

Having touched upon the vital features of what are necessary to keep fowls in good condition we will try and shed a little light on the diseases that afflict them or rather the best way to avoid serious consequences from such.

An ordinary cold is not serious. The fact of the nostrils running and the head being swelled is no indication of roup. Place such a fowl in a hot room, registering 80 degrees, and bathe head with hot water of 120 degrees two or three times a

day for a few days and the trouble will disappear. If you must resort to drugs give a two grain quinine pill morning and evening. When the discharge becomes thick syringe nostrils with a solution of boracic acid, camphorated oil, crude petroleum or tar oil, but keep fowls in a warm place.

Another important thing to remember in doctoring fowls afflicted with colds is to regulate the diet. In England Glauber's salts are fed extensively to poultry and pigeons "under the weather." Well, a dose of castor oil will work wonders in America. But that is not all. Keep the grain away from the fowls until they are cured. Our own method has always been to keep fowls on a vegetable diet during the temporary sickness they suffered from. Chopped onions and cabbage are excellent.

As to canker, it must be removed and the parts painted with an astringent such as a 10 per cent solution of sulphate of zinc or a solution composed of corrosive sublimate one grain and one pint of water. Powdered burnt alum is also used. But the afflicted fowls must be dieted just the same as those having colds.

As to roup there are many remedies given, but in a really genuine case where the discharge is from the respiratory organs and foul smelling the feathers become dry and the comb dull, the best remedy is the hatchet. Of course birds have been cured of alleged roup and no doubt there are some cases where the genuine article has been conquered, but the exception to the rule should never lead intelligent poultrymen astray. Better kill the evil at the root. With the few brief hints given above we trust the intelligence and common sense of our readers will enable them to fight the most common and dangerous ailments the feathered races are afflicted with. It is only necessary to remember the old proverb "A stitch in time saves nine," when dealing with sick fowls.

It must not be understood from the above remarks that we are opposed to the medical treatment of sick fowls by competent practitioners, but we do emphatically oppose the indiscriminate use of powerful drugs by persons who are ignorant of the principles of medicine and who are not qualified to diagnose the disease. Many of the latter class could draw valuable lessons from the animal kingdom if they only observed the actions of sick beasts. The first instinct of the latter is to fast, but the first law of the owner of an invalid beast is to stuff it with nauseating drugs or compel it to eat unsuitable food. Torpid livers and depraved stomachs are not helped by such a course. Nature rebels against it and the dumb brute knows it.

We do hope that some well qualified common sense physician who has studied animal diseases thoroughly, especially those affecting fowls and chickens, will write a clear, concise but comprehensive book on the subject, devoid of all scientific frill, one that the common every day people can understand. Such a book will do much toward clearing away the fog which now enshrouds the subject. Why cannot some of our experiment stations take hold of this subject? There are well educated men connected with

these institutions and no doubt some are posted on medical and physiological matters sufficiently to be thoroughly competent to investigate the causes and remedies of all diseases affecting the feathered race. We are certain that Prof. Law of Cornell college, whose excellent book on veterinary surgery is well known, could do grand work in this direction.

Dr. Charles Lang made a complaint against one "J. P. M." in a recent issue of THE AMERICAN FANCIER. Now we receive a letter from Geo. W. Unger of Boyertown, Pa., denouncing the same individual as a dead beat. His name is J. P. Mulford of Middletown, N. Y. He is or was a carriage manufacturer.

Advices from South Carolina indicate the finest and largest display of poultry ever seen, at the State fair held in Columbia this week. A full report appears in THE AMERICAN FANCIER of November 24th.

We are indebted to F. A. Lovelock, the expert judge of cattle, swine and sheep, for a copy of the American Standard of Excellence for judging these breeds, compiled by him. It is a most handy, convenient and valuable book of reference which every judge of live stock needs. It is well printed and cheap at the price, 75 cents. It can be obtained from F. A. Lovelock, Salem, Va.

About the neatest new monthly poultry paper we ever saw, comes from far off British Columbia. It is called the *British Columbian Fancier*. The cover is a model of good taste and the excellent typography and paper it encloses are fine samples of the printer's art. But it does not stop there, for the reading matter is fully up to the mechanical make-up. We congratulate our new contemporary and trust it will meet with the success it deserves. It costs but 50 cents a year, which is remarkably cheap, considering the size and quality of the *British Columbian Fancier*.

She Kerosened the Chickens.

Mrs. John Seebury was until last night the proud possessor of seven specimens of the gallinacean family. Of late the birds have been afflicted with vermin, and at dusk last night Mrs. Seebury, armed with a bucketful of oil and a candle, started for the hen house. She also took a brush along with which to apply the coal oil, and the candle was placed on a board while the work proceeded. Each bird received a supply of oil, and when saturated the lady took up the light to make a closer inspection of her work.

While trying to look at two chickens at the same time the candle happened to touch one, and swish, seven chickens were fired. The poultry studio was filled with more noise than a barnyard full of fowls would make over the first egg of the season, while the whole interior became as light as if the Monterey's search light had suddenly been turned on full. Suddenly seven animated torches shot out in as many different directions, all cackling like mad, and winding up three seconds later in a haystack, which they began to fire in true incendiary style.

By this time everybody on the block was yelling "Police," and a general alarm brought the fire department on the quickest run of the year. Mrs. Seebury has the remains of seven chickens out on Pearl street, somewhat charred, but free from insects.—*San Francisco Examiner*.

A GREAT FEATURE.
The show reports of THE AMERICAN FANCIER are a great feature.—*Poultry Monthly* for November.

State Fair Poultry.

Mr. Butterfield Replies to "J. C."

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

I wish to enlarge on "J. C.'s" remarks in his State Fair notes, and will try and give him and your readers one of the chief reasons why good exhibitors will not send their birds to State fairs, especially Michigan State Fair, and have no doubt other State fairs are much the same. It costs \$1.00 to become a member, and a member can show just as many chickens, pigs, sheep, cattle and horses as he wishes, and after entering whatever stock the member may wish, the rules say that each exhibitor must feed, water, and take care of his own entries, and that's where the itinerant or huckster gets the fatted calf—from the ignorance of those in control of State fairs. Now, when breeders know that they will have to go with their birds for eleven days at the show and a day going and coming, making about two weeks' time to be spent in showing a few pairs of birds, why it is absurd to expect a good breeder to send an exhibit, while the majority of birds shown by those hucksters are not worthy of being poked up by a stick nor even worth a second look, and I generally ask the secretary or superintendent at a show whether they want me to judge severely or go it lenient, and they invariably say, "Don't be severe, for it will kill our exhibit." I judged in Toledo this year, and they asked me to exercise my own discretion. Well, I withheld probably twenty-five 1st prizes, and I distinctly remember one exhibitor showing four pair of S. S. Hamburgs—two of old and two of chicks. I placed a 2nd prize, not for the two old pair nor for the two young pair, but on the four pair. I said, "Just place the ribbon so it will take in the four coops," and the exhibitor said, "I was hard treated," as he stood alongside of the coop. I replied to him and said, "Twenty years ago I remember you showing some good birds, and you know better. If I lived in Ohio I could get much better birds than probably your best pair at five dollars per pair, birds that would have some credit," and his reply was, "If you had not been here they would have all won, for with the majority of judges who judge at State fairs the poor ones stand just the same chance as good ones." He enumerated a good many shows he was going to attend, ending up at Dallas, Texas. I said, "Well, do you ship your birds back to Ohio?" He said, "No, that would not pay. I sell them at any price I can get, not stopping at 50 cents a pair, and when the show is over and I have some birds left still, I just open the coop doors and let them go and send back my coops by freight to Ohio." Well, I have tried hard to get the State fair to charge even 10 cents for feed and care during the show and to see to the birds being kept clean and returned to their owners after the show, and this is the result: I find that at their annual meetings, when one of their directors has held the position of poultry superintendent for, say, two years at the most, just about the time he begins to know half as much as he ought to know when first elected, he has to get out and give the position to some other gentleman, who probably don't know by name any breed of chickens, and to him they look all alike, dunghill and thoroughbred, and so the judge, whoever he may be, can award the prizes just as he wishes and no one to find fault. In Detroit I held back probably thirty 1st prizes, and, "J. C.," I don't think they will ever go through the books to see how many prizes were withheld or ever pause to think why. Well, Detroit show held two, three, and four years ago was much different. Each exhibitor had to pay his entrance money, and the last two years of its existence entrance money amounted to over \$800 per year. The birds were fed, watered, and coops cleaned out every morning, and some of those hucksters' birds, if they could have expressed their feelings, would have wanted the show to last another two weeks. I remember Mr. McNeil saying that his birds were just getting in grand shape for Toronto's hot classes, and I well remember the Waterloo Mr. Gam-

merdinger met at Detroit shows. When scoring was in vogue at New York it was my luck to score the Polands, and Mr. Gammerdinger was there with his big string of Polands. He came into the show on Sunday morning, and I had finished judging on Saturday, and he was wild when he saw the scores. He said, "I had them all scored at a show in Ohio inside two weeks ago," and he was protesting to Mr. Rackham, who was superintendent, and Mr. Rackham called me over to where they were talking and said, "This is the judge." Mr. Gammerdinger said, "How is this my birds have scored three to four points lower here than at the other shows?" He named the judge. I said, "He never saw any good Polands." He said, "Where are these good Polands you refer to?" I said, "In Canada. Mr. McNeil's and Bogue, of London." He said, "I would like to meet them." Well, he met the Polands I had spoken of, which "J. C." mentions, and when McNeil had cooped his birds Mr. Gammerdinger said, "Mr. B., just give McNeil 1st and 2d all round and look amongst us Yankees for 3d."

Now, how are we going to get out of these difficulties? I have done about all I can in trying to show the associations, and my teaching has been of no avail. I know from actual experience in judging in Michigan at their winter shows that I meet birds good enough to compete in New York or any other good show, where competition is keen in any class. I always take out and examine the birds before I make my decision, but when one meets such birds as are at the State fair, reeking in filth and disease, one don't care much about handling them, and I don't wonder that "J. C." was disgusted.

I think Mr. Blunck could tell quite a different story of the fall show at Toronto, where it cost twenty-five cents an entry. No hucksters were there; it don't pay them, and it would be much better for good breeders if all the State fairs would insist that nothing but first-class specimens ought to win and the judges so instructed, for a huckster don't love good chickens. The almighty dollar is his god, and what will he not do for the money.

S. BUTTERFIELD.

Northwestern Pennsylvania Poultry, Pigeon and Pet Stock Association.

Poultry fanciers and pet breeders held an informal meeting Nov. 4 in Scott Post room and it was attended by about fifty gentlemen. The proceedings were full of interest.

A constitution and by-laws were adopted. The name given the society was "The Northwestern Pennsylvania Poultry, Pigeon and Pet Stock Association." The membership fee was placed at \$1 and the dues at 25 cents a quarter.

Election of permanent officers resulted: President, Capt. John J. Baxter; first vice-president, George Siegel; second vice-president, E. J. Liebel; secretary, Peter Wingerter; treasurer, Louis Lander; executive committee, Wm. Ebisch, Samuel M. Brainerd, Jr., B. F. Disbrow, Jacob Hammer and D. S. Hanley.

The association adjourned to meet on Friday evening.

It is the purpose of the association to offer a standing reward for information which will lead to the arrest and conviction of thieves or destroyers of the property of the members.

It is also intended to have a vigilance committee, which will cover certain districts in which the possession and ownership of fowls or pets exist. The reports of the committee will keep the association thoroughly posted and enable it to trace stolen property.

The following is a partial list of the members and exhibitors at the charity fair: Peter Wingerter, Nicholas Bricher, Chas. Ebisch, Wm. Sapper, E. R. Liebel, G. R. Liebel, August Fegert, M. Kern, Jacob Hammer, E. J. Liebel, W. C. Ebisch, G. Geisler, Dr. Chidester, B. F. Disbrow, S. M. Brainerd, Jr., D. S. Hanley, J. F. Schulz, C. L. Hirt, Chas. Eber, George Kraus, Wm. J. Schamble, John Franknecht, Frank King, George Brown, Anthony Schnee, F. Brehm, Fred Berst, R. Lunder, George Sapper, John Dawe, W. P. Grazier, Geo. Siegel, Capt. Baxter.

The Pilsener Papers.



The Election and a Trip to John Glasgow's.

Chimmynet! I hef been so beesy mid bolitickels dot eferrydings vash ash necklected ash der Demikratz in der lasht legshun. Dalking abouden der ladder, eet vash a stuckshprize. No didal vafe, a reckoolar slycoon eet vash dot shwept der kundry for der Reepublicans, vell I tinks. I vas in Nye Yorick Ceety on legshun day, und der Dammany Diger vas getting his dail bulled. Eet vash der Legshow Gommy-ditty dot did it. Eet vashn't a shweet suckshprize do der Dammany Demikratz efen eef eet vash a Goff drop dot shmuttered dem.

No vonder Dauid Beenatit Hill vash grushed. Der Reepublican dictet vash doo heafy. Eet vayed *Mor don-Sax-ton* (dis vash a choke). Vell, der legshun vash ofer, und eferybody vill go to veerk now vons agains. Der rosy dimes und nickels vash flotings in der footshure vile der diffeeted bolitickers vash floding down der salt reefer. Sooch ish life. Von day ve vash in der glouds uff egshstairsee, der nexd day ve vash in der soop uff der bullion (dots French). Do-morrow ve va'h Demikratz, yesester-day ve vash Reepublicans, mebbe der day pefore nextsh vee ve vas Bobulisht mid long vitzkers, una eef dis dings geeps on der vash no deilings ven ve durn oud und vote mid der vimmer und der dembeerents beebles. Doo menh-barties, like doo menny preeds-uff sheekens, gill der geeses dot vas hef layed der golden eggs, vell I dinks.

Vell, der hole legshun vash hot ash Chon Glasscow in Nye Jenersey. Dalking abouden der hod vedder, I vill geef a leedel agground uff a drib to der den uff Chon. It vash von shweet mornings in Yooly ven I left Hoboken. Vell, der dermomontor vas gitting ub hiyer dan a donnervetter, vell I dinks, und shoold rise ub doo remarks. Dalk abouden der hot vedder in Nye Jenersey, yoost interfuse dot "Chon" Glasscow, dot pitchin kranks, since he vas kum to dees kuntry, ish gomblaining all der dimes abouden der vedder. He hev lookin so mooch at der dermomontor dot he vas looking like von uff dem dings now, only hees hed vas on top inshtead uff der bulb dot vas on der bottoms.

"Chon" vas feedings sum Bouters, ven der vedder vas fool of galorics und hoomidittity, ven he vas susprishin do find der crop werry mooch exstension. Looked like von of dem balloon shleeves der shtylish vimmin vares. "Chon" vas schared und said sumdings abouden a de'il vich. I tinks, vas nodding more dan galling der teufel names for heving plowed up dot crop on dot pitchin. He sez to me: "Pilsener, der de'il mid sich vedder. Men feels werra bed. In bonny Schotland ve hev no sich vedder. Look at dot pitchin dere; he vas shwelled out like a burpoise from der heat." I yoost dook dot Plue Pied Ginger Red Bouters in der hends, read to him von of Machor Geelbirt's articles on Lazy Tail Fans, und he vas vell vons again. In hod vedder dere is nudding dat vill kool off der birds und der owners better ash von uff der Machor's articles. "Chon" vas gratefull fur der suckgeshun und bro-mised me to read eferrydings der Machor rites in hod vedder. Dalking abouden Nye Jenersey, dere ish a man dere dot endorshes Pilsener. Vell, vell, if dot Meesder Applegates vill endorsh von uff mine bromissory nodes I vill gall it shquare.

Uff gorse, sum beebles dinks I vas a leedle giddy in kritickising der funny

dings uff der fency, bud pless, der eenoeent harts, I vos not cood help dot. It vas a beerthmark, und ven a man vas born mid id, he don't vas responsibillibuls, an't it?

Der vas mein frient, Chorge Prown, der eggreekultshural edditor of der Paltimoor Sun. He vas a funny feller, und dinks eet der hite uf foolishnesses to gry ven he vas able to make der beebles laff. "Laff und grow fat" ish der old broveerb, und Chorge vos an exhpeert. Dere vas Chon Kost, der superindendent of der beeg Hagersdown Fare. He hev increased von hoondred bounds add walorum seence Chorge Prown hev told heem funny shstories.

Soomdimes dem funny shstories vas orful searius. Der udder day Gottlieb Hostogesehen esked Eigenlob Rosenstein, "Vy does a sheeken kross der road?" und ven he gif der answer, "Bekos she vants to get on de udder side," dere vas troobles already vons, vell I dinks. Der moral ish, "A frish man moosn't deal in shesnuttles."

YAKOB PILSENER.

Hoboken, N. J.

White Plymouth Rocks.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

Being an attentive reader of your very valuable paper, I see articles on the different breeds of poultry, but never saw any on the White Plymouth Rocks. This, in my estimation, is the breed. While I know they are not perfect in every respect, I believe they combine more good points than any other variety. They are dangerous rivals of the Leghorns and Minorcas if properly fed and cared for, especially in winter, when eggs are high in price. For market they have no superiors. Amateurs think, being a solid color, they are easier to breed to show room requirements than the parti-colored breeds, hence they think they should buy them for less. I will admit one can breed a greater per cent. of good pullets of the whites than of the parti-colored, but when they come to get pure white plumage and orange yellow legs on males, as the Standard wants them, they will find as many good first-class males among the parti-colored as in the whites. I was looking over a sample copy of *Poultry Inter-Ocean* and saw an article on this breed by Rucker Bros., Literbery, Ill. In my opinion, the latter are on the wrong track to get the desirable white plumage. They say, in order to get white plumage, select birds "with not too yellow legs and beaks." Seems to me anyone can breed white plumage with such matings, and where does the fancy come in in doing what anyone can do? Again, such matings are bound to throw lots of disqualified birds by having willow legs. Again, if I read my Standard right, it wants orange yellow and nothing else on males, while straw color is allowed on pullets. I would rather see some tinge on surface color, if quills and under color were white, than light colored shanks. If Messrs. Rucker & Bro. would come east to some of our shows, we will show them some White Plymouth Rocks with white plumage and orange colored shanks. At this time there is a great demand for extra large birds. I am in favor of good size, but don't care to have them any under standard weight nor much over. When so very heavy they have too much Cochins appearance and are clumsy and sluggish layers.

DANIEL L. STAUFFER.

Spring City, Pa., Nov. 7, 1894.

An Important Sale.

This certifies that I have sold and delivered to A. E. Blunck my entire stock of Game Bantams, consisting of Black Reds, Duckwings, Piles, Brown Reds, Blacks, Whites, and White Indian, including all my noted prize winners at the leading shows of America and the young stock bred from them. This is undoubtedly the finest collection in America. I heartily recommend all my former patrons in need of good stock to Mr. Blunck.

ADRIAN W. SMITH.

Whitesboro, N. Y., Oct. 18, 1894.

Poultry Experiments.

Report of the First Assistant, W. P. Wheeler, of the New York Agricultural Experiment Station.

A breeding experiment with fowls looking especially toward the improvement in egg production has been continued. This experiment which was at first started with pullets of four breeds (White Leghorn, Black Minorca, White Plymouth Rock and Buff Cochins) was found to require so much attention that work was continued with but two breeds—the Buff Cochins and White Leghorns; the one breed being of rather small size, very active, and about the best of layers; the other of large size, very quiet disposition and a moderate layer. It was thought that more pronounced results might be obtained with these than with breeds more intermediate in the several characteristics.

From the hen of each breed that, among six of each tested, gave for two years the largest product of eggs in number and weight, six pullets were bred—also from the hen of each breed giving the poorest egg yield, six pullets were bred. Of these pullets, the one of the best record in one lot and the one of poorest record in the other will be bred again. At the start a male had to be used from a dam whose record was unknown, and no conclusions can therefore be made from the records of the first lot of pullets. The intended sires of the second generation however, have been bred from recorded dams. In order to prevent too great inbreeding toward the end of the experiment, male birds were bred from hens giving next the best and next the poorest record, and these are reserved for breeding; cockerels again being bred in the same way for sires of the next generation.

This experiment has now made all the progress that perhaps could be made, in two years. But any reliable information in regard to the laws of breeding and inheritance can not be obtained without some years of careful record. It is not possible to predict just how many generations must be before certain traits, developed considerably away from the normal, become so fixed that any mating although carefully made may not obscure or destroy them. The certainty, however, with which many breeds established by the fancier can be depended upon to reproduce certain characteristics, gives encouragement to the belief that still further development in some directions may be brought about by selection and fixed by careful breeding.

Whether or not within any reasonable length of time, by breeding from only the very best layers the prolificacy of a strain can be definitely increased—whether or not breeding from the poorest layers, though vigorous and healthy birds, will cause rapid deterioration in the laying qualities of an established breed—whether such a breed as the Leghorn has been developed to the point where it is only a question of proper feeding and careful general management to obtain the highest possible egg yield, or whether the capacity for egg production can be further improved by breeding—whether or not the laying qualities of such a breed as the Cochins can be greatly improved without losing appreciably the size and typical shape—whether or not breeding for several generations from the best and poorest layers will develop easily recognizable types in the two lines, are all questions of great interest to the breeder and poultryman, but can not be answered satisfactorily except by several years of careful experiment. It is hoped that this breeding experiment may help to answer some of these questions.

In growing, this past year, some pullets for use in feeding experiments which are now under way, the cost of hatching and of food for growing was recorded for the purpose of determining approximately the cost of young fowls, as they are usually grown on the farm. As the information obtained as part of an experiment not complete may be of service in itself, the results are here given.

About 130 chicks were hatched by hens in the usual manner. They were Cochins and Leghorns. The Leghorns were

hatched a little later in the season, during milder weather, and the eggs were more strongly fertile, so the cost of the chicks when hatched was considerably less. The eggs were tested first after eight days and the second time on the eighteenth day. One hundred and seventeen Cochin eggs were set, 11.1 per cent proving infertile. After the second testing 65 per cent of the eggs remained; 77.6 per cent of the tested eggs hatched, or 50.4 per cent of all eggs set. Allowing for all accidents and losses in hatching, 46.1 per cent of all eggs set were represented by strong healthy chicks. One hundred and one Leghorn eggs were set, 9.9 per cent proving infertile. After the second testing 83.2 per cent of the eggs remained; 91.7 per cent of the tested eggs hatched, or 70.2 per cent of all eggs set. Allowing for all losses in hatching, 75.2 per cent of all eggs set were represented by strong, healthy chicks.

The hens used were nearly all Cochin or of Game-Cochin cross and were tame and easily handled. They were given water to drink and were taken from the nests and fed once daily all the Indian corn and mixed grain they would eat. The mixed grain consisted of four parts cornmeal, two parts buckwheat middlings, two parts wheat bran and one part each of wheat middlings, ground oats, linseed meal (O. P.) and cottonseed meal. In every twenty pounds of this mixture one ounce of salt was thoroughly mixed. Of the food taken by one lot of hens, 70.8 per cent was whole corn and for the other 73.9 per cent. For hatching the Cochin eggs nine hens were used the first week and eight for the rest of the time. For hatching the Leghorn eggs eight hens were used for three weeks. The hens with the first lot of eggs consumed of total food an average per day per hen of 1.53 ounces, and the average cost of food per hen for the twenty-one days was 2.06 cents. The average cost in food for hens when hatching Cochin chicks was 32 cents for each chick hatched. Rating the eggs at twenty-four cents per dozen, the cost of each chick when hatched was 4.65 cents. The hens with the second lot of eggs consumed on the average 1.12 ounces of food per day per hen, and the average cost of food per hen for the twenty-one days was 1.5 cents. The average cost in food for the hens while hatching Leghorn chicks was .16 cents for each chick. Rating the eggs at twenty-four cents per dozen, the cost of each Leghorn chick when hatched was 2.82 cents.

The average of all made the cost in food for sitting hens 22 cents for every chick hatched. Rating eggs at twenty-four cents per dozen, every strong healthy chick cost when hatched, 3.58 cents. At fifteen cents per dozen for eggs the cost per chick was 2.32 cents.

The young chicks were kept indoors a few days and then put with the hen out-of-doors and allowed to run at will in an apple orchard, the hen being confined in a small coop after the ordinary method. The average time of keeping the hens with the Cochin chicks was six weeks and hens were kept with the Leghorn chicks on the average a little over five weeks. The food for the growing chicks was mixed grain, cracked wheat, skim-milk, dessicated beef and finely cut fresh bone. The first mixed grain fed was composed of two parts corn meal, and one part each of wheat bran, ground oats, wheat middlings, buckwheat middlings and linseed meal (O. P.) Another mixed grain consisted of four parts corn meal, two parts buckwheat middlings, two parts of wheat bran, and one part each of wheat middlings, ground oats, linseed meal (O. P.) and linseed meal (N. P.) To every twenty pounds of the mixture one ounce of salt. A third mixture was the same except that two parts of old process linseed meal were used in place of one each of new and old process. The chicks were entirely healthy at all times and suffered from no disease. The few lost were from accidents.

When the young fowls were put into the poultry houses and the sexes separated, which was for the Cochins at the average age of 109 days and for the Leghorns at the average age of eighty-four days, the Cochins averaged 4.05 pounds in weight and the Leghorns, 1.83 pounds. The total cost of all food consumed up to this time averaged 19.71 cents per chick for the Cochins and 9.77 cents for the

Leghorns. The cost per pound gain in weight made by the Cochins was 4.09 cents and of that by the Leghorns, 5.65 cents. Including the cost of hatching, the average total cost of each Cochin chick at this time was 24.36 cents and of each Leghorn, 12.59 cents or 6.01 cents per pound for the former and 6.88 cents for the latter. The Cochin pullets averaged 3.56 pounds in weight and the cockerels 4.52 pounds. The Leghorn pullets averaged 1.65 pounds and the cockerels 2.06 pounds.

The Cochin cockerels were fed separately for a short period and then caponized and used in another feeding trial. Had they been sold, when separated, at the local market price, twelve cents per pound, they would have more than paid the cost of food up to this time for all in the lot. The cost of feeding the pullets from this time (September 7th,) until November twenty-first, was an average of 20.07 cents per fowl. Deducting the market poultry value of the cockerels at the time separated from the total cost of all the lot would leave the net cost of eggs, hatching and food for the Cochin pullets averaging 5.53 pounds in weight, 13.24 cents apiece.

The Leghorn cockerels were fed for some time after they were separated from the pullets before being sold. The cost of feeding the Leghorn pullets from September 7th to November 21st, was 13.09 cents apiece. Deducting the local market value of the cockerels at the time of removal from the total cost of all birds in the lot would leave the total net cost for the Leghorn pullets averaging 2.81 pounds at 16.78 cents each. The sexes were about equal with the Cochins, but there was an unusual excess in the number of pullets among the Leghorns hatched (thirty-seven per cent more pullets than cockerels), so that the poultry value of the cockerels represented a lesser proportion of the value of food consumed. Had the sexes been equal, at the same proportionate cost for growing, and considering the poultry value of the cockerels, the net cost of Leghorn pullets would have been 13.55 cents apiece, nearly the same as that of the Cochins.

In calculating the cost of the food used, wheat was rated at sixty-five cents per bushel, corn at twenty dollars per ton, corn meal at twenty-two dollars, wheat bran eighteen dollars, buckwheat middlings eighteen dollars, wheat middlings twenty dollars, ground oats twenty-six dollars, linseed meal (O. P.) twenty-eight dollars, linseed meal (N. P.) twenty-six dollars, cottonseed meal thirty dollars, dessicated beef at two cents per pound, fresh bone at one-half cent per pound and skim milk at twenty-four cents per 100 pounds.

In The Show Room.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

Anyone, by referring to the long lists of coming poultry exhibitions, will see that they are sufficiently numerous in nearly all parts of the country, to enable every person who has an interest in them, to attend with their stock or at least by their own person, and they should give all the encouragement they can for the advancement of thoroughbred poultry.

It has long been understood that poultry shows, properly managed, are one of the leading, if not the most important, branches of the business—in fact it is the very life of it. The wholesome rivalry which, necessarily, exists between lovers of poultry is here put to test and if defeat or success follows, in either case it is a benefit, because it teaches on the one hand, wherein the failure cropped out, and on the other, it drives the successful one to a further advancement through fear of being overreached in the near future. But it is very important that it should be done fairly and with an eye to equal justice, as nothing tends to degrade the business more than unfairness, deception and outright dishonesty in the show room.

By giving mankind credit for ordinary good sense it must be apparent that little tricks will be discovered, and the way to avoid them is not to commit them, and when no cause is apparent for distrust and suspicion, a fractious or quarrelsome exhibitor will have but slight ground to work upon, and will bring upon himself the distrust of all those who act upright-

ly, in case he makes a display of temper and bad blood.

Misrepresentations as to age, ownership or breeding of specimens on exhibition are often found out; bad feathers, trimmed combs, plucked plumage leave traces of such work in most cases and are sure to be discovered. While there is no objection to putting the fowls which are in competition into the best condition it is policy to avoid any semblance to dishonesty by attempting to overdo it—making fowls appear better than nature has made them.

The officers of associations should ever be on the alert and exercise such control over the arrangement of the exhibition, incorrect or changed weights, the doubling up of stock of two or more exhibitors to defeat certain birds they may be afraid of, allowing the entering of specimens to be made after the time for the same has expired without sufficient reason, delay in weighing such stock as must be weighed until they have lost more or less flesh, incident to being cooped up, delay in announcing the result after the score cards have been made, careless returns of birds left to the association to attend to, and so forth, throughout the entire show in all its branches.

As a rule, a large part of the labor of an exhibition is confined to a very few members who have not the time and strength to go into all the attendant details which results in neglect and confusion, and it might be here suggested that if the members of an association have not sufficient time to devote to the duties of the same, they should employ those who can do such work, to act as substitutes to the end that everything may be attended to or done at the proper time and in a proper manner. It is not necessary that the president should act as door-keeper or that the secretary should tack up entry cards and place the coops, as they have work of their own, but all of these places should be filled by men who will attend to them.

Feeding and watering fowls often give dissatisfaction as to the manner and time of doing them, to avoid which they should see that attendants be provided who understand how and are willing to do the work.

It takes a great amount of labor to run through from one end to the other of a large poultry show, which if properly done leaves a good impression and causes the exhibitors to return home with kindly feelings, and altogether it leaves a sense of satisfaction to everybody connected with the association.

JOHN J. LENTON.

Park Farm, Oshawa, Ont., Canada.

Awards at Dallas, Texas, State Show.

The poultry department under the superintendency of Chas. W. Guild, has been the biggest success of any on record of the association. The birds exhibited were all Texas birds and showed that Texas breeders are wide awake and up to date in their line. Beside the number of fowls on exhibition being much larger, the quality showed a decided improvement. And as to the judging, Theo. Hewes of Trenton, Mo., a world's fair judge and a judge of national reputation, was selected by the state poultry association for the fair association. Better judging, it is claimed, was never done in the south or anywhere else.

Following were the premiums awarded:

LIGHT BRAHMAS.—Pair fowls, 1st, C. P. Randolph, Austin, Texas; 2d, Savage Bros., Belton. Pair chicks, 1st, R. A. Davis, Merit; 2d, C. P. Randolph, Pen, 1st, Randolph; 2d, C. C. Sanborn, Gainesville. Male, 1st, Savage Bros.; 2d, Randolph. Female, 1st, J. F. Taylor, Groesbeck; 2d, Randolph.

DARK BRAHMAS.—Pair fowls, 1st, W. O. Vandiver, Belton. Male, 1st, C. L. Lester, Dallas. Female, 1st, 2d, Lester.

BUFF COCHINS.—Pair fowls, 1st, Charles L. Dealy, Dallas; 2d, Taylor. Pair chicks, 1st, Savage Bros.; 2d, R. A. Corbett, Baird. Pen, 1st, 2d, E. E. Branch. Male, 1st, Dealy; 2d, Corbett. Female, 1st, Branch; 2d, Savage Bros.

PARTRIDGE COCHINS.—Pair fowls, 2d, W. A. Hinchliffe, Mexia. Pair chicks, 1st, Savage Bros.; 2d, O. Brashea, Black Jack.

WHITE COCHINS.—Pair fowls, 1st, Savage Bros. Pair chicks, 1st, Brashea; 2d, Mrs. S. E. Jenkins, Black Jack Grove. Pen, 1st, Savage Bros. Male and female, 1st, Savage Bros.; 2d, Brashea.

BLACK LANGSHANS.—Pair fowls, 1st, Savage Bros.; 2d, Service & Thomas, Dallas. Pair chicks, 1st, Savage Bros.; 2d, Corbett. Male,

1st, Savage Bros.; 2d, Corbett. Female, 1st, Savage Bros.; 2d, Mrs. Jenkins.

WHITE LANGSHANS.—Pair fowls, 1st, Savage Bros. Male, 1st, Savage Bros. Female, 1st, Savage Bros.; 2d, Mrs. Jenkins.

PLYMOUTH ROCKS.—Pair fowls, 1st, Geo. S. Hefleybower, Austin. Pair chicks, 1st, Hefleybower; 2d, John W. Stewart, Jr., Sherman. Male, 1st, 2d, Stewart. Female, 1st, Hefleybower; 2d, Stewart. Pen, 1st, Stewart; 2d, Hefleybower.

WHITE P. ROCKS.—Pair fowls, 2d, B. R. Hagan, San Antonio. Male, 1st, Mrs. Wylie, Dallas; 2d, Hagan. Female, 1st, Corbett; 2d, Vandiver. Pen, 1st, Mrs. Wylie.

BUFF P. ROCKS.—Male, 2d, Savage Bros.

SILVER WYANDOTTES.—Pair chicks, 1st, Davis; 2d, J. L. Nothaf, Sherman. Male, 1st, Hagan; 2d, Savage Bros. Female, 1st, Corbett. Pen, 1st, Louis Makemson, San Antonio.

BUFF WYANDOTTES.—Pair chicks, 1st, E. B. Hayes, Dallas; 2d, Hayes.

WHITE WYANDOTTES.—Female, 1st, Davis.

GOLDEN WYANDOTTES.—Pair fowls, 1st, J. J. Ringness, Clifton; 2d, Ringness. Chicks, 2d, Savage Bros. Male and female, 1st, Ringness; 2d, Savage Bros.

S. C. WHITE LEGHORNS.—Pair fowls, 1st, Savage Bros.; 2d, Corbett. Pair chicks, 1st, Savage Bros.; 2d, A. M. Prather, Dallas. Male, 1st, Savage Bros.; 2d, W. W. Farley. Female, 1st, Farley; 2d, Hayes. Pen, 1st, Prather; 2d, Corbett.

R. C. WHITE LEGHORNS.—Male, 1st, Prather. R. C. B. LEGHORNS.—Pair fowls, 1st, Savage Bros. Male and female, 1st, Savage Bros.

S. C. BROWN LEGHORNS.—Pair fowls, 1st, Corbett; 2d, Savage Bros. Pair chicks, 1st, Davis; 2d, Taylor. Male, 1st, Taylor; 2d, W. C. Oliver, Dallas. Female, 1st, 2d, L. A. Stroud, Sherman. Pen, 1st, Corbett; 2d, Davis.

WHITE MINORCAS.—Pair chicks, 1st, Corbett. Male, 1st, Corbett; 2d, Mrs. Wylie. Female, 1st, Mrs. Wylie; 2d, Corbett. Pen, 1st, Corbett; 2d, Mrs. Wylie.

BLACK MINORCAS.—Pair fowls, 1st, Savage Bros. Pair chicks, 1st, Hinchliffe; 2d, Stribling, Dallas. Male, 1st, Branch; 2d, Taylor. Female, 1st, 2d, Branch. Pen, 1st, Taylor; 2d, Hagan.

S. S. HAMBURGS.—Pair fowls, 1st, Corbett. Pair chicks, 1st, W. L. Peacock; 2d, Davis. Male and female, 1st, Peacock; 2d, Peacock. Pen, 1st, Davis; 2d, Corbett.

SILVER POLISH.—Pair fowls, 2d, Hagan. Male, 2d, Hagan.

WHITE CRESTED POLISH.—Pair fowls, 1st, Davis. Female, 1st, Savage Bros.

B. B. R. GAMES.—Pair fowls, 1st, 2d, R. H. Coleman, Plano. Pair chicks, 1st, Coleman; 2d, Savage Bros. Male and female, all to Coleman.

RED PYLE GAMES.—Pair chicks, 2d, Jenkins. Male and female, 2d, Jenkins.

SILVER DUCKWING GAMES.—Male, 1st, Brashear.

PIT GAMES.—Cock, 1st, J. G. McReynolds, Neches; 2d, Coleman. Hen, 1st, McReynolds; 2d, Coleman. Stag, 1st, Vandiver; 2d, Coleman. Pullet, 1st, Coleman; 2d, McReynolds. Pair fowls, 1st, Coleman; 2d, Savage Bros. Display, 1st, McReynolds; 2d, Coleman.

GOLDEN SEBRIGHT BANTAMS.—Pair fowls, 1st, Savage Bros. Pair chicks, 1st, Jenkins.

B. B. REDS.—Pair fowls, 1st, Savage Bros; 2d, Davis. Pair chicks, 1st, Savage Bros.

BUFF PEKIN BANTAMS.—Pair fowls, 1st, Savage Bros.

B. R. C. BANTAMS.—Pair fowls, 1st, Farley.

S. D. GAME BANTAMS.—Pair chicks, 1st, S. B. Ferrell, Granbury.

G. D. GAME BANTAMS.—Pair fowls, 1st, 2d, Savage Bros.

INDIAN GAMES.—Pair fowls, 1st, Savage Bros; 2d, S. P. Kling, Sherman. Pair chicks, 1st, C. S. Doubleday, Hico; 2d, Savage Bros. Male, 1st, Savage Bros; 2d, Brashear. Female, 1st, Savage Bros; 2d, Doubleday.

RED CAPS.—Pair fowls, 1st, Jenkins. Pair chicks, 1st, Brashear; 2d, Jenkins. Female, 1st, Jenkins; 2d, Brashear.

HOUDANS.—Male, female and pen, 1st, Brashear, Dallas.

TURKEYS.—Bronze, 1st, C. Thomas. White Holland, 1st, J. McCabe. White Guineas, 1st, Savage Bros; 2d, Sanborn.

DUCKS.—Pekin, 1st, Donnell; 2d, Savage Bros.

RABBITS.—Angora, 1st, 2d, Gersert. Lop-eared, 1st, 2d, Gersert.

PIGEONS.—Black Fantails, 1st, Farley; 2d, Savage Bros. White Fantails, 1st, 2d, Farley. Pouters, 1st, 2d, Farley. Carriers, 1st, Savage Bros; 2d, Farley. Best display standard bred, 1st, Farley; 2d, Savage Bros.

Largest and best display of poultry by Texas exhibitors, 1st, Savage Bros; 2d, Corbett.

Macon's Big Show.

[Special to THE AMERICAN FANCIER.]

Macon, Ga., was the scene of the largest poultry and pigeon show ever held in the far south, nearly 4,000 birds being entered. Splendid building, birds well cooped and fed. Large attendance. D. M. Owen judged poultry. T. Farrar Rackham superintended. Following is a list of different classes represented: Asiatic, 348; American, 360; Mediterranean, 300; Hamburgs, 100; French, 30; Bantams, 300; Polish, 80; Dorkings, 40; Games, 320; Andalusians, 20; Ducks, 100; Turkeys, 70; Geese, 50; Cage Birds, 200; Pigeons, 1,000. Indian Games and Buff Cochins best classes ever shown in the south. Will send awards soon as they can be obtained from secretary. T. Macon, Ga., Nov. 7, 1894.

SOLD FIFTY-PLYMOUTH ROCKS.

I enclose copy for advertisement in next week's paper. The last "ad." I had in THE AMERICAN FANCIER was for one time and sold the fifty Barred Plymouth Rock hens in *just ten days*, and I had orders for more that I could not fill. Your paper is a *dandy* and no mistake. C. M. BATTIE.

Cambridge, N. Y., Nov. 7, 1894.

Random Notes.

BY BLACK WYANDOTTE.

[Written for THE AMERICAN FANCIER.]

It would seem that the poultry associations of a state could easily manage to avoid clashing of dates, yet a reference to the very full list of shows which weekly appears on the second page of THE AMERICAN FANCIER will reveal the fact of endless and seemingly unnecessary clashing. Take for instance our own state of Ohio and we find the Cleveland show in December clashes with the Canton show and Findlay clashes with Dayton. In January the Tiffin show clashes with Cincinnati while the dates of the latter clash with the Ohio state show at Columbus. This is very inconvenient to the exhibitor who wishes to make the circuit as there are few exhibitors who have enough show birds to divide up and show at two shows at once.

Both sweet and sour milk have long been a favorite ration with me for both young and old fowls and I cannot remember ever seeing any ill effects from its use. An Australian writer, however, considers the value of sour milk a good deal a matter of climate. This view is new to me and perhaps may be so to many readers of the FANCIER. Personally I consider the poultryman who has a supply of refuse milk for his flock, very lucky. The Australian writer gives his views as follows:

"I notice that most of the poultry journals advocate the use of plenty of milk, both sour and sweet, for the poultry. I do not agree with them at all. Doubtless milk is excellent when sweet and in the colder parts of the country the freshly turned sour milk is good for them. But in the warmer districts I have found that sour milk is anything but beneficial, particularly for young chickens. It may be that the heat causes some chemical change to take place quicker in the hotter parts, but I know sour milk frequently causes diarrhoea, and where much is given the hens lose color and get a yellowish or bilious hue, while the eggs become watery. A little thick milk once a week or so may do good; but where it is at all warm it should be given out soon after it has turned. Sweet milk is excellent and chickens can never get too much of it, while mixed with oatmeal, pollard, etc., nothing is better for rearing young chicks."

The Andalusian is almost identical with the Minorca except in the required slaty blue color. It is well known however, that this blue plumage is hard to obtain in anything like uniformity. In fact there is foundation for the assertion that culls from Andalusian yards were sold in this country for White Minorcas during the "boom" of that breed some years ago. The Andalusian quite often throws pure white and solid black chicks while the cocks and hens are much apart in shade of plumage. There is little difference in actual characteristics between the Andalusian, Minorca and Spanish. The difference lies almost wholly in color of plumage and face. There is little choice when it comes to practical value as all are excellent egg producers and very indifferent table fowls. The Andalusian has never gained much attention probably on account of its well known disposition to throw a big percentage of unmarketable (from a fancier's view) birds.

A conference of Methodist ministers has just departed from our village leaving desolate hen roosts in its wake. The remaining few disconsolate fowls left in the coops of entertaining brethren were only spared because they lacked the requisite yellow legs. This invitation reminds us of the following (not new) joke from the pen of a reporter:

"At the close of the annual session of a western conference, a few years ago, a correspondent of the Cincinnati Times wrote to that paper saying that the preachers had gone home, and the chickens had come forth from their hiding places. He observed that these timid creatures were evidently slow to believe that it was safe for them to venture out in daylight. But one pullet, no longer hearing singing and praying in the

church and neighboring houses, made bold to go out on a reconnoitering expedition. Carefully and silently she picked her way down a back alley until she met a bird of her species on the same errand. They stopped, and stood on one foot, and turned their heads from side to side, eyeing each other with astonishment, and then began to sing:

"And are we yet alive,
And see each other's face!"

Rhode Island Poultry Association.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

The premium list of the Rhode Island Poultry Association of which Herman S. Babcock is president and Samuel Cushman is secretary, has been received. The society's next show is to be held in Music Hall, Providence, December 11th to 14th. This publication is one of the best that has been issued by a poultry society. It is attractively arranged and illustrated with half tone cuts used in the poultry publications of the Rhode Island Experiment Station. The premiums for each variety are printed in full and everything is made as plain to understand as possible. One thousand seven hundred and seventy dollars is offered in regular society premiums. The entrance fee on single birds is 50 cents, and except for collections the premiums are alike on all varieties. Collection premiums are very liberal, there are a number of new classes and premiums are offered on fowls regardless of purity of the breed as follows: On first crosses for general purposes, on first crosses for laying, for capons pure bred and those not of a pure breed. Wild cross turkeys and turkeys that are not of a pure breed, and the largest gander and goose whether they are of a pure breed or not also receive premiums. On dressed poultry, \$60 is offered in regular premiums as well as a number of valuable special premiums. This feature will probably be of even more interest than last year. The entrance fee on incubators hatching chickens is \$5, with first prize \$17, second prize \$8, and a special of \$50 also offered in this class. Entrance fee on brooders in operation is \$3, and prizes are \$10 and \$5. Several specials are offered for exhibits of eggs. Entrance fee on brooders in operation is \$3, and prizes are \$10 and \$5. Several specials are offered for exhibits of eggs. Entrance fee for fowls entered for sale or exhibition only is 25 cents each bird, and they may be sold and delivered by permission of the secretary during the show.

On pigeons, premiums are offered only on collections. The list of special premiums offered by the friends of the society is a very large one. The Rhode Island State Fair Association offers a \$200 oil painting, Hon. Rowland Hazard of Peacedale, offers \$25 on Plymouth Rocks, Gov. Brown offers \$10 on Light Brahmas, the Providence Journal Company offers \$10 on Light Brahmas, and the Providence News offers \$5 for the best White Wyandotte cockerel, E. L. Freeman & Son offer \$5 for the largest Rhode Island turkey in the show, Cumstock & Co. offer \$5 on exhibit of Pheasants, Geo. R. Vial & Co. offer \$5 on dressed poultry, subscriptions to farm and poultry papers and useful articles almost without number are offered by business firms and dealers in poultry supplies. The advertisements in this list are of value as a directory of dealers in poultry supplies. The total amount of the special premiums is about \$475. The society holds a poultry institute with the state board of agriculture in Blackstone Hall on two days, 12th and 13th, of the show, and there is to be a banquet for all interested, on Thursday evening. There will also be excursion rates on the railroads for the two most important days of the show. It is expected that if the weather is good, this will be one of the most largely attended shows ever held in this state, if not in the east.

SAMUEL CUSHMAN,

Secretary.

Kingston, R. I.

Entries for the Troy Show.

Secretary John H. Duke is very enthusiastic. He says: "The Troy show struck a boom this week. We will have a larger entry than I expected. Whoop it up in this week's FANCIER."

Practical Pointers.

BY GEORGE E. HOWELL.

[Address all Communications for this department "Practical Department," AMERICAN FANCIER, Johnstown, N. Y.]

The number of eggs used in New York city and Brooklyn is something appalling. If the report in a recent Sunday edition of a New York daily is authentic, the hens of this great and growing country of ours have a large task to perform each year, just to keep these two cities supplied. As these figures go from Jan. 1st to Oct. 1st, the receipts amounted to 35,090 barrels and 1,865,411 cases. Some of these are exported, but it is safe to assume the majority are consumed in the metropolis and vicinity. For convenience, the receipts for the year, 1894, may be safely placed at 2,400,000 cases and 45,000 barrels. A case holds 30 to 35 dozen and a barrel 70 to 75 dozen. Averaging these figures the total number would be, in round numbers, 80,400,000 of dozens. This would mean 964,800,000 individual eggs, or a little short of a billion. If laid in a line they would reach, allowing 6 to the foot, 30,000 miles, or twice across the continent of North America, the latitude of New York. This seems like a big story and one would almost imagine the average New Yorker was particularly fond of egg flip and other concoctions of a hilarious nature in which eggs figure, but as a matter of fact it only allows 6 eggs a week to each individual.

At a cost of only 14 cents per dozen it would need \$11,256,000 to pay these cities' egg bill at wholesale. The consumer pays an advance of one-third over this estimate. This illustrates an oft repeated remark of mine, that the extra profit for strictly fresh eggs will pay the feed bill of the entire flock. In this case the four cents per dozen advance between wholesale and retail prices is \$3,216,000. I have not reproduced these figures as an awe inspirer, but to emphasize this last point. An advance of 4 cents on 30 dozens of eggs is \$1.20 in the pocket of the shipper. A very insignificant item when standing alone, but the advance of even one cent on the supply of New York city and vicinity means \$804,000 or four-fifths of a million a year.

Some fanciers are born, others are manufactured and others drift into the poultry business as a matter of pleasure and pastime. The list is constantly growing. In the sections where, a few years since, there were either none at all or scattering, fanciers you find today, the greatest amount of enthusiasm and interest taken in poultry shows.

A poultry show is a great harmonizer. Factions and factional jealousy never made a show a success yet, and never will, any more than one type of a breed for the north, another for the west, a third for the east and a fourth for the south will improve the breed in question. Types should be similar in so much as is not affected by climate, influence, that no society or set of rules can govern.

Different breeds flourish better in different localities, we are told. If this be so, it naturally follows that in selecting our favorite breed we bear this in mind. How shall we find out which breed is the one we want? Why, get the candid opinion of your neighbors, or if unwilling to do this, then in the original language of the irrepressible wheel of fortune fakir, step up, gentlemen, and try your luck.

In buying stock to start with, future successes depend not a little on that important proceeding, because the seller sometimes tells us he has, and shows the most typical specimens of the breed. When in looking up the report of the show he graced by his presence, you find some other fellow has gone him one better, possibly two and he has received nothing or a second at best. This has happened recently, to my knowledge, and the exhibitor goes as far as to presume to dictate to the society how the show should be run, and how the birds be judged on an exhibit of a dozen birds. To what length he would have gone had he shown a couple of dozen, it is hard to tell; perhaps, wanted to revise the constitution and by-laws. This is no reflection on such well disposed ex-

hibitors, but simply illustrates a case of big head and that one sometimes pays considerably more for pedigree than for the bird itself.

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TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

I intend to buy a lot of pullets with the intention of forcing them for eggs this winter and then disposing of them in the spring. I wish to find out what food or foods you regard as the best for this purpose. Please answer through the columns of your paper and greatly oblige,

ALBERT R. MANNING.

Cleveland, O., Nov. 9, 1894.

It will be necessary for you to supply your poultry with a variety of food, and feed heavily, such as wheat-middlings, (shorts,) bran, cornmeal, ground barley, oats, etc. In connection with these, feed whole grain. This is but one of the many requisites. A supply of fresh cut bone and meat will be necessary, also warm roomy quarters, plenty of sunlight and exercise, boiled vegetables thickened with ground feed, grit, etc., and above all never ending attention. It takes all these to get eggs in the winter; anyone can make hens lay in the summer.

Tiffin's (Ohio) Big Show.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

The Ohio State Langshan Club will hold its first annual exhibition in connection with the North-Western Ohio Poultry and Pet Stock Company (Incorporated), to be held at Tiffin, Ohio, January 9, 10, 11, 12. This club and our liberal cash and large cash special premiums assure us the largest poultry show ever held in the State of Ohio. B. N. Pierce, of Indianapolis, and Sharp Butterfield, of Windsor, Canada, are engaged to do the judging. Last year our show was the only one in the State that made money and paid its premiums promptly. We also had the largest attendance. Last year we had more birds than any other two shows in the State, and we will have them again. Our entry fee is twenty-five cents for single birds and \$1.00 for exhibition pens. Premiums for single birds are: 1st, \$1.00; 2nd, 50c.; 3rd, 25c. Exhibition pens: 1st, \$2.00; 2nd, \$1.00. We also give the following cash specials, for which we charge no extra entry fee: For largest display, each bird scoring 90 points or over, \$20.00; 2nd ditto, \$10.00; 3rd ditto, \$5.00. For best 10 Barred P. Rocks, \$5.00; ditto White P. Rocks, \$5.00; ditto Silver Wyandottes, \$5.00; ditto Golden Wyandottes, \$5.00; ditto White Wyandottes, \$5.00; ditto Light Brahmas, \$5.00; ditto Dark Brahmas, \$5.00; ditto Partridge Cochins, \$5.00; ditto Buff Cochins, \$5.00; ditto Black Cochins, \$5.00; ditto White Cochins, \$5.00; ditto Black Langshans, \$5.00; ditto White Langshans, \$5.00; ditto Black Minorcas, \$5.00; ditto White Minorcas, \$5.00; ditto Brown Leghorns, \$5.00; ditto White Leghorns, \$5.00; ditto Buff Leghorns, \$5.00; ditto Indian Games, \$5.00. For the highest scoring exhibition pen (not Bantams), \$5.00; for the highest scoring exhibition pen of Bantams, \$5.00; for the highest scoring cock or cockerel (not Bantam), \$2.50; for the highest scoring hen or pullet (not Bantam), \$2.50; for the highest scoring Bantam, \$2.50. Premium lists are now ready for distribution. Be sure and send for one.

On behalf of the North-Western Ohio Poultry and Pet Stock Company,

THOS. S. FALKNER, Sec'y.

Tiffin, Ohio.

American Langshan Club.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

The American Langshan Club will meet with the Mid-Continental show at Kansas City, December 21, 1894, at 1 P. M. Poultry papers are requested to copy this matter.

WM. H. HAMILTON, Sec'y.

Danielsonville, Conn., Nov. 11, 1894.

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BESIEGED.

I am besieged with letters. I sold fifty pullets two days after my advertisement appeared, and all cockerels the first week. THE AMERICAN FANCIER sells farm raised poultry.

B. M. LINDSEY, Prop'r of Cliff Farm, Monticello, N. Y.

Some Comments and Comparisons.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

Appended to my letter which appears in your issue of November 3rd respecting my report of Orange County show is a reply from your coadjutor, George E. Howell. But for the fact that he draws in an assertion as a quotation from what he says is a confidential letter he has received on the subject, containing a statement that part of the rubbish exhibited at Newburgh was owned by me, I should have taken no further notice of the subject. The birds I owned at Newburgh show were two pair of Buff Cochins, one breeding pen Brown Red Bantams, and a pair of Pit Game chicks.

If this "confidential correspondent" of Mr. Howell's asserts that either of those birds were *trash*, until he has the manliness to let his identity be known I take the liberty of saying he is not only a liar but a coward. I am aware those words are somewhat unparliamentary and not of a class I usually indulge in when intended to be printed. Either of the exhibits owned by me at Newburgh show are typical specimens of their kind, and I do not consider any language too strong applied to an individual who would send either an "anonymous" or "confidential" letter with a view to injure the reputation either of a specimen or an exhibitor.

In my capacity of pigeon editor of the *Live Stock Monthly* I receive quite a few of those "confidential" communications intended to give some poor devil a poke in the ribs without disclosing the identity of the "poker." They find a fitting receptacle in the waste paper basket, and I venture to think Mr. Howell would have shown wisdom had he treated the letter as requested confidentially instead of publishing any part of it.

Referring to the question of the Pit Game classes, I send herewith a letter received from one of the exhibitors, who has not written to me in confidence, which I shall be glad for you to publish. What object Mr. Howell had in cutting out the names of the winners in those classes can best be answered by himself. I confess I am too ignorant to see the point.

I should not have troubled you with this letter but for the unfounded assertions contained in the extract from what Mr. Howell says was a confidential letter respecting birds I owned and exhibited at Newburgh. I will not again trespass upon your valuable space on this subject.

JOHN GLASGOW.

Mahwah, N. J.

The letter Mr. Glasgow received is as follows:

DEAR SIR:—I saw your article in THE AMERICAN FANCIER, and I think you are right. George E. Howell said some of the exhibitors took advantage of the liberality of the society, and said it was done in the Game class. I was an exhibitor and also winner of 2 firsts and 1 second. I entered my birds as Pit Games, having sent four different strains. You speak of Irish Greys taking first. I entered them as Irish Grey Pit Games. It matters not what name you call them, they are Pit Games. I think you did right in telling the judge to judge them as Pits.

Yours respectfully,

D. C. PAULDING.

East View, N. Y., Nov. 6, 1894.

[By referring to Mr. Orr's letter in our last issue it will be readily understood why Mr. Howell criticised the Pit Game awards.—ED. A. F.]

Mr. Glasgow says he had no trash on exhibition. All right. I judged his birds without seeing them, and offer him an apology for my poor judgment.

Now, then, Mr. Glasgow has apparently replied to my first article without reading it. Will he do me the same honor? Let us see.

Mr. Orr, in last week's AMERICAN FANCIER, explained that the error was his, although unintentional on his part, and not ours. This ought to appease the anger of any reasonable human being. Further, Mr. Orr told where correct reports could be had, and wound up by paying a high compliment to Mr. Glasgow.

Since his coming to America and identifying himself with the fancy here, THE AMERICAN FANCIER and all connected therewith have shown Mr. Glasgow every courtesy, perhaps more than any other paper, and as much as would those of his native land. It seems silly that our readers should be burdened with a local issue of this kind, in which so few are interested.

GEORGE E. HOWELL.

Table Fowls.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

At the Dairy show in England the display of table poultry is always large, but that for 1894 broke the record of all previous displays. The classes, entries, and exhibits were as follows:

Pure bred Dorking cockerels, 29 entries, 20 exhibits.

Couple of Dorking pullets, 20 entries, 16 exhibits.

Any Other Variety, cockerels, 27 entries, 22 exhibits.

Any Other Variety, couple of pullets, 24 entries, 19 exhibits.

Cross-bred cockerels, 43 entries, 36 exhibits.

Cross-bred, couple of pullets, 47 entries, 41 exhibits.

Couple of drakes or ducks, 43 entries, 40 exhibits.

Gander or goose, 33 entries, 30 exhibits.

This gives a total of 266 entries, 227 exhibits, and 343 specimens.

The Rhode Island Poultry show would gladly beat this admirable record, and it would delight the secretary's heart if it did.

In the Any Other Variety cockerel class the first and second prizes went to Indian Games, and the *Fanciers' Gazette* says of this award: "Certainly the finest birds in the pure-bred classes, showing the very perfection of the fatterer's art. These birds were enormously long in body, carrying a large amount of flesh, the skin was delicate, and they were finished off in a splendid manner. This pair was worth going 100 miles to see." All of which only proves what Indian Game breeders all along have claimed, that their fowl is the table fowl of the world. The third prize in this class went to a Langshan; the fourth, reserve and v. h. c. also to Indian Games, with h. c. cards for Indian Game, Silver Wyandotte, Langshan and Malay fowls.

In the pullets of the Any Other Variety class, what must have been a surprise to many bold Britons occurred, the first prize going to "a beautiful pair of Plymouth Rocks, very well fattened, long in body, the flesh and skin very white, remarkably so, in fact, for this breed; this was as pretty a pair as we saw in the show." So says the *Fanciers' Gazette*, and this is certainly quite an indorsement for the truly American breed, the Plymouth Rock. The second prize in this class went to Indian Games, the third to Plymouth Rocks, the fourth to Silver Wyandottes, reserve and v. h. c. to Indian Games, and h. c. to Malays. From such a distribution of prizes among several breeds it would seem that American fowls are looking up in England as table birds.

In cross-bred cockerels there was more than the usual mixing up of breeds, and the prizes went as follows: First to Houdan-Plymouth Rock; 2nd, Brahma-Silver Grey Dorking; 3rd, Houdan-Indian Game; 4th, Indian Game-Dorking; reserve and v. h. c., Sussex cross; v. h. c., Brahma-Dorking, Indian Game-Dorking; h. c., Barndoor-Brahma, Brahma-Dorking, Plymouth Rock-Malay.

In cross-bred pullets the awards were placed as follows: First, Houdan-Indian Game, a cross which is strongly recommended by French connoisseurs; 2nd, Indian Game-Dorking, as were also 3rd, 4th, reserve, and v. h. c.; h. c., Brahma-Dorking-Malay, Indian Game and cross-bred, Game-Dorking, Brahma-Dorking.

In ducks the prizes all went to Aylesburys, and in geese to cross-breds and Embdens, with the exception of two v. h. c. cards to some Irish geese, whatever they may be. The first prize went to a cross-bred goose, evidently largely of Embden blood.

Such an exhibit as this certainly must have been both instructive and interesting, and a feature that deserves more attention in this country than it receives.

In most of our poultry exhibitions the dressed poultry department is either altogether omitted or becomes an insignificant one in size. The Rhode Island Poultry Association is the only society, I believe, in this country where this feature has risen to one of interest and importance. This society offers a liberal amount in cash as premiums in this department, and it gets a fine exhibit. Whether that is telling a secret or not, it seems to me other societies might profit by the hint. We fanciers never ought to lose sight of the practical in our exhibitions or our breeding, for the practical is, after all has been said, the broad foundation upon which the fancy rests as a graceful superstructure.

H. S. BABCOCK.

In and In-Breeding.

In the Game cock, not bred for mere show purposes, but for the pit, the qualities mainly sought to be perpetuated have been uncommon vigor, fast, true striking with the heels, and such indomitable gameness, that no amount of punishment in fair battle would make the birds turn from their adversaries. Now, very close breeding, the stock being good to begin with, has been found quite compatible with the preservation of these qualities, and when good selections have been made, there has been an improvement in the most essential qualities as well. Of course, in-breeding will not make slow, clumsy fighters good, nor will it enable anyone to breed game fowls from a strain which would run away when sorely punished or much distressed in wind. On the other hand, a wide cross is always dangerous. Even when both the elements of such a cross have been well known to be good, it has often happened that the chickens so bred have not been as good as either of the strains from which they sprung. Then, again, when a breeder often resorts to crossing, it is probable that some cross will be tried not so good on one side as the other, and then deterioration is nearly sure to follow. Even when the cocks of the first cross turn out to be splendid fighters, as those of the Walton Derby cock, and Mr. Reed's Long Island hens did, it is often found that they do not breed such good fighters as they are themselves, except when bred back to the sisters, or other close relations of their own mother. Men use a cross in the first place for some vague reason they know not what, but principally because people who know nothing about it tell them that in-breeding is a bad thing; and then, having indulged the popular prejudice against it to a certain extent, they get back to their old, well tried strain again as quickly as possible. We have known some to maintain that a cross is a good thing in itself. And so it is, as Prof. Miles substantially remarks, when the stock crossed upon is itself very bad. Almost any cross then works an apparent improvement, for the cock selected to make the cross is almost always a good fighter, and of superior breed, and the hens having little potency, the chickens take most after the cock. When mains of cocks were fought in England for large sums of money the great breeders bred very close in. The Earl of Derby, the Earl of Sefton, the Earl of Mexborough, Mr. Leigh of Lyme, Mr. Bold Houghton, the Featherstonchaughs, Doctor Bellysee, General Yates, Colonel Mordaunt, Mr. White and other eminent men made it a rule to be very wary of crosses. A friend of ours has suggested that in-bred fowls then prevailed in fights, because all the game fowls in England were at that time in-bred. This is a mistake, for crossing was practiced, and many first-rate cocks and hens were brought over to England from Ireland for the purpose of crossing tentatively. But it was found that, upon the whole, it did no good, but sometimes did harm. We have the means of knowing that at least four of the strains then so jealously guarded and kept pure have been in-bred to this day. These are the old Derby strain, the Featherstonchaughs, the Bold Houghtons and those fought by Old Gilliver for Mr. Leigh of Lyme, and Lord Mexborough. The Derby cocks are best represented in this country by the Clairborne's, and after being bred in-and-in here for half a century and perhaps

more, they are larger and stronger to day than they were when first imported fine, fast fighters and game as flint. The Bold Houghtons have been in-bred in England for nearly a century, with the same results. They are only represented here on one side, the two hens sent from Cheshire with the cock to a friend of ours having unfortunately died. The same thing happened with the hens sent with the cock sold to another friend of ours by Old Gilliver's son the year before last. Gilliver said they were the same breed that his father fought forty years ago in a main, 1,000 sovereigns a battle and 5,000 sovereigns the main. That cock was purchased out of the coops in which some thirty were being fed for the pit, and the hens were taken off Gilliver's own yard. We are also assured by a gentleman whom we have good reason to believe that he has fowls of Lord Sefton's strain, bred in-and-in ever since he used to fight against Lord Derby. Now, it is true that the produce of these fowls, bred in this country, are larger than they were in England, and some insist that this results from there having been crosses introduced here. This is a great mistake. The Clairbornes, originally Derbys, have been in-bred here for half a century, and they had no doubt been in-bred at and about Knowsley for as long a period before that. The increase of size is due to selection solely. When mains of cocks were fought by the gentlemen of England at the race meetings, the highest weight in the mains within the articles was 4lbs, 8oz. The heavier cocks could only fight in by-battles. Therefore the breeders purposely bred for medium-sized, compact cocks. This was just the style of Walton Derby, the last cock sent here direct from Knowsley, and bred by the father of the present Earl of Derby. It is also the exact style of the cock purchased of young Jim Gilliver the year before last. The Bold Houghton cock was also of that type. The gentleman who sent him from Cheshire says that the favorite fowls of the old Earl of Derby, after whom the great race is named, grandfather to the present Earl, and those of Mr. Bold Houghton were the same breed. The following is an extract from his letter: "My friend, Mr. —, told me you wanted them to go to America, otherwise we would not have let the breed go on any consideration. They are a pure strain from the Bold Houghton and Early Derbys, and in all our mains have never been beat yet. I have about forty more, and should be glad to have a fly with any gentleman for £100 a side, and 75s each battle, to show twenty-one birds each, 4lbs, 4oz, to 6lbs, 4oz, allowing 2oz. each way." The writer is a gentleman of old family and great estate in Cheshire. Other strains long in-bred in England and Ireland have been brought here, and sustained their reputation as long as the owners had care and resolution to breed in-and-in. Such was the strain brought over with imp. Priam, which we have heard were of the old strain bred for so many years near Newmarket by young Sam Clifney. Such was the Radford strain from Ireland. These were obtained by a servant from her brother in the Emerald Isle for her employer here, and we never saw better cocks. She was asked by Mr. Radford how long they had been in-bred, and her reply was "All our lives; my father and brother never crossed them." Those brought out with Priam were called the Stonefence cocks for the reason that the English hen had her nest near a stone fence. If you should ask those who knew them best when did the Stonefences and the Radfords begin to decline in fighting qualities, they would reply, "When those who had them began to cross the blood." Cock fighting is now out of fashion, but the game cock is as strong an instance against the theories of those who argue that in-breeding is a bad method of breeding in itself, and that out crossing is a good method in itself, as any that can be cited. The contention of those who oppose in-breeding is that it impairs the constitution, and renders the subjects of it weak, diseased, and infertile. It has been found, however, that cocks in-bred for many years retain their strength of constitution and perfect gameness. Prof. Miles establishes the fact that in-breeding is the only method by which the best varieties

can be preserved and improved.—*New York Sportsman.*

Poultry Points.

There is no season of the year so prolific of disease in the poultry yards as in the months of October and November. Truly says the *American Cultivator*. The cold winds and rains, coming before the fowls have all renewed their feathers after moulting, are particularly dangerous to them, because more severely felt than when in full feather. Then, too, if there are broken windows in the house or cracks open in the side the owner has not yet thought it necessary to mend them or to close the ventilators, and the rain often comes in, as well as the wind, and the floor of the house is damp, if not actually muddy, which is unwholesome at the best, and doubly so if there is an accumulation under the roosts or around the feed boxes.

In all of these cases the method of preventing disease is obvious. To protect the house against draughts of wind, especially opposite the roofs, and to keep water from coming into it, is as easy now as it will be in December. In fact, it is easier, as we have known those who waited until December to fail to find a time not taken up by other duties when it was warm enough to set glass in the window, or when they could easily get material for banking up the building. It is easy now to make gutters that will keep the yards dry in the fall rains and the winter thaws, and to do all else that is needed to fully prepare for winter.

But beside these measures of precaution something more may be done to keep disease from the flock. After a cold night or a storm give a warm mash in the morning early, with a little cayenne pepper or ginger in it to warm them up and stimulate them. One objection to a regular warm feed in the morning during the summer is that it thus loses the effect it should have when more needed at this season, and thus we prefer the smaller grains as a morning food until the cold storms begin.

Waste vegetables are very good, whether cooked or simply cut up so that they can pick at them, which some think the better way. Turnips, potatoes and beets not good enough for market can now be obtained cheap enough from the gardeners to be used as feed for the poultry. It is not a good plan to give pepper in the food every day. Save it for such times as they need an extra warming up or stimulating.

Those who desire to stock their poultry yards with thoroughbred fowl at as small a cost as possible, may often do so in the late fall by taking a little time and trouble to find breeders who have old fowl of which they wish to dispose to make more room for the growth of this year, or chickens which, although thoroughbred, are not quite up to the highest standard for marking. The breeders of high reputation for breeding fancy stock usually prefer to kill and dress such fowl instead of selling them alive, but less experienced breeders and those who have not yet attained to the honor of showing prize-winners are not so particular and will eagerly seize on the chance to get a little more than they would bring if killed and dressed.

One may get some good birds in this way, and some that may, if properly mated, produce a proportion of chickens better than themselves, but of course it must not be expected to obtain those or to grow chickens that will be quite equal to those obtained by the fanciers, who pay \$75, \$25 or even \$10 per trio for high-scoring birds.

But even if one has not prize-winners, there is a certain fascination about a flock all of one breed and reasonably true to markings in form and feather which there is not to a mixed lot of all sorts and colors, and by selection one may obtain some chickens another year better than the flock he starts with, especially if he is careful to get a good male bird to mate with the best he has.

Some breeders who began in this way have succeeded better than those who began by buying high-priced birds. The care they took in selecting birds for mating gave them more insight into the business than those who purchased fowls

already mated, and who did not know how to select their birds another year. In poultry-breeding, as in many other things, the overcoming of one obstacle is the best preparation for meeting the next.

"I do not keep any account with my hens, and it may be that what eggs I get cost me more than they would if I bought them at the store," says an amateur, "but I have all I want when the hens lay well, and can go without them for a while when they do not lay, and never ask the price of them, so that they taste as well at one season as another. And my wife never has to 'try' them when she breaks them before cooking, and if I want a boiled egg for breakfast, it never drives me away from the table by its odor." There is a comfort in keeping poultry in that way, if there is not a profit.

"Get into Gear."

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

Obedying the above command means that you will not be left when the gates close, referring, of course, to the projected Troy show. To say that the latter is going to be a howling success is justified by the interest shown by the breeders and fanciers of thoroughbred poultry and pet stock. Just think, nine silver cups, to say nothing of twenty cash prizes of \$5 each. These, taken with the cash prizes offered by the association, are certainly going to make the Troy show the "Palace show of America." Every breeder of rabbits and pet stock should not miss this chance to exhibit in a community well known for its appreciation of thoroughbred stock, so "get into gear" and when the train starts be on it. Our hall is a large one, in the heart of the city, and is equipped with steam heat and electric light. Spratts Patent do the cooping and feeding, while a corps of experienced superintendents will see to the comforts of their respective departments. In view of these facts, which are embodied in the premium lists, entries are coming along quite gaily; they are "getting into gear."

One word especially to pigeon and pet stock fanciers. Mr. J. C. Long, Jr., of New York, an expert on these specialties, has been engaged to judge, and his coming will be welcomed by all, for seldom is a judge engaged for these departments alone. I have been appointed superintendent of the pet stock division, and shall give it my personal attention, while not competing for any of the association's prizes. Exhibitors showing stock and being unable to be present can rest contented that their exhibits shall be properly and carefully attended to while in our care, and if any exhibits are for sale I shall act as agent for the exhibitor, and at no expense to him whatever other than necessary charges for stamps, etc. So "get into gear."

W. N. RICHARDSON,
Sec'y of American Belgian Hare Club.
Troy, N. Y., Nov. 10, 1894.

Breeding Pens.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

There are innumerable matters of importance to the poultry fraternity which can be best ventilated by the expressed idea and experience of others.

It is amusing on visiting a show room to notice the quality of the exhibits claiming to be shown under the above caption. If they were to be used for the purpose which their names designate their happy owner would surely be surprised at the quality of their progeny. An exhibitor may show a pen of fowls or chicks, composed of a high scoring male bird and four high scoring females. Such a pen is valuable as an *exhibition pen*, but there are two points worth noticing. These are: First, that prize winners indiscriminately mated together irrespective of 'balance' do not produce winners; second, birds properly mated to produce winners need not be prize winners. Of course there are exceptions where these rules are off.

If birds exhibited as breeding pens were intelligently mated for breeding purposes they would prove object lessons of great value to the beginner, and if poultry associations would offer prizes on

pens mated on these lines with explanatory notes by the exhibitor and the judge who carries out the wishes of the association in awarding the prizes for this object, will receive the thanks and support of young and comparatively uneducated fanciers who are seeking information. In no other way can it be so well and so easily given. If the time ever comes when poultry associations will give premiums on *breeding pens* mated for breeding purposes alone, then the fancy will increase and there will be less failures and less discouraged breeders and the fanciers at large will be greatly benefited.

JUDGE L. P. HARRIS.
Lincoln, Neb.

PIGEONS.

Standard Announcement.

For the benefit of our pigeon readers, we have made arrangements whereby we can furnish the Pigeon Standard at 50 cents a copy.

Editorial Squibs.

Look out for the Peoria, Illinois, show. It will be a corker.

The west is full of pigeon cranks, a fact some of our eastern fanciers seem to forget. That little (?) Peoria show will open the eyes of the boys who move in a small circle.

Then what's the matter with Cincinnati? She's all right. We are afraid our friends in Boston forget that "Cincy" and Peoria are on the map, to judge by the letters we have received. Boston and New York are fine places to show pigeons but they are not the only cities in the United States by a jugful where birds can be exhibited.

Geo. W. Eckert of Allentown, Pa., who bought all of Tanner's famous Magpies, has just completed a model pigeon loft, 39 feet long and 25 feet wide. It is heated by hot water and Mr. Eckert expects to breed his birds all winter.

R. Grimshaw, the well-known fancier of Tipplers, returned to his home in Philadelphia, after a three months' sojourn in England. He writes: "I called on most all the principal Tippler fanciers while on the other side. I had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Minoprio of Liverpool, whose article on Tipplers appeared in your most excellent paper a few months ago. The show Tippler is taking a very strong hold on the 'boys' and they have succeeded in breeding some very nice birds. I asked several of the leading fanciers to favor THE AMERICAN FANCIER with their experiences re Tipplers. The Show Tippler Club has already 52 members and is only three years old."

Of the Tippler Flying fanciers, Mr. Grimshaw writes: "Mr. George Smith of Nottingham is trying to get up an All England handicap for a valuable Silver cup to be flown for next spring. Mr. Smith's book is an excellent work for the amateurs, and I can heartily recommend it to all that wish to take up the Tippler or Tumbler for their hobby."

Mr. Grimshaw brought a number of crack birds home with him, including the champions of 1894. There is no reason to doubt the coming popularity of the Tippler pigeon in America.

We are indebted to Mr. Frank C. Minoprio for an excellent pencil drawing of a famous Tippler cock, a winner of many prizes in England. We shall shortly present it to our readers.

M. B. Blauch, the Jacobin enthusiast of Lebanon, Pa., reports a pleasant visit to his lofts by A. B. Hoskins and Dr. T. W. Tuggle last week. That was certainly a great trio of Jacobin fanciers and needed only H. V. Crawford to make up an incomparable quartette.

We received from C. M. Sweeney of Detroit, Michigan, two excellent photographs of his English Carriers. Mr. Sweeney has sold nearly all his crack birds, several fine Carriers going to G. S. Boller's lofts.

Speaking of photographs reminds us of the fact that no better illustrations of pigeons can be presented than the half-tone pictures made from a good photograph.

Pigeon Notes.

BY JOHN HOPEWELL.

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Continued from November 10th.

ORIENTAL FRILLS.

Those members of the family Columba known as the Oriental Frills, are among the most beautiful and attractive of this great family. In form they much resemble the Turbits and many on first acquaintance regard them as another variety of these favorite birds. They are, however, a trifle larger and all have feathered legs, a feature not permissible with Turbits. They are natives of Asia Minor, and while comparatively new to us, it is said they have been bred for a century in their native country. While resembling each other in general characteristics of form and size, they differ materially in color, and this variation in color gives them a corresponding variety of names. Hence we have the Satinette, Blondinette, Brunette, Bluet, Silverette, Turbeteen, Vizor and Domino. They are rather difficult to breed to color, consequently it requires much care and good judgment in mating them. For this reason they are not general favorites and by no means plentiful. Their standard qualities are:

Size.—A trifle larger than the Turbit.
Carriage.—Erect, proud and graceful.
Form.—Compact and plump and well rounded.

Head.—Of good size, broad and well arched, gracefully rounding from base of beak to back of the skull. Well filled out between eyes and beak.

Beak.—Very short, thick upper mandible curved downwards in continuation of the line of the skull. Lower mandible straight and fitting closely into the upper.

Beak Wattle.—Small, fine and powdery white in color.

Eye.—Large, prominent and bright. Located about in the centre of the head. Color, dark hazel.

Eye Cere.—Small and fine in texture.
Crest.—Rising neatly from base of skull and narrowing to a fine point reaching just above the top of skull. In some specimens of all these varieties the crest is wanting where they are known as plain heads.

Jowl.—Full and round.

Gullet.—Full and well developed, beginning near the point of the lower mandible and reaching well down till it meets the frill.

Neck.—Short, nicely arched and tapering gracefully from shoulders to junction with the head.

Frill.—Large, formed of small feathers curving outwardly from centre of the breast and reaching from the junction with gullet well down the front of the breast.

Body.—Short and well rounded, tapering to the tail.

Breast.—Broad and full and carried well forward.

Wings.—Broad at shoulders.

Flights.—Moderate in length and carried close to the body and in a line with the tail.

Tail.—Short and closely folded.

Legs and Feet.—Medium length and covered with short soft feathers reaching to toe nails. What is known as Grouse muffed.

THE SATINETTE.

Color.—Head, neck, body and thighs pure white; beak, flesh colored; eyes, hazel or bull. The shoulders have a ground color of a delicate pinkish cast gradually deepening to a rich brown at the end of each feather which is finally pencilled with a purplish black line. This pencilling takes two different forms, one known as arrow pointed, the other as laced. Either is admissible, but need to be clear and well defined.

Flights.—From seven to ten in number and pure white.

Tail.—From a well defined line across the rump is of a purplish blue color, ending in a band of a darker shade about one and a half inches in width. About in the centre of this band and on each tail feather is a round white spot about half an inch in diameter, the dark shaft of the feather showing plainly through it, the outer web of the outside feathers being usually white.

Leg Feathering.—Pure white.

BLACK SATINETTES.—Same as above, only showing black and white alone in its markings.

SULPHUR SATINETTES.—Same as above, only showing sulphur ground color, instead of pink with the darker shadings on its shoulders.

Questions Answered.

J. Hopmans, Buffalo, N. Y., writes: Can you tell me through THE AMERICAN FANCIER why one of my Pouter hens laid only one egg each time? During the past season she laid three times, her eggs being very small compared with those of other seasons. My birds are also troubled with long flat lice. What can be done for them?

Answer.—There is no reason I can assign for this lack of fecundity except age. I should judge the bird to be quite old and that she has laid her litter out. If not old it may arise from too close breeding, so that her fruitfulness has been affected. As there is no reason, if a bird is young and strong, that she should not lay a good sized egg and two of them at a litter. The long flat lice are feather lice, and can be driven away by the use of Persian insect powder dusted into the feathers. These lice are supposed to be rather a benefit than an injury to the bird, by eating the fine fluffy feathering and so thinning the coat for hot weather. When a bird moults in the fall they generally disappear.

L. E. Ruge, Brooklyn, N. Y., asks: What ails a pigeon, its bill being all covered with a slimy matter and in its mouth is a sort of a swelling—yellowish—and the bird is unable to close its mouth? What way should it be treated? Could you give me the address of some flying club of Homing birds that is in or near the city of Brooklyn? I am thinking of joining one, and, of course, would like to know who to correspond with.

Answer.—Your pigeon has what is known as roup. Wash its bill and nostrils with a solution of carbolic acid and water quite weak. At same time wash the roof of the mouth with the same. After being well cleaned make a syrup of lemon juice and sugar, and with a camel's hair pencil paint the canker spots. Do this twice a day. Also, give two or three pellets of the homoeopathic remedy, spongia, twice a day. A solution of borax and water will also do as a wash for the beak and nostrils in place of carbolic and water. Make inquiries of Mr. T. F. Goldman, 1694 Dean street, Brooklyn, for name of a Brooklyn flying club.

G. L. B., Hartford, Conn., writes: Please give dimensions of the Pouter pigeon. I am a new beginner, and would like to know what a first-class Pouter is.

Answer.—A Pouter should measure from end of beak to end of tail when stretched horizontally at least 18 inches. His legs should measure at least 6½ inches from hip joint to end of middle toe. It should have a full, round, globular crop, narrow girth or waist, fine upright carriage, and of whatever color it be, this color should be bright, clear and glossy. In issue of September 15 there is a full description of what a good Pouter should be. JOHN HOPEWELL.

Transfers.

From lofts of C. M. Sweeney, Detroit, to G. S. Boller, Cherry Creek, N. Y., one imported Dun Carrier hen, "Lady Leah" 1890 hatch, "Ludlow" strain and one black English Carrier cock, "Chauncey M." 1893 hatch, price \$75 for the pair. To George Quintin, St. Joseph, Missouri, one pair Silver-Dun English Carriers. To J. H. Baugh, Port Hope, Ontario, one Silver-Dun English Carrier hen. To

L. Schmidt, Quincy, Illinois, one pair Red Barbs and one pair of Homers. To Fred. R. Phillips, Chicago, Illinois, 12 pairs Homers. To Chas. W. Clark, Gloversville, N. Y., 9 pairs Homers. To F. F. Bock, Battle Creek, Michigan, 8 pairs of Homers. To G. H. Kinzel, Winchester, Va., 3 pairs of Homers. To Alfred-Geddes, Ottawa, Canada, 2 pairs of Homers. To R. L. Davis, Battle Creek, Michigan, 2 pairs Homers. To J. D. Hopkins, Springfield, Illinois, 1 pair Homers. To H. J. Nielsen, Chicago, Illinois, 1 pair Homers.

Extra Classes at the Boston Pigeon Show.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

In addition to the regular classes printed in the premium list of the Boston Pigeon show, the following classes have been made:

ORIENTAL FRILLS.

Best Blondinette cock or hen bred in 1894.

Best Satinette cock or hen bred in 1894.

Best any other Oriental Frill cock or hen bred in 1894.

N. B.—The class for any other variety Oriental Frill includes Oriental Turbits and Turbites.

SHORT-FACED TUMBLERS (OPEN CLASS).

Agate cock.

Mottle or Rosewing cock.

Self-colored cock.

Agate hen.

Mottle or Rosewing hen.

Self-colored hen.

LONG-FACED TUMBLERS (CLEAN LEG).

Best Mottle or Rosewing cock or hen, bred in 1894.

Best self-colored cock or hen, bred in 1894.

The above are what will be known as special or supplementary classes, and, unless there are more than five entries in a class, first money will be withheld and second money given to first prize winner. A number of additional special prizes have also been offered.

C. E. TWOMBLY, Sec'y.

Boston, Mass., Nov. 12th, 1894.

Where Specialty Clubs Should Meet.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

The Boston Pigeon Show Association wants the specialty clubs to meet at their coming show in December.

They should meet in the east for the following reasons:

1. There are two pigeon fanciers in the east to every one in the west.

2. We have two first-class shows guaranteed in the east—New York and Boston.

3. The west has but one—Peoria.

They should meet in Boston in preference to New York for the following reasons:

1. There are more fanciers in the north-east than in New York.

2. The Boston show will be an exclusive pigeon show. New York will not be.

I might add that the Boston show has already \$300 offered in specials, and we expect \$25 more at least.

The classification is liberal and entry fees light. Entry fees 50c. a bird. Premiums \$2.00 to first, \$1.00 to second.

F. TUDOR, JR., Treasurer.

Boston, Mass., Nov. 1, 1894.

The National Federation of American Homing Pigeon Fanciers.

[FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.]

A meeting of the National Association Executive Committee was held at the rooms of Race Secretary C. H. Jones, 10 South Broad street, Philadelphia, Pa., on Monday, October 12, President James Work in the chair. The following members were present: T. Fred. Goldman, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Wm. Verrinder, Jr., Jersey City, N. J.; H. B. Lippincott and C. H. Jones, Philadelphia, Pa.

It was decided to hold the annual meeting in Philadelphia on Thursday, December 13th, afternoon and evening sessions, as customary, and other minor items of business were dispatched.

MANY SALES.

I have made many sales through my "ad." in your paper, and I am as well pleased with the benefits I derived as from any paper I advertise in.

O. F. CONNELLY.

Carlisle, Pa.

Pigeon Flying.

Homing Gossip and Echoes From the Flying Fancy.

BY "FRITZ."

I regret that the closing race of the Philadelphia District of the National Federation with young birds from Bedford City, Va., air line 300 miles, scheduled for October 29th last, proved to be a *Waterloo* for the Quaker City fanciers. The birds were held over the day appointed on account of rain, but the weather cleared on Sunday, October 28th, and they were let go in a light westerly wind, at 8:16 A. M. Throughout the home district the flying conditions were anything but favorable, and as east, and north-easterly winds prevailed pretty generally throughout, not a single return was reported day of toss, a result not unexpected. The birds were also engaged for the *Item* 300 miles championship, but both this and the Federation 300 miles honors are of course now off. Mr. Jas. A. Stovell will retain the *Item* trophy until next flying season. At this late season of the year it seems unreasonable to look for flying conditions over a 300 miles course from the south-west, which would enable a bird to home speedily and successfully from the distance. Such days are few and far between, and the distance is altogether too far for young birds particularly. Although I learn that the returns proved fairly good in numbers, even if late, yet such hard experience for young birds very frequently does much harm, and it is very exceptional that they acquit themselves creditably the following season, *if ever again*. Many excellent authorities contend that the fit moral and physical condition of the birds cannot be fully recovered, if at all, until after the second moult at least, and for this reason many rarely fly such young birds in their second year.

I have often pursued such a course with a few youngsters and with some that had met hard weather and with such excellent results that I have no hesitancy in advising young fanciers to specially reserve and prepare a few such subjects in their loft to put on their racing team as *three year olds*. The necessary patience will I think be amply repaid, and it is quite unnecessary that the birds should have had a hard experience in their first flying season. Quite the contrary, young birds that have done a hundred or a hundred and fifty miles, *and done it well*, and without any nights out, or hard experiences, are splendid chaps to depend upon as 3 year olds if allowed the freedom of the loft, and not overbred during their second year.

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This is now the particular period of the year for flying fanciers in either their local or national organizations to overhaul their by-laws and race rules, to consider proposed changes for the more complete enjoyment of the sport, and in the better protection of the records. Changes that have been prompted and rendered necessary by the past year's experiences in the flying fancy, points not fully covered by by-laws and race rule, are frequently cropping up, and it is only by close observation and experience that we may so amend our laws and rules annually to render them as nearly perfect. There is scarcely a flying season passes over without some disagreeable and puzzling point being raised by some one, and in many cases the point is of vital importance, rarely decided satisfactorily to both sides, and yet strange to say is often permitted to pass over into a new year without any provision being made to cover a recurrence of the point. Fanciers should now put on their thinking cap and review the discrepancies of the past year. It will pay them to do so, and perhaps relieve them of bitter argument and strife during the 1895 season.

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During my long and active experience in the flying fancy, if there is any one thing that I have noted more than another, it is that of the different ideas which appear to exist among flying fanciers

upon the question of *loft fixings* and *general neatness*. I have of course visited very many lofts both in my own vicinity, and away from it, but the percentage of flying fanciers whose lofts I have inspected, that one could justly term *good*, is very small indeed, so far as appearance goes. Can one wonder at the common objection that prevails outside of the fancy against keeping pigeons, when the non-fanciers cannot fail to observe the shabbiness, filth, and primitive fixings which marks the coop or loft of many of their fancier friends? It needs no long purse to enable the Homing fancier to maintain a neat and clean establishment, one that is attractive to the eye, both inside and out, but it does require care and constant attention, and no light amount of labor, and a certain degree of taste. Neither is a large or expensively constructed coop or loft essential to success in the flying world, neither is it necessary to have the birds *daily* disturbed and annoyed with the use of scraper and broom in the loft. It is a time honored saying in the fancy that the *extremist* in cleanliness in the loft is rarely among the winners, but it is equally true to observe that the extremist in slovenness and dirt in the coop or loft is about the same thing, only with this difference, they vastly predominate in the flying fancy.

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It is positively surprising to me and no doubt doubly so to non-fanciers, how any fancier who loves his birds and sport, can house them so miserably as many do and take so little pride in the general appearance of his establishment.

I have visited many good fanciers whose lofts contain valuable and grand workers, and while their feeding is correct, their loft weather proof and practical, yet there is a something lacking that mars the whole hobby.

This something is unquestionably the broken down, rickety and altogether sloven appearance of the loft and its primitive fixings.

There are too many patches in its make-up and the bob wires, alighting board and inside fixings are often of the most primitive and sloven construction.

The weather beaten appearance of coops which I have visited show urgent need of whitewash and paint, and the dilapidated condition of wire and lath work would proclaim either a chronic laziness on the part of the owner or a lack of the simplest knowledge of carpentering and an indifference altogether inexcusable.

I can now recall some very neat lofts and coops which I have visited during my connection with the flying fancy, and in every instance was the owner able to boast of having accomplished creditable flying work with his birds, and a visit to such a loft is always enjoyable. The snappy appearance of the stock, the air of general neatness throughout, the thorough dryness and cleanliness of birds and perches and the light and cheerfulness of the whole structure proclaimed at once the racers' home and a freshness that was charming to behold.

I would caution all young fanciers against this very common shortcoming of the homing pigeon fancier, *neglect of the loft*, for such indifference very frequently widens into neglect of the birds, and it then needs but a season or two of hard luck in training to induce the complete withdrawal from the sport.

And thus ends many cases of Colombo-philic aspirations. He has little to induce him to remain. There are some lofts which I occasionally visit with extreme pleasure, but there are many more in my visiting experience which I prefer to avoid.

A real good fancier is, or should be, as proud of the home of his pets as he is of the birds themselves, and though his stock be of the very best, and with a racing record way up, a sloven or dilapidated looking loft or coop cannot but mar his standing in the fancy, and the example prove hurtful to the novices of his acquaintance.

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American fanciers can form some idea of the many difficulties and obstacles attending 500 miles racing into England from France when it is stated that up to date but 135 birds have been advised as

at home from the Grand National toss at La Rochelle on July 23d last, when 510 birds were sent up, and yet I believe the southeast course from France will be the choice of the northern fanciers for 500 miles work during 1895, notwithstanding.

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An interesting, yet stale subject, has been warmly discussed of late by the English fanciers abroad, viz: Whether *sight* alone enables birds to home or whether other faculties are more directly called into play when the birds are tossed far from the home loft.

Some of the articles on *Sight vs. Instinct* published, (particularly one in the *Homing News* by A. H. Osman) while they make highly interesting reading matter, quoting as they do from many of the best scientists and authorities on the Homing Pigeon, yet do not appear to be any nearer the solving of the vexed question than those that have been written by experts years ago, when the marvellous faculty of Homing Pigeons claimed the interest of intelligent writers and authorities. It is on record that one claims *smell* as the chief factor, and not unreasonably. Another, and a high one at that, the chief of the Prussian Military lofts, says, that neither sight nor smell enables the bird to home from long distances, but it is *animal magnetism*, whatever that may mean.

Another claims *intelligence*, which of course we all know the bird has to a high degree, and yet on race dates, when we see the early arrival walking up and down the alighting board and half raising the bolting wires, *through which he has promptly passed often*, and then *backing out again*, to resume a walk back and fro on top of the trap or roof of the loft, while the precious minutes are slipping away and *average velocity* is getting a bad set back, one is inclined to wish he had a double barrelled shot gun with which to shoot the *stupid*. It is hard to accept *intelligence* as the main factor of homing, for intelligence would tell this early arrival to get *inside the loft* after an absence of several days, as quickly as possible. Perhaps a due appreciation of *average velocity* might not prompt this quick entrance through the trap, but a natural sense of "*who has been here since I have been gone*," which all fanciers know is common with our pets, would seem to spur the traveler forward, and also the natural knowledge that feed and water is to be found inside, both of which are no doubt required.

But, no. Many aggravating minutes are frequently allowed to elapse before his lordship, or her serene highness, sees fit to pass the wires, and we well know that jealousy, hunger, thirst, and, above all, *suspicion*, which calls into play the *very highest degree of intelligence*, would be the incentive to prompt quick trapping, and yet how often this supposed intelligence is found wanting.

Also, how persistently will youngsters who are being settled, and oftentimes old birds too, try to force an entrance to the loft through all kinds of impossible ways, concentrating their entire energy upon every point but the right one, which they have oftentimes passed through correctly but now forget. That excellent authority, Tegetmeier, believes implicitly in *sight*, and many practical fanciers agree with him. I, for one, *don't*, that is, *sight alone*. I agree with Rodenbach—Monsieur Felix Rodenbach, of Ixelles, Belgium—that it is by memory, also by intelligence and a degree of instinct inherited by the birds and cultivated that enables them to home from distances.

That our birds home *entirely by sight* I have shown in former notes is an impossibility, and while sight is unquestionably a highly important factor by which they pick or work their way home from 500 mile distances and beyond, with often two, three, and four hundred mile jumps, yet it must be *memory and intelligence*, with perhaps *magnetic currents* of which we know nothing, as an important aid. The bird is highly sensitive to heat and cold. We may discuss what we please, but we are really no nearer the true cause of the Homing pigeon's ability to reach its home from far distances to-day than we were many years ago.

How often we hear of an old time homing pigeon fancier who has retired from active interest in the sport, becoming again smitten with the hobby of handling and keeping a few racers.

The latest exemplification of this is the rumor that Mr. A. A. Allen of Newark, N. J., whom many will recall as a highly successful flying fancier some few years ago, again seriously contemplates re-entering the sport in Newark, N. J. I hope it is so, and as he and W. B. Garrabrants were always very close to each other, I hope further that Mr. Garrabrants may be similarly influenced.

These two gentlemen would prove a valuable acquisition to the Newark section of the New York vicinity, for both fanciers in their day were strictly first class, and their birds also. The name of S. G. Lambertson is also spoken about as an acquisition to the Brooklyn section. Another good old timer.

Philadelphia Items.

In answer to several inquiries it may be stated that the homing pigeon race for the 50-mile championship will be flown from North-east, Md., on Thanksgiving Day, and not from Charlestown as originally proposed. The race is open to any fancier residing within the city limits upon the payment of an entrance fee of one dollar per bird.

Entries will be received by A. M. Wood, 4305 Fairmount avenue; C. H. Jones, 10 South Broad street, or the Sporting Editor of the *Item*, any time between now and Thursday preceding Thanksgiving Day. The amount received in entry fees will be divided into cash prizes. The birds will all be tossed in a bunch about 9 A. M. on the day of the race, which will be flown under the same rules as those governing the *Item* 100-mile championship.

This will be the last long-distance race of the season and it is expected that a big entry will be received. Many fanciers are already training their birds for the event.

C. H. Jones, race secretary of the Federation, will shortly change his place of residence from this city to Clifton. He will move his birds and make an effort to use them to the new loft. His headquarters at 10 South Broad street will of course be retained.

Quite a number of short-distance races will be flown on Thanksgiving Day.

The World's Fair medals have not yet been distributed, but it is learned the fanciers entitled to them will get them in a few months if they have patience. The medals should be well worth waiting for if all the reports concerning them can be relied upon.

Perry C. Clark, secretary of the Hamilton Homing Club, who sold his loft and birds a few months ago, has built a new loft and will soon be in the thick of it again.

A. M. Wood is selling out his entire stock of birds, and as his loft contains some of the best strains to be found in the United States, his batch of birds will no doubt be snapped up in short order.—*The Item*, Philadelphia.

Richmond Flyers.

From the Richmond *Dispatch* of November 3 we glean the following: Mr. F. H. S. Morrison, of Leesburg, who has been in the city since last Sunday, will return to his home to-day. Quite a number of people have called to see Mr. Morrison in reference to his homing pigeons, having read the account published in the *Dispatch* Tuesday of the flying from this city of the two birds "Yours Truly" and "Nonpareil." Among those interested was Mr. George T. King.

Mr. King invited Mr. Morrison to his loft yesterday and the Leesburg lawyer says he has never seen a finer equipped place in his life, and he has visited them from Boston to Washington. He also affirms that some of Mr. King's birds could win in the Madison Square Garden show at New York, as he has seen better nowhere.

Several days ago Mr. King flew ten of his homers from Clover Depot, eighty-five miles from Richmond, and the time made was excellent for youngsters. His next fly, which will be made shortly, will be from South Boston, 100 miles from Richmond.

It is rather dangerous flying birds at this season of the year, as gunners are out hunting. A law was passed at the last session of the Legislature providing for a fine of not more than \$300 for shooting or detaining homing pigeons.

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What a relief it is to get our esteemed "Fritz" back among the correspondents of THE AMERICAN FANCIER! The nights are dark and drowsy when we sit and think over our own birds and have no knowledge of what the birds of the other "boys" are doing. I am glad we shall get fresh news from all corners now, so pull together, Homing fanciers, and send in your "subs" and "ads." All the "boys" are in good humor now. A TRUE FANCIER.

Newark, N. J., Nov. 7, 1894.

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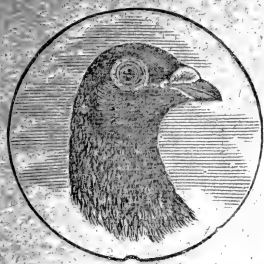
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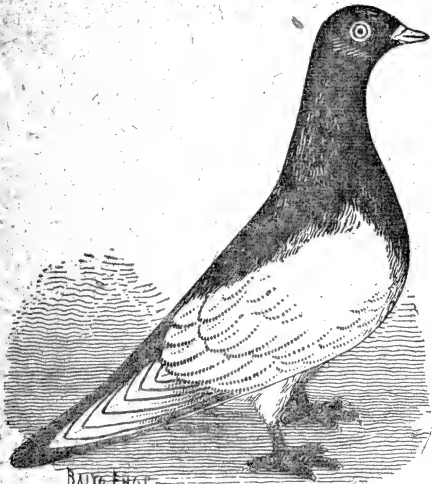
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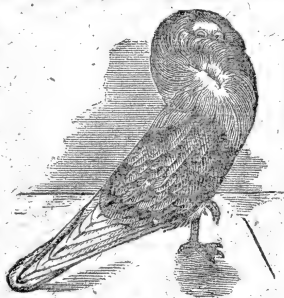
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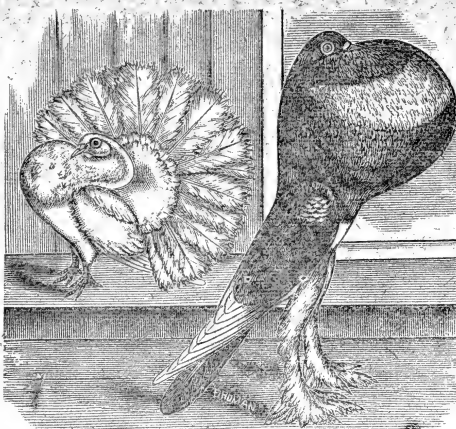
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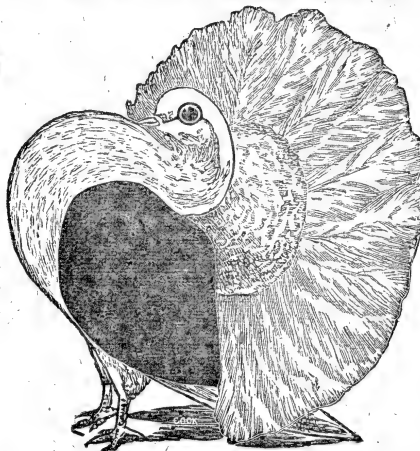
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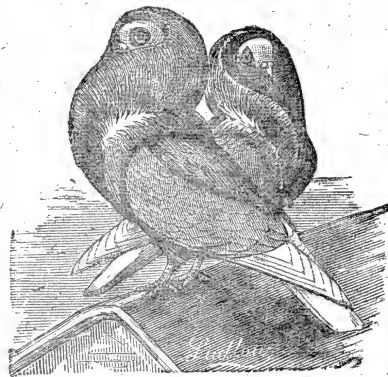
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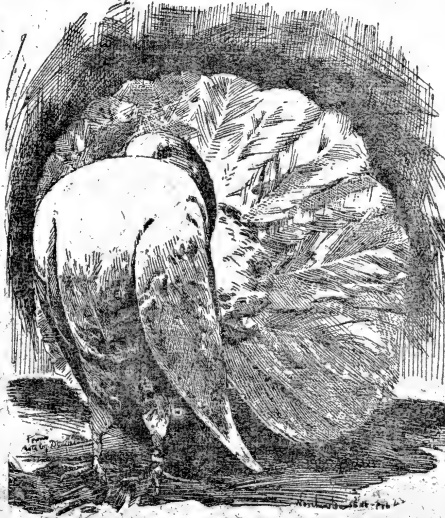
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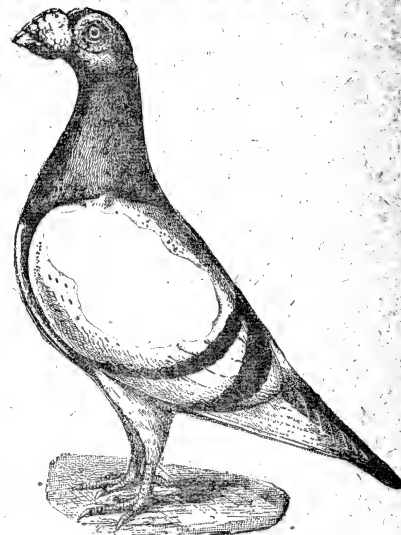
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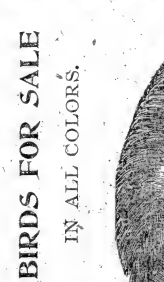
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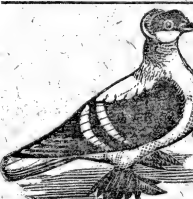


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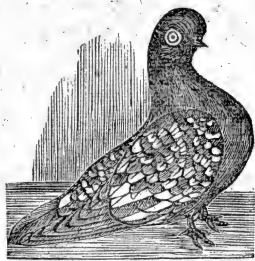
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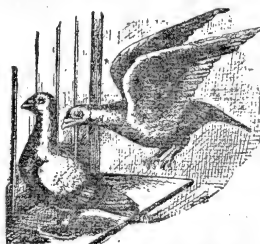
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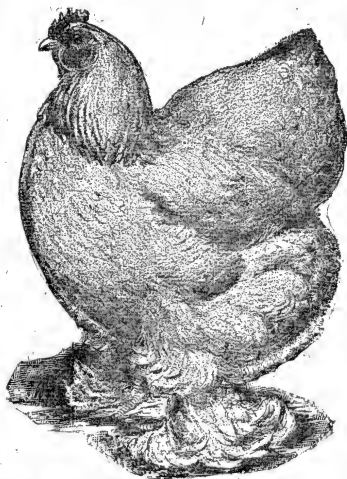
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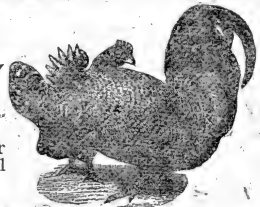
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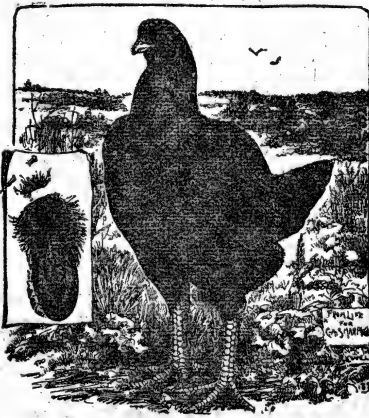
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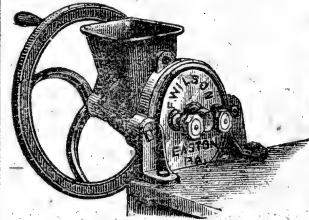
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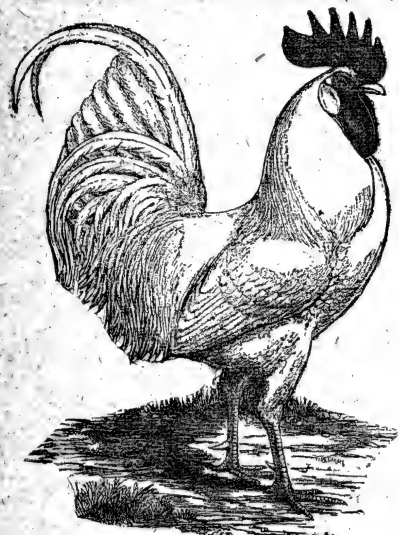
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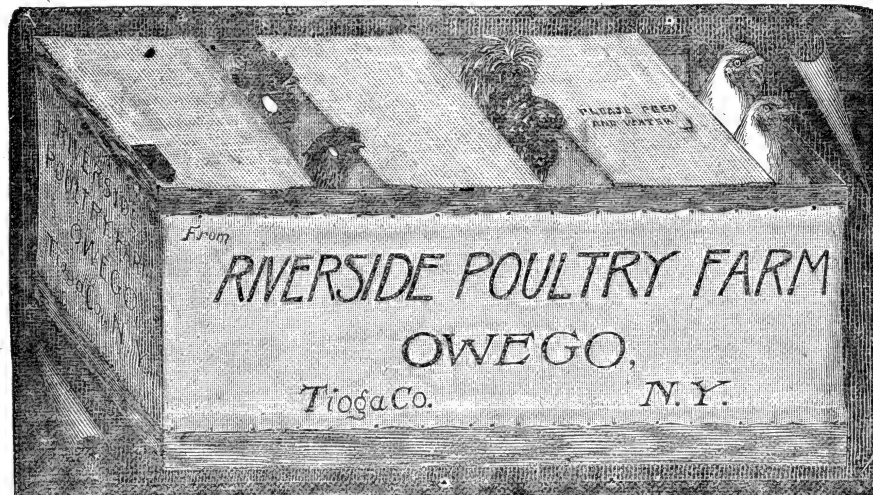
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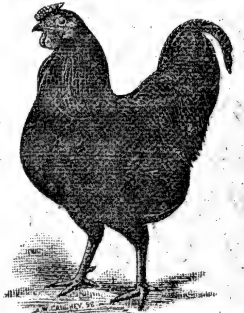
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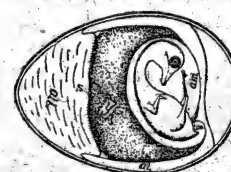
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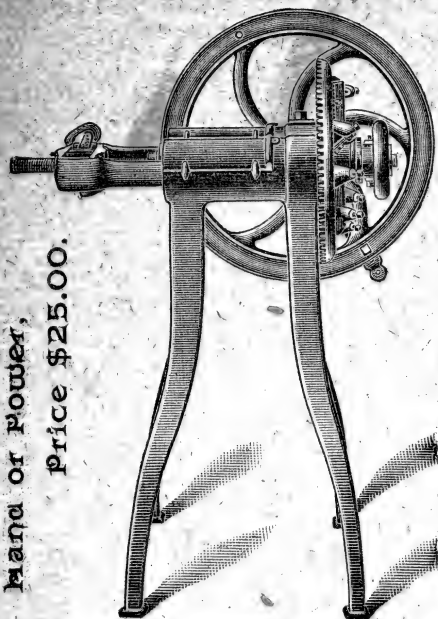
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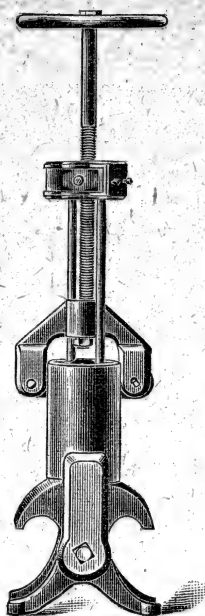
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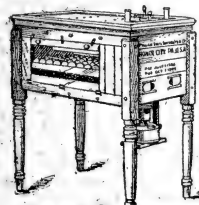
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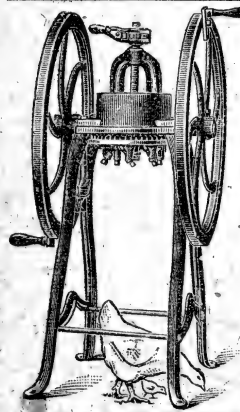
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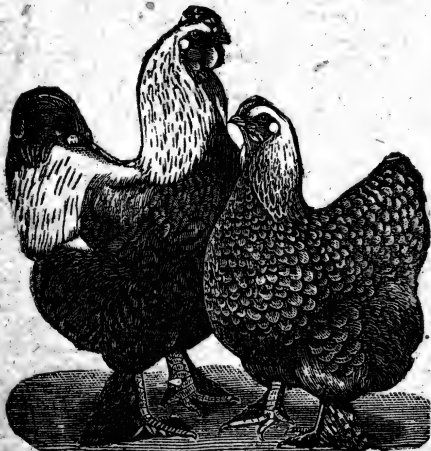
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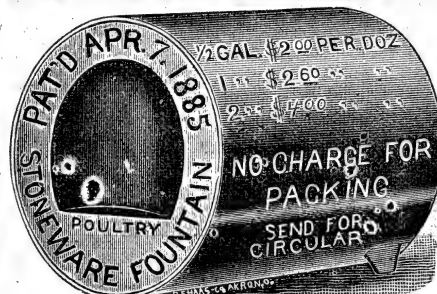
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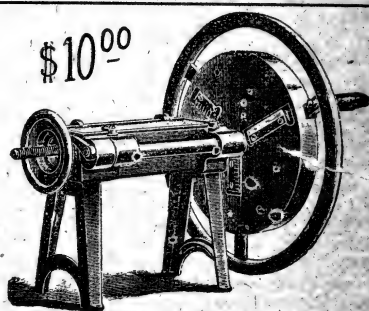
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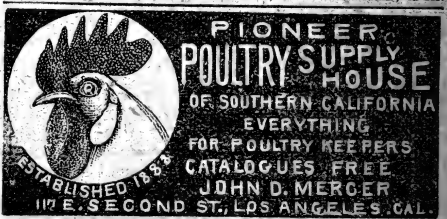
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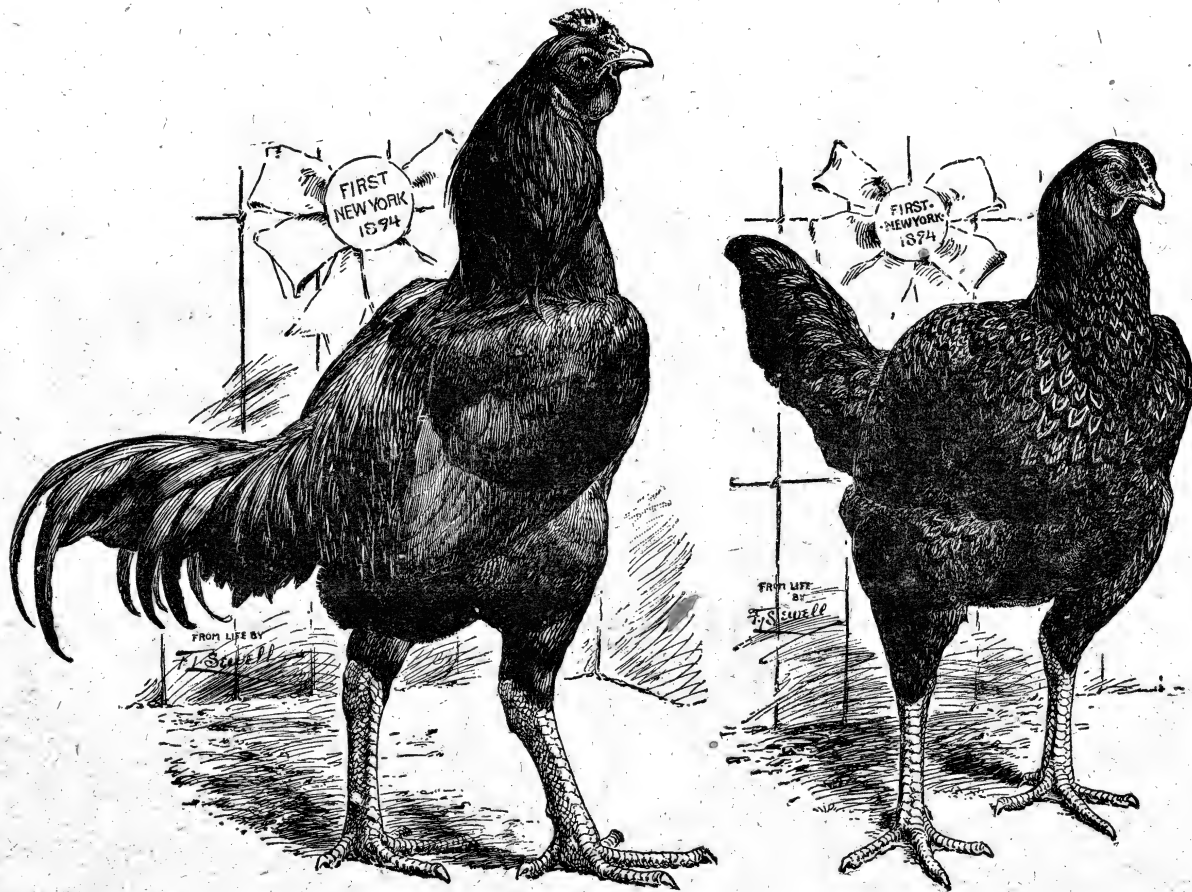
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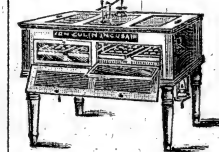
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- Dec. 3-5.—Ottawa County Poultry Association. Third annual show at Minneapolis, Kas. F. W. Hitchcock, judge. T. E. Hurley, secretary.
- Dec. 3-7.—Hawkeye Poultry Association, Mount Pleasant, Iowa. W. S. Russell, judge. A. B. Porter, secretary.
- Dec. 3-9.—Pottawattamie Co. Poultry and Pet Stock Association, Council Bluffs, Iowa. J. Y. Bicknell, judge. O. K. Pratt, secretary.
- Dec. 4-7.—Troy Poultry, Pigeon and Pet Stock Club, Troy, N. Y. John H. Duke, secretary.
- Dec. 4-7.—Lyon County Poultry and Pet Stock Show, Emporia, Kan. C. A. Emry, judge. Wm. Hammond, president. W. T. Walters, secretary.
- Dec. 4-7.—Northern Iowa, at Hampton, Iowa. G. D. Holden, judge. F. A. Bailey, secretary.
- Dec. 5-7.—Warren County Poultry and Pigeon Club, Bowling Green, Ky. G. S. Hollingsworth, secretary.
- Dec. 5-12.—Cleveland Poultry and Pet Stock Association, Cleveland, O. B. N. Pierce and Cornelius Murphy, judges. W. S. Rowe, 18 Herschner street, secretary.
- Dec. 10-14.—Missouri State Show. Rolla G. Carroll, Warrensburg, secretary. Judges: C. A. Emry, Theo. Hewes and J. W. Hale.
- Dec. 10-15.—Iowa State Poultry Association, Ottumwa, Iowa. F. H. Shellabarger and J. Y. Bicknell, judges. W. S. Russell, sec'y.
- Dec. 11-13.—Abbeville, Anderson County, Poultry and Pet Stock Association. Robert S. Link, secretary, Abbeville, S. C.
- Dec. 11-14.—Roanoke Valley Poultry Association, Salem, Va. J. H. Drevenstedt, judge. Frank A. Lovelock, sec'y.
- Dec. 11-14.—Rhode Island State Poultry Association, Providence, R. I. I. K. Felch, H. S. Ball and F. B. Zimmer, judges. Samuel Cushman, secretary, Kingstown, R. I.
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- Dec. 17-21.—Southern Kansas Show, Winfield, Kan. F. W. Hitchcock, judge. M. L. Wortman, secretary.
- Dec. 17-23.—Southern Kansas Fanciers' Association, Wichita, Kas. B. N. Pierce, judge. H. L. Rochelle, Wichita, Kas, secretary.
- Dec. 18-20.—Guilford Poultry and Pet Stock Association, Guilford, Conn. L. R. Shelley, secretary.
- Dec. 18-21.—Southern Illinois Poultry Association, Albion, Ill. C. A. Emry, judge. S. N. Weaver, secretary.
- Dec. 18-21.—Nemaha Valley Poultry Association, Auburn, Neb. H. J. F. Wert, secretary, Auburn, Neb.
- Dec. 18-21.—Findlay, Ohio. McClave, judge. John A. Meeks, secretary.
- Dec. 18-22.—Buckeye Poultry Association, Dayton, Ohio. I. K. Felch, judge. F. W. Bellman, secretary, Dayton, Ohio.
- Dec. 18-22.—Indiana Fanciers' Association, Roachdale, Ind. F. J. Marshall, judge. C. J. Stutler, cor. sec'y, Roachdale, Ind.
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- Dec. 19-24.—North-Western Illinois, at Lanark, Ill. F. H. Shellabarger, judge. F. Irvin Root, secretary.
- Dec. 21-25.—Eastern Middlesex Poultry Association, Malden, Mass. G. K. Holbrook, secretary.
- Dec. 24-29.—New Mexico Poultry Association, Albuquerque, N. M. John C. Snyder, judge. W. S. Lowe, secretary.
- Dec. 25-27.—Seymour Poultry and Pigeon Association, Seymour, Conn. G. J. Faber, sec'y.
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- Dec. 25-29.—South-Eastern Nebraska Poultry Association, Beatrice, Neb. C. A. Emry, judge. H. H. Halladay, secretary.
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- Dec. 31-Jan. 4.—Ontario Poultry Association, Butterfield, Jarvis, Smelt and Johnson, judges. T. A. Brown sec'y, London Ont.

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- Jan. 1-7.—Wapen Valley Poultry Club, Dubuque, Ia. Decimal score card will be used. I. K. Felch, judge. John M. Parker, secretary.
- Jan. 2-5.—Butler and Warren County Poultry and Pigeon Association, Middleton, Ohio. F. H. Shellabarger and C. W. Butties, judges; Henry Hensy, secretary.
- Jan. 3-5.—Hutchinson Poultry Association, Hutchinson, Minn. Geo. D. Holden, judge. Dr. J. F. McArthur, secretary.
- Jan. 7-12.—La Crosse Poultry Association, La Crosse, Wis. F. W. Hitchcock, judge. E. H. Hoffman, secretary.

- Jan. 7-12.—Allentown Poultry and Pigeon Association, Allentown, Pa. John W. Voachim, cor. sec'y.
- Jan. 7-12.—Montreal Poultry Association. J. Y. Bicknell, poultry judge; C. H. Currier, pigeon judge. W. J. Morton, secretary.
- Jan. 8-9.—Highlandville Poultry Association, Dedham, Mass. B. F. White, secretary.
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- Jan. 8-11.—Interstate Poultry Association, Falls City, Neb. C. A. Emery, judge. Cyrus Milam, secretary.
- Jan. 8-11.—Roanoke Valley Poultry Association, Roanoke, Va. G. O. Brown, judge. Frank A. Lovelock, secretary.
- Jan. 8-12.—Henry County Poultry Association, Geneseo, Ill. F. J. Marshall and F. H. Shellabarger, judges. W. A. Shelhamer sec'y.
- Jan. 8-12.—Marquette, Mo. I. K. Felch, judge. Fred. Parcher, secretary.
- Jan. 8-12.—Rochester Poultry and Pigeon Association, Rochester, N. Y. Judges. F. B. Zimmer, C. E. Rockenstyre, G. S. Pratt, George E. Peer and Amos P. Mack. W. J. Harrison, secretary.
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- Jan. 10-14.—Kansas State Show, Topeka, Kan. D. A. Wise, secretary, Topeka.
- Jan. 10-16.—Cincinnati Poultry and Pigeon Association, J. H. Drevenstedt and Sharp Butterfield, judges. Geo. Ewald sec'y.
- Jan. 14-17.—Illinois State Poultry, Pigeon and Pet Stock Association, Bloomington, Ill. Judges, Theo. Hewes and D. T. Heimlich. Rainey Miller, sec'y, Champaign, Ill.
- Jan. 14-19.—Columbus, Ohio. G. F. Gast, secretary, Prospect, Ohio.
- Jan. 15-18.—Binghamton, N. Y., Poultry Association. Nat. E. Luce, secretary, Binghamton, N. Y.
- Jan. 15-18.—Chenango Poultry and Pet Stock Association, Smyrna, N. Y. J. Y. Bicknell, judge. Courtney E. Ferris, secretary.
- Jan. 15-19.—Howard County Poultry and Pet Stock Association, Kokomo, Ind. F. J. Marshall, judge. L. C. Hoss, secretary.
- Jan. 15-20.—Nebraska State Show, Lincoln, Neb. Emry and Hitchcock, judges. A. Lemen, secretary.
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- Jan. 16-18.—New England Light Brahma Club, Boston, Mass. G. W. Cromack, secretary, Stoneham.
- Jan. 16-18.—Ansonia Poultry Association, Ansonia, Conn. J. W. Willis, supt.
- Jan. 17-19.—Washington Country Poultry Association, Greenleaf, Kan. F. W. Hitchcock, judge. H. L. Haak, secretary.
- Jan. 17-22.—Berk County Poultry and Pigeon Association, Reading, Pa. Judges: Poultry, Halsted and Zimmer; pigeons, Stanton, B. F. Ruth, president; H. M. Shoemaker, secretary.
- Jan. 18-20.—North-Western Poultry and Pet Stock Association, Sioux City, Ia. Theo. Hewes, judge. J. W. McMillen, president. Chas. E. Lozier, secretary.
- Jan. 20-25.—Washington (C. H.), Ohio. W. R. Dalbey, secretary.
- Jan. 21-24.—Central Mass. Poultry Association, Worcester, Mass. W. H. Fitton, secretary.
- Jan. 22-25.—Parsons Fanciers' Association, Parsons, Kansas. C. A. Emry, judge. A. C. Braunsdorf, secretary.
- Jan. 22-25.—Pittston Poultry Breeders' Association, Pittston, Pa. J. Y. Bicknell, judge; W. R. Allen, secretary.
- Jan. 22-26.—Omaha Poultry Fanciers' Association, Neb. I. L. Richards, secretary.
- Jan. 23-29.—Third annual show, Lancaster Co. Poultry and Pigeon Association, Lancaster, Pa. H. B. Vondersmith, secretary.
- Jan. 28-31.—Utah Poultry Association, Salt Lake City. Theo. Hewes, judge. J. W. Haslam, secretary. W. W. Browning, president.
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POULTRY.

From the Editor's Perch.

The illustration on our title page this week gives a good idea of the winning Indian Game cockerel and pullet at the last New York show. Mr. Sewell the artist writes: "I believe you will like the spirit of them. I have tried in these to portray the truth and I think they will be appreciated." We learn that Messrs. Sharp & Co. have been successful in raising a very large number of Indian Games during the past season. They report a great demand for the White Indian Game. The latter, in our opinion is a remarkable table fowl, one that when better known will be thoroughly appreciated by practical poultry raisers.

F. D. Branday, editor and publisher of the *Practical Poultryman* informs us that he will issue the latter in semi-monthly form after December 1st. We congratulate Mr. Branday on his enterprise, and trust the new departure will meet with the success it deserves. The price of the *Practical Poultryman* will remain the same, viz: Fifty cents a year.

Dogs, is the title of a new weekly paper published by the *Stock-Keeper* company, Limited, of 77 Fleet street, London, England. It is a publication for the lovers of the canine race, who care little or nothing for the technicalities beloved by the breeder in a large way. It is just the publication for the amateur owner of dogs. The series of articles on various breeds by an eminent authority is to be a feature. *Dogs* is excellently printed and full of excellent reading. It is published every week. American subscribers can obtain the above publication through the office of THE AMERICAN FANCIER. Two dollars and twenty-five cents brings it fifty-two times a year.

The English poultry papers for November 16th, are of course full of interesting details of the great Crystal Palace show. The reports and criticisms of the exhibits are very complete in nearly all our exchanges. THE AMERICAN FANCIER presents a brief report of the poultry exhibits written by its English correspondent, on another page of this issue.

Our friend, John Glasgow, did not capture the cup, neither was he in the money with his pair of White Wyandottes. When Mr. Glasgow sent these birds to England to be prepared for and entered at the Crystal Palace show, we had our doubts as to their being able to win. They were excellent specimens from the American point of view, but our English cousins do not adhere to the Wyandotte type. They prefer a heavier, more Dorking shaped bird, to judge by the English illustrations. The trim, shapely and graceful Glasgow birds lacked beef, and

to judge by our English correspondent's criticisms, lacked in comb and color of legs. We saw these American birds at Syracuse last September, a few weeks before Mr. Glasgow purchased them. They were then unfinished, i. e. not filled out, but had true Wyandotte symmetry, good white plumage and combs that would suit American breeders. We thought them extra fine specimens.

This leads us to remark that an international standard would be a mighty good thing for the fancy of both sides of the water. In this country the American Standard is observed by all the judges, in England there seems to be a disregard for a fixed standard, to judge by the rules adopted for the guidance of the wearers of the ermine by various specialty clubs and the comments of the press on the same. There is no earthly reason why American fanciers cannot join hands with their foreign cousins and make a fixed standard of value for fowls. It makes no difference whether birds are scored or judged by comparison, as long as the standard laws are obeyed. The fact of England supplying America with many choice birds of certain varieties and the equally important fact of American fanciers sending many of their choicest specimens abroad is a most eloquent argument in favor of an international standard. Why cannot a truly international show be held where fanciers and judges from both continents can meet, discuss and adopt such a standard? The fancy is a fraternity that knows no sectionalism, recognizes no creed or race but is on earth for the one fixed purpose, and that is the improvement of the feathered races of the entire world.

THE AMERICAN FANCIER recognizes the immense impetus given to the fancy by England's nation of fanciers. It gladly gives them the credit they deserve. They started the grand work of building up the beautiful races of fowls that to-day interest thousands of fanciers and others in both hemispheres. Their descendants in America followed along the same lines, and improved on many of the old country ideas of poultry raising, while on others they must still take a back seat. It is useless to make the American eagle scream and pull the British lion's tail when we know we are in no safe position to do so. We would like to beat our cousins on the "tight little isle" across the sea, in the show room, and no doubt they feel the same way, but let us be fair above all things. We hope to see the day when America can send over to the Crystal Palace, Dairy or Birmingham shows, birds that will not only be in the money but gobble some of there grand cups as well.

We received a letter not long ago from a fancier who is ambitious to become a judge of poultry. He wants advice as how best to equip himself for the position and also wishes to know what personal qualifications are most necessary in becoming a good judge. The drift of the entire letter leads us to suppose that the writer is very conscientious and very young. He also seems imbued with the idea that professional judges of fowls are very august personages and are blessed with an unusual store of knowledge. While the latter may seem natural enough to him, an experienced and uninitiated amateur, to the veteran fancier

and poultryman is amusing. Judges are no better and no worse than the rank and file of intelligent poultry fanciers. Some have become judges by choice, others by chance, and all have graduated from the ranks of breeders of poultry. To explain to our friend how he had best proceed to qualify himself for judging is no easy matter. We know nothing of his mental make-up, and can only surmise that he is intelligent, but we will endeavor to throw out a few hints for his guidance.

In the first place, he must be cocksure in his own heart that he really is a fancier. By that we mean he must love the feathered races not for the money there is to be made from the sale of a bird, but for the bird itself. He must have an ideal in his mind of what a perfect specimen of each breed should be like. He may not find this ideal in a living bird, but he may see it so closely in the latter at one time or another that he should study it carefully in every part. He must never condemn a bird because it fails to reach the exalted plane on which his mind has placed the mental picture or ideal.

In handling the birds he breeds he will gain a practical knowledge which he can acquire in no other way. The American Standard of Perfection is his guide for judging, but a thousand standards will not enable a man to judge birds correctly who has not had practical experience in handling and breeding fowls. A judge must obey the Standard and not his own prejudices when passing on the merits of the classes assigned to him. The Standard may seem wrong to him, but that "cuts no ice" when all the birds entered have been selected by the exhibitors according to a fixed standard. He has no right to disregard any of its rules if he wishes to be classed among the good judges.

Then comes another point. The Standard permits the judge to give the benefit of any doubt to the bird. A surpassingly good specimen, the best in a class, may have some defect so near to the disqualifying limit that an overzealous young or old judge will be arbitrary enough to throw the bird out. This is placing a radical and literal construction on the laws laid down by the Standard certainly not intended by its framers. Suffice it to say, a judge must exercise his common sense in this matter. To throw out the gem in any class because a tiny speck of down may be found between the toes or on the shank, or a pinhead spot of black appears in a white feather, is both suicidal to the breed and the judge.

Lastly, a judge should take Davy Crockett's advice, "Be sure you are right, then go ahead," when judging any class. Under any circumstances let him make his decisions without fear or favor, and care naught for what exhibitors may say. A judge is an individual having but one opinion. That one he should stick to. Others may have different ones, but that need not influence him in the least. It is, however, his duty toward exhibitors that may be present and who courteously ask him for an explanation of his awards to satisfy them. It is well to remember that many exhibitors are as well posted in the merits of the birds as the judge, and some may know even better than he does the strong points of the best birds. These exhibitors are not

kickers as a rule, for no true fancier and gentleman is a kicker, unless deprived of his just dues by trickery or fraud. It pays a judge to associate with exhibitors after the judging is over. It is mutually beneficial.

As to the ignorant set of kickers who in their own narrow minds see only evil in a judge's work, who never fail to criticise him, who are too cowardly to say to his face what they gloat over behind his back, to such cattle no self-respecting judge will pay any attention. He may hear of their petty and malicious charges, he may be subject to attacks by anonymous writers and all that, but silence on his part is the only sensible course. No better application of the old saw, "Honi soit qui mal y pense," can be found than when applied to a senseless and malicious kicker in the showroom. In plain English it means, "Evil he who evil thinks."

W. Atlee Burpee & Co., of Philadelphia, Pa., want everyone interested in turkeys to write for price lists. They have an immense stock of Bronze and the New Mammoth Whites on hand.

The American Plymouth Rock Club will meet at Kansas City, Mo., December 20, 1894.

One of the handsomest premium lists ever issued by a poultry society is that of the Mid-Continental Poultry and Pet Stock Association. The cover is printed in colors, a Buff Leghorn cock being conspicuous in the centre of the page. Every fancier in the country, who has a good bird to exhibit, should send for the above list. The Mid-Continental show will be a record breaker. It was started by live, wide-awake fanciers who kept kindling from the start. The magnificent list of specials, the liberal cash prizes, the many other inducements offered to fanciers to meet at Kansas City, indicate thoroughly the calibre of the men behind that great show. The list can be obtained by addressing a letter to F. M. Slutz, secretary, 424 New Ridge building, Kansas City, Mo.

B. J. Dodge, of Verona, N. Y., writes us that a meeting of breeders and fanciers of American Dominiques will soon be called for the purpose of organizing a club. It is about time something was done to reclaim that grand and popular old American favorite, the Dominique, from the list of good but neglected breeds.

The following letter was received from a well known breeder of Hamburgs:

"Will you please give me your valued views of what class of fowls a breeding pen should be composed of? There seems to be a diversity of opinion especially among judges as to what a breeding pen is. Is it a pen of fowls to be gazed at and admired for its high standard of perfection, or because it is made up of fowls which will produce high scoring stock? Take any of the penciled varieties and the majority of judges will give first prize to the pen scoring the highest, according to the Standard of Perfection, and yet as a breeding pen it may be practically worthless for imparting a high grade of stock."

A breeding pen should consist of birds mated for producing exhibition birds. This is the rule at the New York show. Breeding pens at most other shows are simply exhibition pens, and, as many breeders are aware, the highest scoring pen is not necessarily the best breeding pen. Where pens are judged by the

score card, the word "Breeding" should be left out and the word "Exhibition" substituted. Weight, in those breeds subject to it in the scale of points, counts against a breeding pen, shown in *breeding condition*. A pen fixed up for exhibition may be over fat, but saves cuts for weight. This would throw the prize to beef and not to quality. We have seen many a crack bird beaten by the weight clause in the open class, but this is one of the peculiar features of the score card and Standard, but when such is applied to breeding birds it is arbitrary and does a grave injustice to the breed affected by it.

Sec'y Latham writes: "The National Bantam Association has made elaborate plans for its next annual show to be held in New York. Every breeder of Bantams should join our club, in order that we may further the interests of these attractive little birds. We have a large number of cash specials to offer." The above society is doing excellent work and we hope every lover of Bantams will send in his or her name to E. Latham, Flatbush, L. I., N. Y., to be enrolled on the list of members.

We are glad to learn that J. W. Wale has been added to the list of judges at the Mid-Continental show. He will, no doubt, judge the Langshans, a breed he is thoroughly familiar with, in fact he is a three-ply-dyed-in-the-wool Langshan crank, and scores the black beauties with more pleasure than any other breed he handles.

The Troy show, next, week will be a great one, to judge by reports circulated from headquarters. The entries are heavy, many leading breeders and fanciers having decided to exhibit in the city of collars and cuffs. It is the first of the great shows of the year.

Rochester will hold its show in January, and it promises to be a rouser. The excellent management of last year's show has imparted confidence, so we may expect that a show in the flour city is an annual fixture. Troy, Rochester, Hamburg and New York make up a grand quartette for the Empire State, with numerous smaller shows in other parts of the state to fill up the gaps.

The awards at every show held in America will be published in THE AMERICAN FANCIER, provided our correspondents and the secretaries do not disappoint us in mailing the "Copy."

Secretary Cushman, of the Rhode Island State Poultry Association, is anxious that every exhibitor of live thoroughbred poultry should also enter dressed specimens of the breed he enters. A dressed cockerel and pullet of each variety exhibited would just about suit Bro. Cushman, and we hope his wishes will be honored in this matter, as no man in this country has worked harder to make dressed poultry a feature at our shows than Samuel Cushman.

State Poultry Association of New Jersey.

To THE AMERICAN FANCIER: The annual meeting of the State Poultry Association of New Jersey will be held at the rooms of the State Board of Agriculture, State House, Trenton, N. J., Wednesday, December 5th at 11 A. M. A. A. PARKER, President. C. W. JOHNSON, Secretary.

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[Special to THE AMERICAN FANCIER.]

By the time you present this to your readers, this great English meeting will be a thing of the past. The quality was both in poultry and pigeons of very high class. In many cases birds that were pronounced by the fancy "the best they ever saw penned," were on view. The total number of entries were 6189, which included exhibits from your great country, but am sorry to say that America got left and that in a variety of your own creation. The following notes are by a fancier who has been the round of American exhibitions. The catalogue opened with:

DARK DORKINGS.—Numbering 102 exhibits. The challenge cup cockerel exhibited by Messrs. Smyth, worthily upholding these noted exhibitors' name. Mr. Padwick won the challenge cup for best pullet.

SILVER GREY DORKINGS.—Capt. Hornby and Mr. Cranston took the best prizes with meritorious birds.

WHITE DORKINGS.—A very nice variety and mustered in large numbers.

SPANISH.—Were noticeable for the grand entry in pullets by Mr. Hyde, who won cup 1st, 2d, 3d, 4th and H. C. Truly a big feat.

COCHINS.—As usual, a great show. In Buffs, Mrs. Harris was well nigh invincible, winning 2d cock, cup 1st and 2d, hens, cup, 1st and 2d in cockerels, 1st and 2d in pullets. A grand team, size, color and shape all that could be desired. Partridge Cochins were not numerous but many good birds were found in these classes. The 1st and cup cock of Mr. Stretch deserved its position. Mrs. Harris and Mr. Wood both had capital birds on view. White Cochins found Mr. Walton with his noted old hen 1st, Mr. Partington taking a good share of the prizes in young birds. Mr. Ward, however, got the lion's share with birds in grand trim.

DARK BRAHMAS.—A grand entry of 109 pens, combining quality as well as numbers. Mrs. Holland's 1st hen and 1st pullet were wonderful in shape and color, and I heard changed hands after the close of the show at long prices.

LIGHT BRAHMAS.—Mr. Ward took three 1st prizes out of the four, also two cups with birds that were shown in faultless condition, and though to American fanciers our Light Brahmats with their foul under color, might not quite please, yet for top color and feathering they please the tastes of critical fanciers here.

FRENCH VARIETIES found the Houdans in great force. Mr. Ainsworth got two 1st prizes with capital birds. La Fleche and Creves don't turn out in large numbers, but many fine birds were on view.

GAMES, were a very high class collection commencing with Black Reds, numbering 75 exhibits in 4 classes. Mr. Mather winning 1st in old cocks with a grand bird. I believe he was bred at Parbold Yards and now returns to his old quarters. Capt. Heaton claims Mr. Strachan's H. C. bird in this class for £50. In Black Red hens, Ainscough won 1st and 2d with two birds of their usual stamp. Black Red cockerels found Ainscough winning 1st, cup and challenge cup, and 3d. The cup winner being considered one of the best seen out for a long time, this being his first appearance. He is grand all over and should take a prominent part at Birmingham later. The 3d bird was short feathered, grand in color and style, a good eye; 2d, Wishart, a nice tailed bird with a pale eye and wants redubbing. In Black Red pullets, Ainscough won 1st and cup with a good big one, extra in style and shape, sister to pullet 1st, "Dairy," an easy win; 2d, Gill, reaching and stylish, faulty in color; 3d, Gulliver, better in color, but not so reachy as others. Brown Reds, few in number but quality of average merit. Messrs. Firth, Brown, Bond and Corless taking the prizes. Golden Duckwing Games, good in quality. Messrs. J. & F. Taylor had two grand cockerels on view, winning 1st and 2d. Other good birds were shown by Messrs. Rainforth and Mather. Pile Games were notable for the success of Mr. I. Colgrove's, Jr., who only returned home from a sojourn in Canada last year.

He won 1st, 2d and 3d in cockerels with a grand team. Walter Firth won 1st and 2d in old cocks with two grand birds, while Mr. J. Lewis got 1st on hens and 1st on pullets. Old English Games, very popular and the quality high class, 94 entries and certainly a grand show. Mr. Ashley getting a nice share of the honors. Malays, few in numbers and quality about average. Indian Games, strong classes of fine birds, Messrs. Frayn, Birch, Hawkey, Brent and Goff taking the leading honors.

ASEELS.—Two classes, containing 20 entries, very useful birds for crossing purposes, being very solid and plump birds.

MINORCAS.—Heavy classes of high quality birds, Mr. Pitts winning 1st and cup on cockerels, 1st and cup on pullets. Magridge & Garlick and Lund Bros., following close up with grand birds.

LANGSHANS, 13 cocks, 17 hens, 44 cockerels, 43 pullets. A grand show, Mr. Walker won cup and medal for best cockerel, Capt. Terry winning 1st on pullets. Langshan fanciers here are troubled to find the proper type and I don't care to pass much on this variety. The winning birds were grand in plumage and condition, and the judge was considered competent by the authorities, and by the entries he secured must have been popular to exhibitors.

PLYMOUTH ROCKS.—There were 113 entries in 6 classes, a fine lot of this popular variety, but darker in shade and more open in marking than American exhibits. The winning birds were large in size with good yellow legs and feet, and were a much admired variety.

ANDALUSIANS.—There were 74 entries in 4 classes, Capt. Egerton Jones winning 1st and medal on cockerels, 1st, 2d and 4th on pullets. This beautiful variety improves in lacing and are certainly a very handsome variety.

LEGHORNS.—Brown, cock 1st, Cook & Fletcher. Hens, 1st and cup, Mr. Hay; 2d, Wilmot; 3d, J. Hurst. Larger in size than American birds, perhaps males are not so perfect in color but very nice in head points. White Leghorns, strong classes of fine birds, purity of color being a strong feature. Pile Leghorns, two classes, 16 birds. Improving rather slowly and plenty of room, yet in color they are lacking. Buff Leghorns, found Miss Pulford winning 1st and cup on cocks with a very large sound colored bird, tail a solid buff throughout; 2d and 3d, Mrs. Lister Kay. Fairly beaten; not a sound buff in tail. Mrs. Lister Kay however won 1st and 3d on pullets with good shaped birds; 2d, Miss Pulford failed slightly in color of tail. Duckwing Leghorns, wonderfully improved in color. The 1st and cup male bird wins well, very good in color, hackle rather stripy as judged from a Duckwing Game point, but sound body color and good legs and feet. Females, 1st, Gerahty, (the owner of winning male) a nice bird, good in breast color and very typical in shape. Black Leghorns, 11 entries, not a popular variety here yet.

ORPINGTONS.—Noticeable for the wonderful success of Mr. Partington, who after winning 1st and 2d on cockerels, and 1st and 2d on pullets at the Dairy show, comes out with a team and wins 1st and cup on hens. Cockerels, 1st cup, 2d and 3d in cockerels. Pullets, 1st, 2d and 3d, and only 7 entries, a clear win with marvelous birds of this new variety.

HAMBURGS.—Very good entries and the best birds in competition, Messrs. Kerfoot, Wood, Pickles, Rev. S. Ashwell, Meadow's, Ashley and Smith winning the majority of the prizes in their respective colors.

POLISH, found Mr. Partington winning both 1st prizes with birds of his usual excellence.

WYANDOTTES.—In this variety I had the assistance of one of our most noted judges in taking notes. Silvers, cock or cockerels, 28 entries. Cup, Heath. Pale in lobe, double laced on breast, good top color, nice size, moderate comb; 2d, Spencer, capital top color, good breast, fails in thighs; 3d, Anthony, capital breast, dark on top, good bars, good comb and legs; 4th, Abbott Bros., fails in top color, deserved its place. Hen or pullet, 22 entries; 1st, Heath, well laced bird, rather dark in hackle; 2d, Heath, good bird, well laced, but rather on the small side; 3d, Hunter, rather small and light in tail markings; 4th, Abbott Bros., nice

bird, an easy winner of 3d prize. Golden Wyandottes, cock or cockerel, 41 entries, cup, Heath, rather small, faulty breast, lacing light in tail and not a good comb; 2d, Pollett, nice color but double lacing on breast; 3d, Matthews, extra nice in color, grand breast and bars should have been 2d. Hen or pullet, 36 entries, cup Heath, good all round pullet, a gem, wins well; 2d, Bates, nice all round; 3d, Blake, rather pale in color. Any Other Color cock or cockerel (19 entries), 1st and cup, Anthony, a white, large in size, good shape, nice head points, pure in color, wonderful legs and feet; 2d, Miss Graham, a white, very much the type of winner, hardly so pure in color and smaller, good comb; 3d, Wren, a buff, but uneven in color, dark in hackle and tail; pen 2034, Glasgow, a white, poor comb, not enough work in it for English fanciers, slightly white in lobe, not a pure color, too narrow in body. Hen or pullet (19 entries), 1st, Miss Graham, a white, very fine hen, pure color, good head points; 2d, Readwin, a white pullet, very pretty, good comb, best of color, wonderful legs and feet; 3d, Brown, a buff, slightly tipped in hackle, fair size, plain comb, moderate body color, rather mottled; pen 2056, v. h. c., Glasgow, a white, fails in comb, no work in it, not pure in color, pale in lobes, nice shape, leg color not rich enough, well shown, looking very fresh. I made 2066 (Mrs. Grimwade) one of the best whites in the class, and fail to understand why she was out of the money.

GAME BANTAMS.—Black Red cock, 1st and cup for best old male, Warburton, a very good bird, tall and smart; 2d, Cooper, bright in color; 3d, Ainscough, tall and stylish, fails in color on wing end. Hen, 1st, Ainscough, perfect color and nice style; 2d, Stretch, stylish and neat color; 3d, stylish, not perfect in color. Cockerels, a grand class, 1st and 2d, Ainscough, the first bird a small, tall, fine boned bird, beautiful tail, nice color; 2d, larger, very stylish; 3rd, Cooper, bright in color and stylish; 4th, Cooper, nice color. Pullets, a grand class, Ainscough's being well nigh invincible, winning 1st and cup, 2d, 3d, and 4th, the cup winner a gem, small, fine in bone, perfect color, and a good win; others very stylish birds, excellent in color; 5th, Cooper, a stylish bird. Brown Red or Birchen cock or cockerel, 1st and 2d Brown Reds, 3d Birchen. Brown Reds very nice and good in color; the Birchen a very smart one of this variety. Hen or pullet, 1st and cup, Stretch, a Brown Red and a good one, wonderful reach and color; 2d, Brown Red, very good; 3d, Birchen, very stylish. Duckwing cocks (only five entries), 1st, Warburton, an easy win, grand color and style; 2d, Stretch, very fair; 3rd, Sneddon, too big. Hen (five entries), 1st, Walton; 2d, Taylor; 3d, Anderson; only moderate specimens, failing in color. Pile cock, good class (12 entries), the winners good in color and stylish. Hen (11 entries), Walton winning with a grand hen; Stretch also had a very stylish bird, winning third. Cockerel (13 entries), 1st and cup, Walton, a new one and a good one, too, pure white in his breast and good all over, a very easy win; 2d, Brewer, a very nice bird; 3d, Walton, stylish bird and in good condition; Messrs. Stretch and Mr. Binns had nice birds with cards. Pullet (14 entries), 1st, Walton, the best out this season, good in color, and good style, won nicely; 2d, Smalley; 3d, Warburton. Duckwing cockerel (10 entries), 1st, Hughes, the 2d Dairy bird, bought from Ainscough, very tall, extra good color and well shown, an easy win; 2d and 3d, Stretch, nice cockerels, fairly good color. Pullet (5 entries), 1st, Ainscough, a very easy win, grand color and style, and a small one; 2d, Stretch, stylish and neat, not quite perfect in color; 3d, Barnes, very nice color, not much style. Black Rose Comb cock, 1st and cup, Heath, I thought an early cockerel of this year, most feather, and if of age a nice one; 2d, Hopkins; 3d, Walton, fair birds only. Hen, 1st, Walton, with a beauty; rest of class very moderate. Cockerel, 1st and cup, Hyde, a wonderful feathered bird, very neat head, and in grand trim, won nicely; 2d, Brook & Wright, a nice bird, but I preferred 3d, Walton, who ran the winner close in some fanciers' ideas, a bird in grand form and beautiful head

points; 4th, Worsley & Waddington, a very taking bird, neat all over, but rather purple in color; 5th, Hyde, neat and feathery. Pullet, 1st, 2d, and 5th, Brooke & Wright, a good team, excellent in color; 3d, Walton, very nice pullet; 4th, Hyde. White Rose Comb cock or cockerel, 1st, Brown, neat in head, only fair color; 2d, Worsley & Waddington, my choice, better in color; 3d, Walton, hardly this exhibitor's usual stamp. Hen or pullet, 1st, Walton; 2d, Ricketts, two good birds and little to choose in them, winner the fittest and smaller; 3d, Walton, close up. Golden Sebright cock, any age, 1st, Preston, nice shape and lacing; 2d, pale in ground color; 3d, very nice and good color. Hen, 1st and cup, Leno, a beauty, grand color and lacing; 2d, nicely laced, but large; 3d, nice size, smutty in tail. Silver Sebright cock, 1st, Serjeantson, rather large, nicely laced, but not deep enough in color; 2d and 3d, Preston, small birds, grandly laced; 4th, Butterworth, not small enough and faulty wings; about the best in class was 2647 (Preston). Hen, 1st and cup, Serjeantson, beautifully laced; 2d, Barnes; 3d, Serjeantson; 4th, Preston, a beauty, might have been higher. Cockerel, 1st, Serjeantson; 2d, Preston; 3d, Geary, two former Silvers, Geary's Gold. Pullet, 1st and challenge cup, a Silver of Preston's, nearly perfect in lacing; 2d, Barnes, a grand Silver; 3d, Lady Alington, a rare good Gold. Pekin or Cochon, any color cock, 1st and cup, Walton, the well known buff, very even in color and shapely; 2d, Southam, my choice, very low on leg and wonderful foot feather; 3d, Walton, white, nicely shown. Hen, 1st and 2d, Warburton, the winner a white and a good one, grand shape and lots of foot feather; 2d, black, coming in nice form, and when ready a nailer, very shapely and good in feather; 3d, Walton, a buff, grand color and shapely.

BANTAMS.—Cuckoo Clean Legged cock, 1st and cup, Schofield, a grand barred bird, small and stylish; 2d and 3d, not so even in marking. Hen, 1st and 3d, Schofield, winner best in tail; 2d, Frankland, rather large. Malay cock, 1st, a white; 2d, red; 3d, white. Hen, 1st and cup, Warburton, a white, nicely shown; 2d and 3d, rather large, but stylish and typical. Any Other Distinct Variety cock, 1st, White Booted, a beauty, lots of feather; 2d, Japanese; 3d, grand Frizzle, well shown. Hen, 1st, a wonderful Black Jap; 2d, Grey Jap; 3d, Frizzle, in grand form.

Ducks made a grand showing, Mr. Partington showing a grand team in Rouens and took three cups. Aylesburys very fine in quality, and some wonders on show.

The Selling Classes contained a large number of good birds, and many were sold. The most sensational sale was the third prize Black Red Bantam cockerel of Rev. Mr. Cooper's, which goes to Parbold at the record price of £51 (\$250). Capt. Heaton claimed the h. c. Black Red Game cock at £50. A Buff Leghorn cock, first prize in class, was sold for £20, and many other birds went at long prices.

Many fanciers went away with a year's keep for their flocks in winnings, Mr. Partington, I fancy, topping the list with winnings to the amount of £52. Still, American fanciers have a far bigger prize offered them to compete for at the Mid-Continental, I notice in my AMERICAN FANCIER, and I only wish I could be there and win the "piano." W. F. Accrington, England.

The Middletown (Ohio) Show.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

The premium list for the Butler and Warren County Poultry and Pigeon Association's exhibition, January 1-5, '95, is now in the hands of the printers, and will be ready for distribution about December 1. It will be a book 6 x 9 in size, of about 50 pages, and generously distributed. We anticipate a large number of entries. Several requests are now on hand for premium lists. We will give cash prizes on the per cent. plan—50 per cent. to first and 25 per cent. to second prize in each class. Every exhibitor winning a prize will be sure of getting same. We have a guarantee fund of \$200 to draw from if the show

does not prove a success financially. Our judge on poultry is F. H. Shellabarger. Pigeon judge, C. W. Buttles, of Columbus, O., who offers as a special a life-size India ink drawing of the best bird out of any four varieties owned and exhibited by person winning the prize. Mr. Buttles will also sketch some of the winners at this show for THE AMERICAN FANCIER.

We invite all fanciers from far and near to exhibit with us, assuring them that their birds will receive the best of care and prompt return at the close of the show, with the premiums won, both cash and specials. J. H. BREDE. Middletown, Ohio, Nov. 22, 1894.

How to Prepare Fowls for Exhibition.

In the following essay it will be my endeavor to give a few plain and practical hints, such as I trust will prove useful and profitable.

Although this matter has been fairly well thrashed out through the medium of the poultry press, there are new beginners who are still thirsting for information and instruction. It is with a view of enlightening such beginners this paper is written.

It is a mistake to suppose that a few weeks' time is sufficient to get fowls into condition for exhibition, especially when we take into consideration the conditions under which beginners' fowls are generally kept.

It frequently happens a person is suddenly struck with the "hen fever," and without sufficient or suitable accommodation buys stock which may at the time be fit for exhibition; but, in consequence of inadequate accommodation, such as unsuitable houses and runs almost void of shelter, his once valuable exhibition birds fall out of condition, and their chances of winning prizes are hopelessly lost. If, therefore, you wish to get and keep fowls in condition, you must begin at the very root of the tree of success. Be sure your houses are large enough for the quantity of birds you intend keeping, that it is watertight, that it is properly ventilated, and yet free from draughts upon the birds when at roost. If your runs do not afford natural shade in the shape of shrubs and trees, it will be necessary to erect sheds for shelter, not only from rain and cold winds, but they must be so arranged that the birds are protected from the scorching rays of the hot spring and summer sun; for if the plumage is once tanned by the sun no amount of care and attention can bring them into fit condition for successful competition, until after their moult. Knowing exhibitors very rarely turn out, or attempt to breed from the birds they exhibit at our summer shows. Nearly all the winners at our agricultural societies' exhibitions are "bottled," i. e., they are confined in small runs, where they have sufficient light and air, but sun and rain are never allowed to touch their plumage, neither are they allowed the luxury of a dust bath for fear of damage to the plumage. They are, however, treated to a good wash now and then, and a sharp lookout for insect pests is kept, and if any should be found upon them, Keating's insect powder is at once resorted to. Suitable articles of diet, fresh water, grit, and constant removal of the run on to fresh ground, receive due attention from old hands, and, if you wish to succeed, you "must go and do likewise."

Fowls for exhibition must be kept in robust health, for without good health it is impossible to get them into condition for exhibition. Without health there is absence of that beautiful vermilion red color in the comb, face and wattles; there is also absence of natural bloom on the plumage, and without these natural characteristics in an exhibition fowl, all efforts to prepare it for successful competition will, undoubtedly, be in vain.

First of all, then, see to your houses and runs; make them fit for the occupation of exhibition birds; and, in the second place, attend to your stock in a common-sense manner, consistent with the object you have in view. These details having received due and proper attention, your birds will generally be in perfect health, and their plumage in the best of condition. Even then a good wash will often add greatly to their chances of winning. White or light colored fowls always look all the better for a thorough washing, for no matter how good your accommodation

for keeping them clean may be, their plumage becomes more or less soiled by being handled, and by being occasionally put in training pens in order to get them as tame as possible. A good wash is also beneficial to dark colored or even black birds. Their feathers and fluff are opened out and made more bulky by the process, the colors are also brightened, the birds look larger, and in many cases alters their appearance to a considerable extent.

The washing day should be three or four days prior to the exhibition, in order to give plenty of time for the feathers to dry and web properly.

Where there is convenience it is best to have three large vessels—viz., tubs or zinc baths, or the ordinary yellow washing bowls; arrange them so that one can be used after the other, without leaving hold of the bird you are washing. Two out of the three vessels should be a little more than half filled with soft warm water, rain water being preferable to any kind of water which has to pass through iron or lead pipes. The water in No. 1 vessel should be made into a good lather by means of a piece of good brown soap, or white soap and a sponge. No soda or washing powder should be used, as anything stronger than good soap is apt to take too much nature out of the plumage, leaving it a dead color, instead of a bright natural lustre. When you find it necessary to wash a bird at all, be sure you think of the proverbial saying, "If a thing is worth doing, it is worth doing well," for to half wash a bird is infinitely worse than being left unwashed. Having all your waters ready, No. 1 vessel containing warm water made into a good soap lather; No. 2 vessel containing clean warm water, about the same temperature as No. 1; No. 3 vessel should contain about the same quantity of water as Nos. 1 and 2, but this should be as near cold as possible, and should be very slightly colored with blue, squeezed through a flannel. Now proceed to take your bird well and firmly in both hands, clasp the wings and body, put him gently, feet first, into No. 1 vessel, and when his feet touch, the bottom you may expect him to make a spring, and if you are not careful he will jump out of his bath and very likely give you a share of it. This must not be allowed; hold your bird firmly, still gently, press the body down into the water until all except his head is immersed; move the bird about in the water until he ceases to struggle, by which time his plumage will have become thoroughly saturated. If the bird submits quietly to the operation, you may begin to use your sponge pretty freely; but if he is still determined to oppose you in your endeavors, place your left hand on his shoulders, pass your thumb under his left wing and your four fingers under his right wing, close your hand, and bring the two wings close together over his shoulders. The bird is then helpless, and you may proceed to sponge or scrub him as you like. The sponge of itself is scarcely sufficient for heavily feathered or very dirty birds; they require brushing with a soft brush, and the fingers of the operator may be used among the fluffy feathers to advantage. The neck and saddle hackles, also the thighs and fluff, must be thoroughly washed to the very skin, or your labor will be wasted. The head and legs sometimes require scrubbing with a soft brush. I prefer washing the head first of all, when the plumage is dry. A towel can then be wrapped around the bird's body, which can be placed under the left arm, held firmly in this position, leaving both hands at liberty for dressing the head. As for the legs, it is easy enough to scrub them after the plumage has been washed, for, as a rule, birds which have undergone the process of the first washing tub are ready and willing to submit to anything, especially if they have been thoroughly washed. Many good birds are not only spoiled for the time by being badly washed, but they are spoiled for a whole season. Therefore let me impress upon you the importance of thoroughness in this matter. Being satisfied that you have got all the dirt out of the plumage, squeeze out as much of the soapsuds as possible, wring out your sponge, and proceed to wash out all the soap in vessel No. 2. Take plenty of time in this matter, and satisfy yourself that you have rinsed all

the soap out of the plumage. This being done effectually you will now proceed to rinse your bird in vessel No. 3, which contains water as near cold as possible. Some fanciers use perfectly cold water for this purpose, asserting that it is more effectual in closing the pores of the skin, and so preventing the birds taking cold afterwards.

There are, however, in my opinion, many objections to rinsing birds in very cold water, and I find tepid water answers the purpose equally well.

After rinsing in No. 3 bath, spread a piece of clean canvas or a towel on a table; take your sponge, and squeeze as much water out of the plumage as it is possible to get, after which take a soft, dry towel, and dry the feathers as well as possible by this means.

Then place the bird in an exhibition hamper, with sufficient of the canvas let down to admit the heat from the kitchen fire.

There are, of course, proper and improper times of the day to wash fowls. The fore part of the day is best, for as the plumage dries the bird regains strength, and naturally rises on to his legs, moves about in the hamper, shakes and plumes his plumage during the day-time; whereas if he were washed in the evening he would lie still on his comfortable bed of straw till morning, when some parts of his plumage might not be thoroughly dry, and if the sickle feathers happened to be pressed against the lining of the drying basket they might dry in an unnatural position.

If, however, necessity compels you to wash a bird in the evening, I would advise you to hold it in your hand before the fire, until the sickle feathers are thoroughly dry; you may then place it in your drying basket and leave it for the night. Care should be taken not to put the hamper too near the fire, or the result will be blistered lobes and scorched plumage. Another caution is still advisable, viz., never wash a bird with a full crop; a little food will do no harm, but a full crop might be the means of losing your bird. It is my opinion that scores of birds have been killed in consequence of being washed soon after partaking of a hearty meal, therefore let me advise you to pay particular attention to this matter. When your bird is thoroughly dry, place him in a clean, roomy pen, well bedded with straw, and don't on any account give him the chance of a dust bath, or he will most assuredly take advantage of the opportunity.

After a good wash a healthy bird requires no further preparation for exhibition, and on no account would I advise you to put oil, vaseline, or any kind of grease on his comb, face, and wattles, for by doing so you close the pores of the skin, and in many cases bring on disease, which would never have visited your healthy stock had the grease not been applied to their skin.—Henry Digby in *Stock-Keeper*, England.

From "Ole Kaintuck."

Your paper is now a welcome visitor to many of our section, and will continue to grow in favor as it is better known. Our people are fully aroused to the good work of building up the poultry and pigeon interest in our State. I enclose under another cover a catalogue of our poultry and pigeon exhibition, December 5, 6 and 7. Nine hundred dollars in premiums. This will be much the largest show ever held in our State.

We regard yours as about the most beneficial poultry journal that we get from the north or east.

We will have reduced fare by rail and river, and the express company will return all coops to owners free of charge.

During the months of September and October we have chicken pox or sore head to contend with. This disease when taken in hand in time can be cured, but if allowed to run will develop in canker or roup, and then we find it very obstinate indeed.

Our club is in sympathy with the brethren, and will do anything to advance the poultry and pigeon industry.

ROBT. F. DULANEY,
President of Warren County Poultry and Pigeon Club.

Bowling Green, Ky., Nov. 22, 1894.

Awards at Warrensburg, Mo.

LIGHT BRAHMAS.—Cock, 1st 93, 2d 92½, B. F. Wood, Warrensburg, Mo.; 3d 89½, Mrs. Jas. D. Dyer, Hoffman, Mo. Hen, 1st 93½, Wood; 2d 93, 3d 92 (tie), Wood and Mrs. Dyer. Cockerel, 1st 95, 2d 94½, 3d 94, Wood. Pullet, 1st 95½, 2d 95, 3d 94½, Wood. Pen, 1st 190½, 2d 189½, 3d 188½, Wood.

BARRED P. ROCKS.—Hen, 1st 92 (tie), Rolla G. Carroll and G. A. Luvin, Warrensburg, Mo.; 2d 90½, Carroll; 3d 90, Luvin. Cockerel, 1st 92 (tie), Carroll and Wood; 2d 91½ (tie), Mrs. Dyer, Carroll, Wood, and Luvin; 3d 91 (tie), James Elliott, Warrensburg, Mo., and Mrs. J. A. Slifer, Chilhowie, Mo. Pullet, 1st 93½ (tie), Carroll and Wood; 2d 93 (tie), Emil Hinkle, Warrensburg, Mo.; 3d 92½, Elliott. Pen, 1st 184½, Carroll; 2d 183, Elliott; 3d 182½, Wood.

WHITE P. ROCKS.—Cock, 1st 94, 2d 93½, Mrs. Wm. Parker, Hoffman, Mo. Hen, 1st 95½ (tie), Mrs. Parker and Max Christopher, Warrensburg, Mo.; 2d 94½, 3d 93, Mrs. Parker. Cockerel, 1st 95 (tie), L. B. Thomas, Knob Noster, Mo., Mrs. Parker, and Chas. Shaffer, Knob Noster, Mo.; 3d 94 (tie), Mrs. Parker, Christopher, Shaffer, and J. M. Moore, Holden, Mo. Pullet, 1st 96 (tie), Shaffer, Mrs. Parker, and Thomas; 2d 95½ (tie), Mrs. Parker, Shaffer, Christopher, and Moore; 3d 95 (tie), Thomas, Shaffer, Mrs. Parker, and Moore. Pen, 1st 190½ (tie), Mrs. Parker and Shaffer; 2d 190½, Thomas; 3d 189½, Shaffer.

BUFF COCHINS.—Cock, 1st 92, Mrs. Dyer. Cockerel, 1st 95, 2d 94½, 3d 94, Mrs. Kate E. Lease, Knob Noster, Mo. Pullet, 1st 96, 2d 95½, 3d 95, Mrs. Lease. Pen, 1st 190½, 2d 189½, 3d 188½, Mrs. Lease.

S. L. WYANDOTTES.—Hen, 1st 89, Mrs. Slifer. Cockerel, 1st 92, Mrs. Venia Ramsey, Columbus, Mo.; 2d 91½ (tie), Mrs. Ramsey and Mrs. Flora Mabry, Odessa, Mo.; 3d 91, P. E. Gowdy, Warrensburg, Mo. Pullet, 1st 93, Mrs. Mabry; 2d 92½ (tie), Mrs. Ramsey and P. E. Gowdy; 3d 92, Mrs. Ramsey. Pen, 1st 184½, Mrs. Ramsey; 2d 182½, Gowdy; 3d 182½, Mrs. Ramsey.

WHITE WYANDOTTES.—Cock, 1st 92½, Asbury Hirsch, Warrensburg, Mo. Pullet, 1st 95, 2d 94½, Hirsch.

BLACK MINORCAS.—Hen, 1st 95½, Mrs. Dyer. Cockerel, 1st 95½, Lee James, Leeton, Mo.; 2d 94½ (tie), James and Mrs. Dyer; 3d 94, James. Pullet, 1st 97, 2d 96, 3d 95½, James. Pen, 1st 191½, 2d 189½, James; 3d 189½, Mrs. Dyer.

S. C. B. LEGHORNS.—Cock, 1st 94, James; 2d 92½, Luvin. Hen, 1st 95, 2d 91½, James; 3d 91, Mrs. Dyer. Cockerel, 1st 94½ (tie), James and Mrs. Dyer; 2d 94 (tie), James; 3d 93½ (tie), James Hamisfar, Warrensburg, Mo., and Mrs. Dyer. Pullet, 1st 94½ (tie), James, Mrs. Dyer, Luvin, and Hamisfar; 2d 94 (tie), James, Luvin, Hamisfar, and Mrs. Dyer; 3d 93½ (tie), James, Luvin, Hamisfar, and Mrs. Dyer. Pen, 1st 189½, James; 2d 188½, Mrs. Dyer; 3d 188½, James.

S. C. W. LEGHORNS.—Cockerel, 1st 94, 2d 93½, 3d 92, pullet, 1st 95½, 2d 95, 3d 94, pen, 1st 189½, all to Mrs. Venia Ramsey, Columbus, Mo.

BLACK LANGSHANS.—Hen, 1st 94½, Mrs. Jas. D. Dyer, Hoffman, Mo. Cockerel, 1st 94½, 2d 94, J. V. Campbell, Knob Noster, Mo.; 3d 93½, Mrs. Dyer. Pullet, 1st 95, Mrs. Dyer; 2d 94½, Fred. Puckett, Warrensburg, and J. V. Campbell, Knob Noster, tie; 3d, Mrs. Dyer and J. V. Campbell, tie.

W. F. B. SPANISH.—Cockerel, 1st 94, 2d 93½, 3d 93, pullet, 1st 96, 2d 95½, 3d 94, pen, 1st 188½, all to Mrs. Ramsey.

S. S. HAMBURG.—Cock, 1st 90, Chas. Owings, Centerville, Mo. Cockerel, 1st 91½, Owings and Max Christopher, Warrensburg, Mo., tie. Pullet, 1st 92½, 2d 91½, Owings and Christopher, tie; 3d 89½, Owings. Pen, 1st 183½, Christopher; 2d 182½, Owings.

B. B. R. GAME BANTAMS.—Cock, 1st 95½, hen, 1st 95½, James Hamisfar, Warrensburg. Cockerel, 1st 95, Emil Hinkle, Warrensburg; 2d 94½, 3d 94, Lee James, Lerton, Mo. Pullet, 1st 95½, Hinkle; 2d 94½, Hinkle, Hamisfar and James, tie; 3d 94, James and Hinkle, tie. Pen, 1st 189½, Hinkle; 2d 187½, James.

BLACK SUMATRA GAMES.—Hen, 1st 94, cockerel, 1st 94½, pullet, 1st 96½, 2d 96, 3d 95½, pen, 1st 190½, all to Hamisfar.

B. B. R. GAMES.—Pullet, 1st 96, 2d 95½, 3d 95, James Rice, Columbus, Mo.

INDIAN GAMES.—Cock, 1st 92½, cockerel, 1st 95½, 2d 95, 3d 92½, pullet, 1st 94, 2d 93½, 3d 92½, pen, 1st 188½, Mrs. Dyer.

GOLDEN SEBRIGHT BANTAMS.—Cock, 1st 93, hen, 1st 96, 2d 94, pullet, 1st 95, 2d 94½, 3d 93½, pen, 1st 188½, M. Y. Barnum, Warrensburg, Mo.

BRONZE TURKEYS.—Old Tom, 1st 97½, Mrs. Belle Butterfield, Knob Noster; 2d 97, Owings; 3d 96½, Mrs. Slifer. Hen, 1st 97, Mrs. Butterfield and Mrs. Dyer, tie; 2d 96, Mrs. Dyer and Mrs. Slifer, tie; 3d 95½, Mrs. Dyer, Mrs. Slifer and Chas. Owings, tie. Cockerel, 1st 97, Mrs. F. W. Ives, Knob Noster; 2d 96½, Mrs. Ives and Mrs. Butterfield, tie; 3d 96, Mrs. Ramsey and Mrs. Slifer, tie. Pullet, 1st 97½, Mrs. Butterfield; 2d 97, Mrs. Ives; 3d 96½, Mrs. Ives and Mrs. Butterfield, tie. Pen, 1st 194½, Mrs. Butterfield; 2d 193½, Mrs. Ives; 3d 192, Mrs. Dyer.

C. A. Emry, judge.

Illinois State Poultry, Pigeon and Pet Stock Association Organized.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

At Springfield during the progress of the State fair the Illinois State Poultry, Pigeon and Pet Stock Association was permanently organized by the election of officers as follows: President, Grant M. Curtis, Quincy; vice-president, Rhoda A. Judy, Decatur; secretary, Edward Levings, Paris; treasurer, Rainey Miller, Champaign; executive committee, Israel Root and S. S. Noble, Bloomington; M. W. Summers, Curran; S. T. Jones, Williamsville; and Daniel Robertson, Palmyra.

Leading breeders of the State were present at the above meeting, Judge

Heimlick, of Jacksonville, acting as chairman. The first annual show of the new association will be held at Bloomington on January 14-17, 1895, with D. T. Heimlick, of Jacksonville, and Theo. Hewes, of Trenton, Mo., as judges. Cash prizes will be offered on singles, pairs, and breeding pens. Mr. S. S. Noble, of Bloomington, will be superintendent of the show. A \$50 solid silver cup will be offered by the association on the largest number of highest scoring birds shown by one exhibitor, competition to be open to the world. This cup must be defended each year by the fortunate winner, otherwise it passes into the possession of the person showing the largest number of highest scoring birds at the last annual show.

The State Association is devoted to the general advancement of poultry culture and the poultry industry in the great Prairie State, and solicits the aid and good wishes of all concerned.

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Acting Secretary.

Asiatic Fowls.

There are many people who keep the Asiatic breeds of poultry and never secure very satisfactory results. After a time they give them up and declare they would not again keep them for any consideration whatever. It is not the breed that is at fault for the lack of success, but the owner, who does not understand their management. There are also people who years ago saw the old-time Shanghai fowls, and those who have heard others tell about their peculiarities, who appear to think the Asiatic fowls of today are still the long-legged, long-necked specimens of by-gone days whose chief points of notoriety were the fact that they could stand and eat corn from the head of a barrel and lay the smallest eggs for their size of any winged specimens known. Their shambling gait and remarkable lankiness made them objects that always impressed the observer with the idea that they were just the breed he did not want to keep. The Brahmas of to-day are of a very different type from the Brahma-pootra of by-gone days, and the old Shanghai fowls have evolved to the magnificent Cochins that now grace our shows and are noted for their fine plumage and "great" Cochin shape. For years the light Brahmas have deservedly stood at the head of the Asiatics, their general excellence being the reward of merit that won them their popularity. Their plumage of pure white, with neck hackles of black running to a point and laced around with white and fine black tail points, gives them a beautiful appearance. As they move around on a closely shaved green lawn well-bred specimens present a most attractive and charming spectacle. The Light Brahmas lay the largest egg probably of any of the Asiatics. The Dark Brahmas, when bred to standard requirements, are a very handsome breed. The fact that it is necessary to have two sexes to produce standard plumage has been a great drawback to this fine breed. Highscoring specimens are comparatively rare, and in consequence command good prices. Well penciled females that are of the right color are rare. Many of the best penciled ones show too much of a shade of brown, and are inclined strongly to Cochin shape, thereby giving strong evidence of a Partridge Cochin cross to secure improved penciling. In comparison with the eggs of the light Brahmas those of the Dark Brahmas are small.

During the past few years there has been great improvement in all breeds of Cochins except the black. The Buff Cochins have been brought to wonderful perfection—the color has become simply perfection—and it is not mere surface color, either. Excessive leg and toe feather are points that have lately become a fad with Cochin breeders, and some of the finest specimens show little or no daylight under their body. Eggs are of the medium size.

The Partridge Cochin of today is a marvel of beautiful bright colors. The male, with his black-pointed neck hackle, laced with bright orange red, and a saddle similarly marked, broad, black breast, wings with their brilliant, greenish-black

and red-maroon colors, and tail greenish-black, make a combination of beautiful colors so harmoniously blended that those who see such a specimen for the first time are delightfully astonished to find such things really exist with poultry. The females, when properly penciled and of the right color, are also remarkably handsome.

The White Cochins—good specimens are scarce. It appears to be more difficult to retain the true Cochin type with the whites, and there is also a tendency to scant leg and toe feathering a fault not to be tolerated with Cochins. When the true type of the Cochin family is found among the white they command attention and admiration. The Black Cochins are becoming notably scarce. Before the advent of the Langshans in this country this breed used to be extensively shown in the poultry exhibitions. The Langshan is fast crowding them to the wall, and it is now rare to find a Black Cochin at the shows in its purity, but quite often some that have more or less Langshan blood in them are shown as Black Cochins. The pink skin between the toes and absence of yellow on the bottom of the feet are reasons why many so-called Black Cochins are thrown out by the judges. The Langshan is prominently distinctive—it is neither a Brahma nor a Cochin, but has a shape of its own. The head and tail of the male when in proper shape forms a line like the letter U. The leg and toe feathering is scant and the plumage is a fine black that has a remarkable stem of a metallic greenish lustre, possessed in a much greater degree than probably any other breed. The brilliancy of the plumage of the Sumatra has been frequently noticed, but the Langshans excel them in this respect. The Langshan is fast winning its way to fame as the best breed of the Asiatics. The chicks are rapid growers, feathering quicker than any other Asiatics. The pullets commence laying early, and eggs are fine in size. Hens are good mothers. Asiatics are not the kind of poultry for lazy men to raise—that is, those who imagine all that is necessary to make a great success with poultry is to let them have all the corn they will eat. Unless judiciously managed the Asiatic breeds become very indolent, and if they can get plenty of food will lie around and become so exceedingly fat that the hens will yield but few eggs. Especially is this the case where corn is the main diet. They should be made to work for their feed—the grain should be scattered, of course, when weather and surroundings are suitable, among litter, where they will have to scratch for it. Their food should be varied as much as possible, and one feed each day should be of a bulky nature. A good morning feed is made of ground oats, ground or crushed wheat or barley, cornmeal and wheat bran. To prepare this, take the following parts: Two quarts of the ground oats, one quart of crushed wheat, two quarts of cornmeal, two quarts of wheat bran and mix all thoroughly together while dry, and then pour on enough boiling water to mix to a consistency that will be of a crumbly nature—not sticky. This for one morning's feed, the next morning change feed by leaving out the cornmeal, then make for the third day another change by using two quarts of the crushed barley or barleymeal instead of the cornmeal. In fact this combination can be varied in many ways. The food advised is a good flesh-former and egg-producer and will be found excellent for laying hens. Of course the growing chicks should have this same food, but an addition of raw bonemeal should be made to it at the rate of a heaping tablespoonful for each quart, and the chicks should be given raw bone, cut or crushed, every two or three days. Asiatics can be taught to look around for their food by scattering the grain among litter in out-of-the-way places. For winter sheds should be provided and a good supply of dry leaves secured to put in them to scatter the grain among. On farms there are generally plenty of broken straw and coarse litter that is just the thing for this purpose. When the lands are rough and the sedge grass grows near the hen house it is a grand place to scatter the grain, and the hens will soon learn to hunt and scratch for it. The Asiatic fowls, properly handled, be-

come great favorites, and as much so on account of their proving to be profitable as from their attractive beauty.—[G. O. Brown in Baltimore Sun.

Getting Ready for Winter.

If we expect to keep poultry for profit this winter there are three things we must decide upon immediately: First, the number and class of fowls we shall keep; second, what accommodations we can afford to give them; and third, what we are going to give them to eat.

In Kentucky, where I live, chickens having free range on the farm can pick up the greater part of their living during seven or eight months of the year. They can roost out-of-doors at night during that length of time, and in fact, are better off for so doing, so it does not greatly matter with us if their number does exceed our allotted limit. But for the remaining four or five months of the year all this should be changed—comfortable quarters the chickens must have if we expect them to do anything, their number must be suited to their accommodations, and sufficient food of a suitable variety must be provided for their consumption.

In the Northern and Eastern States, where poultry keeping as a business, is much more largely engaged in than it is with us, chickens in winter have to be housed the greater part of the time; hence poultry houses there must not only be larger, in order to give the hens room for exercise by day, but also have to be built much warmer than ours, in order to enable the fowls to endure the long cold winters. There, a house 10 by 10 feet is advised as the proper size for keeping a dozen hens, but here where it is seldom necessary to keep up the hens for more than a few days at a time, only during an occasional cold spell, we may keep twice that number in a house of that size, especially if a porch be added on the sunny side where the hens may be sheltered and yet enjoy the sunshine and fresh air which they dearly love.

If a poultry house is to be built, remember that it is the floor space which is most utilized by the fowls, and also that the taller the house, the colder it is likely to be. It is a common sight to see a hen-house 12 or 15 feet to the combs with a floor space sometimes of no more than 10 by 10 feet. We cannot get it into our heads that our hens do not need as tall houses as we ourselves do.

It is only for our own convenience in caring for them that the ceiling need be high enough for us to stand erect under, for if the perches be only two or three feet from the floor, the hens are all the better off for it.

We never think of heating a poultry house artificially in this country, but we ought to try to make their houses snug and close for the winter, and to have in them one or two glass windows, so that our hens may have cheery, comfortable quarters in bad weather.

A good, tight floor the house should have by all means and to make it warmer still, cover the floor at the beginning of winter with an inch or two of dry earth, and add three or four inches of dry leaves or chaff upon which to scatter grain, so as to give them a good scratching place.

Made comfortable and happy in this way, the hens will delight to stay indoors in cold weather, instead of standing around outside trying to endure the cold and sleet, shivering in the biting winter winds and getting their combs and feet frosted over and over again. The hens will gratefully repay us for our extra care and expense by their increased egg-production. But indeed the expense is not so great as many persons seem to think; the winter price of three or four dozen eggs would pay for all the glass windows a house needs—for I am not an advocate of very much glass.

The litter, well mixed as it will be with dry earth and manure, should be taken out every month or two, and new fresh litter supplied. This old litter I used one spring when planting the early potatoes, spread it in the furrow, and it brought the largest, finest potatoes we ever had. How we did enjoy them, coming in so early, and so big and mealy! The mixture seemed just to suit them.

The size of the house should regulate

the number of hens that may be profitably kept. But be sure that every hen is a good one. Superannuated fowls should be promptly disposed of; neither would I start out with a lot of immature pullets. A pullet that is not grown at the beginning of winter is a dwarf, nor will she lay a single egg to pay for her keep until spring.

A young cockerel must be very fine indeed to pay for wintering, and as for old roosters—better cut their heads off at once and throw them away. I know numbers of people whose flocks contain 50 per cent. of just such worthless members. It is much more satisfactory to keep just the ones we need, and feed and care for them in such a manner that they shall be both a pleasure and a profit.

Before the cold weather sets in, the winter feed for the flock should be stored away in some convenient place. If grain is to be bought, it is cheaper to buy it in large quantities in the fall. Some ground food I would also have—wheat bran, middlings and cornmeal. Provide some small grain to scatter in the litter—wheat screenings are cheap and answer the purpose admirably; and for cold winter evenings give whole corn.

Other grains may be substituted to advantage for these mentioned, for our flocks enjoy a variety just as we ourselves do. And on the farm, if one only thinks about it, some change may be made in their diet every few days. Chickens are such thankful things, they accept gratefully what other live-stock refuse with disdain. When the potatoes are dug, put aside for the poultry the small, unsalable ones; and if sorghum be raised for the cattle, by all means let the chickens have the seed. There is nothing they like better, and it is certainly very wholesome. One of my neighbors has stock peas gathered, and lets the chickens have the pleasure of getting them out. Some green food should be given every day if possible. Ensilage is excellent, and good clover hay cut in half-inch lengths, steamed and sprinkled over with wheat bran, is gladly welcomed.

Instead of abusing the chickens for getting over into the garden and stealing winter cabbage and turnips, I think we ought to provide some of both especially for their benefit. A small lot adjoining their yard sowed in hardy winter turnips, would, in this locality, afford them grazing nearly all winter. Crimson clover is also good. That grows in cool weather, and would moreover come in finely in early spring, several weeks before anything else. And why not sow a little patch of wheat or rye for them? We all know how hard it is to keep the chickens off the young wheat in the fall.

We should provide some sort of grit, too, for our flocks in winter. It is too bad to make the poor things go hunting around for it in the bleak wintry weather. The fowls should have some meat, if possible, every day in winter. And we must not forget the dust bath—the hen's toilet, as some call it. No one can say this year that he could not get enough dry dust.

Before putting the flock into winter quarters, cleanse the house thoroughly and apply some sort of disinfectant and insect destroyer. My favorite is a white-wash made of unslaked lime containing salt, coal oil and a generous quantity of crude carbolic acid.

I do not mean that poultry in this country should be kept confined all the time. Let them out by all means on warm, bright days; but see that they are comfortable and happy indoors in the bitter freezing weather, and they will repay us gladly and liberally.—"A Farmer's Daughter" in *Country Gentleman*.

Poultry at Fairs.

In too many cases the poultry exhibits at the agricultural fairs are not given the encouragement or prominence they deserve. The poultry industry in this country has grown in the past few years wonderfully, and the amount of capital invested alone in broiler-raising and large exclusive poultry farms has simply become enormous. Broilers are raised in towns by fifty to one hundred thousands, and there are several duck farms where the annual product of ducklings is from five to twelve thousand. There are specialty egg farms, and those engaged

in raising pure-bred poultry in medium-sized and small flocks have increased so that all sections of the country are becoming conspicuous with the flocks of well-cared-for poultry. This has been brought about from very little encouragement offered by agricultural fairs. On the contrary, the accommodations and treatment afforded the poultry at many agricultural fairs has been such as to completely disgust poultry-raisers. Other branches of live stock are supplied with appropriate accommodations and are shown singly, so that each specimen has a chance to win a prize on its individual merit.

At many fairs the poultry is generally shown in a leaky tent or a corn-crib affair that is masquerading as the "poultry building." Even these poorly contrived arrangements are often so constructed that it becomes necessary to pile the coops up two or three tiers high, often shutting off what little light there is struggling through the measly windows. These are not all the tribulations the poultry exhibitor has at many agricultural fairs, for the judging is too often done by a committee who seem to be selected for their inexperience and entire lack of knowledge of the different breeds of poultry. Disqualified birds are given premiums, first-class birds are set aside and inferior specimens (to use an emphatic, but perhaps inelegant expression) "get there."

It is time to call a halt on this business. The ignoring of such an important interest as the poultry industry has grown to be should cease. The prize money offered to white rats, rabbits, squirrels, guinea pigs, to-day stands on a par with the poultry prizes with some of these fairs.

What the poultry-breeders want is prizes on single birds and not on pairs. Let each specimen stand or fall on its merits. When shown in pairs a good bird in bad company suffers, and often a pair gets first prize because their points added together place them in advance of some other pair, one of which may be greatly superior to either of the pair winning first. Were the birds judged singly, instead of in pairs, probably neither one of the birds that won as a pair would get a place. Whether the agricultural societies can be induced to give an increased amount of prizes and have them competed for singly is a question. Doubtless poultry-raisers would rather have the amount of prize money given on a pair divided and let the male and female specimen stand their chances. Single bird prizes is the only method that permits the best specimen to secure the awards.

There are, it is most agreeable to note, exceptions to the state of affairs mentioned above. There are some agricultural societies that have long since recognized the immensity and importance of the poultry industry. Such have excellent poultry buildings on their grounds and prizes are offered on single specimens, both fowls and chicks. Maryland is behind no state in this respect, and the poultry exhibit at the Hagerstown agricultural fairs for a number of years have been noted for the great numbers and excellence of the stock. The single-bird system has been adopted and well known poultry judges are secured. Last season five thousand head of poultry were shown at the Hagerstown Fair, and this year the number was still greater. The methods that have brought about this state of things is single-bird prizes and having them judged by experts. Many of the winners at this fair are subsequently sent to the leading poultry shows during the winter, where they also often are selected for the highest honors. The agricultural fairs should offer inducements for specimens of dressed poultry. This is a practical branch that does not receive proper encouragement. Prizes properly given in this branch would be very interesting. Premiums could be offered for the best specimen (dressed) of the different breeds and a sweepstake prize for the best over all. Two prizes could be given in each, one for best dressed chick under six months old and another for best dressed fowl over one year old. The judging of these specimens should be governed by a set of rules and points same as judging poultry by the standard. The carcass, for in-

stance, should receive points for plumpness, condition, firmness, neat appearance and other essentials.

To prevent fraud, each exhibitor should furnish a sworn statement as regards age of specimen. The neck hackle and wing (flight) feathers, should remain on the specimens to prevent passing off one breed for another.

A little study in arranging a method for conducting these exhibits would result in making such a department of great practical interest in the fairs. The winter poultry shows might also give this branch of poultry more substantial encouragement than they do. Wherever agricultural fairs have given proper attention to the poultry interest the poultry exhibits have grown to be one of the leading features. In many sections the agricultural societies are permitting the local poultry clubs to have the poultry exhibits held under their auspices. This is well enough, but the poultry interest has now become extensive enough for the fair authorities to give it the place it merits, both in good, weather-proof accommodations and the allotment of a proportionate share of prize money.

Poultrymen in all sections should unite and demand that the poultry industry receive proper recognition at the fairs. The employing of recognized poultry experts and offering prizes on single specimens will soon bring about a great difference in the excellence of the stock. The extra compensation that expert judges would have to be paid would be more than counterbalanced by the prize money that is usually given away on inferior disqualified specimens, as a single trial will convince any agricultural society.—[G. O. Brown in Baltimore Sun, Oct. 6, 1894;

Practical Pointers.

BY GEORGE E. HOWELL.

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Last week I answered a query relative to soft shelled eggs, and finished by advising the party to feed wheat moderately in such a shape that every kernel had to be worked for. Perhaps some have wondered why I selected wheat wholly. It was not because I consider wheat to be the hen food par excellence.

If the egg organs of those hens were healthy and they have plenty of grinding material the sole trouble was too much feed. No hen will lay a soft shelled egg if she has to scratch for her living, and the masters of chemistry tell us wheat contains a large proportion of lime.

A hot wash in the morning composed of bran, cooked vegetable and fine quality shorts scalded and mixed together, plenty of sunshine and fresh water during the day, and at night a generous feed of oats and corn whole, at a ration of 1 to 8 in favor of corn, is all the food necessary for a flock of hens.

If I wanted eggs from a flock fed in this manner, I would not look for them through an extra bucket of feed at noon, but I should litter the floor nicely with leaves, straw, chaff, anything clean, and into this I would scatter a thimbleful of wheat. It will keep them scratching a couple of hours, whereas a bucket of feed would incline them to sit on the edge of the feed trough and nest boxes, teaching them to get fat and lazy, and to eat eggs and pull feathers.

This method of handling does not admit of hallways and patent constructions for feeding and gathering the eggs; you must go right in among them, and I want to say to you, here comes the greatest pleasure of a fancier's life. Fowls get to know you, Leghorns will come up fearlessly to see what you have for them, you can pick the eggs out of the nests without having a general commotion and perhaps a broken window light or so. A hen has a conscience and don't you forget it. Make your houses so you like to go in them yourself, and on cold stormy days give the fowls a mess of boiled oats or steamed clover, something to set their blood in circulation. Hens attended to will lay. Those that stand around in the

snow on one leg with frozen comb and wattles, are the ones that never lay until the gentle zephyrs of springtime play through their whiskers, unless mayhap old Jack Frost and neglect cause them to lay for all time and from which there is no awakening.

When I started out I had no intention of running along in this style, but I can truthfully say, I found not a little pleasure in putting these hints into practice, and if any of these pointers benefit a reader my time has been well expended.

Fattening Geese.

As geese are sold at so much per pound, it is, of course, every breeder's aim to produce birds possessing as much weight as possible, therefore a few hints on the best method to attain this end may not be out of place. After harvest, farmers usually let their geese out in the stubble fields, where they get as much corn as they can eat, besides many choice pieces of green stuff, which they are very fond of, and they will often put on from 2 and 4½ lbs. each in weight, according to the size of the birds, after being out three or four weeks. In many instances before they are put out in the stubble they have nothing given them but grass, so that they are usually very thin when first put out, and it is a great mistake after the stubble has been cleared up to again give them grass and no corn, as they will lose almost as much in weight as previously gained.

Geese which are allowed to go in the stubble field when the corn is all picked up should be given a feed of corn once a day, then they do not go back in condition, and if treated in this way they will not require anything like so much food when being fattened. Any goose crossed with the Toulouse usually fattens quicker than other crosses, but there is not much difficulty in getting geese into prime condition if they are treated properly, and if in good order they do not require to be shut up more than three weeks and a few days, but if they are poor they require quite a different treatment. If thin they should be fed upon corn twice a day, which should be in a trough of water, and with a common of grass to run on, will soon enable them to pick up in weight. One feed should consist of barley or Indian corn, and the other may be oats or wheat, but the oats must be good. Just as much grain should be put in the water as they can clear up at once, as these birds eat more food in proportion to their size than any other variety of the feathered tribe. It is a well known fact if these birds have a good grass common to run on, their necks may be seen bulging out half way up with grass, as they are capable of taking as much food at one meal to last them for twelve hours. I specially mention this, as it is common to see people throw a lot of food down to last the geese during the night, which is not only wasted, but it harbors rats and mice.

Geese in good condition should be shut up from twenty to twenty-five days in a quiet place shaded from the light, so that they cannot see outside. They should be let out first thing in the morning for about fifteen or thirty minutes, and good nutritious (hot or warm) food should be given them, such as barley meal, wheat meal, a little maize meal, and boiled potatoes, all mixed together, and put into a large trough a little at a time, so that it can all be cleared up. About the last twelve days a little rough fat should be mixed with the meal, which has the effect of plumping them up, and rendering them much more palatable. They should be allowed out again in the evening before dusk for fifteen or thirty minutes, and fed in the same manner and on the same stuff as in the morning, after which a trough of clean water should be supplied them, so that each one has a little. If geese are fed well and are allowed to run about they do not have sufficient rest to enable them to make fat, and if they are shut up, where they can see other geese running about, it makes them restless.

Farmers should always use straw or rough chaff in the shed or house where the geese are put up to fatten; but in all cases they should have plenty of fresh air. Geese are very hardy, and can stand being shut up in a confined place. As a substitute for chaff, fine short shavings can be put down, as if the geese are

white, the feathers are kept much cleaner, and are more valuable when the geese are plucked. If shavings cannot be procured peat moss should be used; no water must be put inside the place for the geese to drink, but they must be let out, after they are fed upon soft food, for this purpose. A better plan still is to put troughs outside the house for the geese to feed from, and give them a little water to drink before they go in. If a little care is taken in this respect the white feathers do not get stained, and they pay well; but it is only during the last few days that the plumage need be studied in this way. If the geese are a little dirty they will soon wash themselves if they are allowed to go in a pond. I have known large geese put on from 4½ to 6½ pounds under thirty days when fed and treated in the way I have described.—Wm. Cook in *Poultry* (England.)

PIGEONS.

Editorial Squibs.

Major Gilbert's book, "Pigeon Keeping: Hints to Beginners," is now in its third edition. New chapters have been added and the entire book remodelled. The demand is still as large as ever for this popular book. We can supply it to the trade in large or small lots at most favorable figures. Single copies will be sent to any address in America or Europe on receipt of fifty cents.

The Peoria (Ill.) "boys" are hustlers. They have succeeded in getting up a rattling pigeon show, notwithstanding the fact that they offer no regular cash prizes. Over 700 pigeon entries is a fine showing. What is more, they presented a petition to the Common Council of the city asking for its endorsement of the coming exhibition, which was readily granted. The interest taken in the show by the citizens is highly gratifying to the managers and members of the Peoria Association.

Our Peoria correspondent sent us a short letter for publication, which will be found in this issue of *THE AMERICAN FANCIER*. It contains some excellent suggestions regarding the holding of a great show in Louisville in '95 or '96.

Thieves entered John H. Kuhn's lofts recently and stole many of his best birds. Although Mr. Kuhn has offered a large reward for the recovery of his birds, the latter and the thieves are still untraced. We trust that both may be found and the robbers punished to the full extent of the law in such cases. A chicken and pigeon thief is the meanest specimen of humanity that walks the earth, yet there are few shows where one or more of such rascals do not get in their fine work. In a number of instances in past years, certain individuals were spotted, who held reputations of considerable importance in the fancy and elsewhere. This is the most dangerous class, as they are never suspected, and, when detected, crawl out of the scrape by claiming the theft was an accident, they got the wrong bird, &c. Leniency on the part of show managers and the press has prevented several exposures in this line of thievery, but we are afraid such a course is the wrong one. If a pigeon thief or "transferrer" of birds is detected in the act, he should be punished. This is the only safeguard an honest exhibitor has when sending valuable birds to a distant show. To allow the rascals to escape is simply to give them another chance.

Major F. M. Gilbert has gone to Evergreen, Alabama, for his health. Every pigeon fancier in America will wish him a speedy return of that most cherished gift of God, good health. When we recollect the bubbling spirits and trenchant wit of the "good old Major" at Chicago last year, we can hardly realize that he is now engaged in a struggle between life and death. May the veteran be spared to the fancy for many years to come.

H. C. Norton, one of the veteran Fantail breeders in America, started advertising in *THE AMERICAN FANCIER* last week. Mr. Norton is now located at Newburgh, N. Y.

Another new advertiser in this week's issue is the Rev. J. J. Hanselman of Brooklyn, N. Y., whose columbary is one of the finest and most complete in this section of the country.

In the same issue C. A. Koehler, also of Brooklyn, N. Y., begins advertising his Jacobins. It is with particular pride *THE AMERICAN FANCIER* looks upon its pigeon advertisers. They are among the best and most representative fanciers in this country.

E. F. Webb sends us several samples of his improved 1895 pigeon bands. The year and loft numbers are raised, not sunk in. No initials are placed on these bands unless specially ordered. They are made in all sizes and are well finished. Mr. Webb also makes open aluminum bands, marked to suit.

Louis Korb, of Louisville, Ky., sold his entire collection of Swallows, including his prize winners, 26 birds in all, to George Zanone of the same place.

Mr. Korb will, in the future, breed only Pouters. He has a fine steed of American bred birds on hand now, but writes us that he will import some of the finest to be obtained in England. He has built a fine loft back of his new residence.

Peoria Show.

Weil, what do you think of an entry of more than six hundred pigeons closed Nov. 15th, 1894, for the Peoria show? The poultry department entries close Nov. 24th, many entries are already made in this department. Fantails take the lead with 85 entries for competition. Fanciers from one fourth the states of the Union have patronized this show of "ribbons," as it has been called, owing to the lack of cash premiums. A glance at a list of a few of our patrons will suffice to show what is thought of Peoria and Peoria fanciers, Edward Hazeldine, Terre Haute, Indiana; M. B. Blauch, Lebanon, Pa.; Louis Farr and Fred C. Weiss, Evansville, Indiana; P. F. Hager and J. H. & J. B. Howe, Nashville, Tenn.; Chas. Henschel, St. Joseph, Mo.; Harry Hoffman, Chas. Tanner, Page & Shippen, Ormsby Bros., of Louisville, Ky.; John Reid, Sumpter, S. C.; Peacock & Smith, J. H. Whitman, Chicago, Illinois; Geo. Ewald, Cincinnati; C. M. Sweeney, L. W. Schimmel, Detroit, Mich.; Henry Tieman, Baltimore, Md.; Carl J. Weick, Ellsworth, Kansas; F. Tudor, Boston, Mass.; F. A. Rommel, Baltimore, Md. and many others. In my estimation this speaks volumes for the principle of no cash premiums except for specials and also is an excellent compliment to the Hon. John H. Kuhn, who is to judge pigeons. One of the most ardent fanciers and breeders recently wrote me, and to quote him will explain his and many other true fancier's views, "It is better to give no cash prizes than to offer them and fail to fulfill your agreements." Now I believe by the formation of a Middle States Association, one or even two good exhibitions could be given each year in the Middle States without conflicting dates, and the association could well afford to pay liberal cash premiums to compensate shippers for their trouble and expense. Cincinnati will have her show this season, Nashville and Peoria theirs. Now let these three cities join hands with Louisville, Ky., for the season of 1895, each and every one of us put our heads and shoulders together, give Louisville a push, which will result in giving to the west a mighty exhibition. In advocating Louisville it is understood that they want a show next season. "In union there is strength."

C. W. ROBISON,
Peoria, Nov. 21st, 1894.

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Bethel, Vt., Nov. 29, 1894.

Pigeon Notes.

BY JOHN HOPEWELL.

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Continued from November 24th.

The variety of Oriental Frills known as Blondinettes are said to have been produced by a cross of Blue and Silver Owls or Satinets. In this variety the head, neck, body, breast and thighs are of a solid color, while the wings are white, tinged with pink, each feather being edged or laced with black or very dark brown, and ending at the point in the form previously mentioned as arrow pointed. The shaft of the feather should also be dark, shading outwardly to a lighter color, thus giving the feather the appearance of being laced both on edges and in the center. This lacing should extend to the saddle or rump. The flights are of some ground color as the wings on inner web, shading to a darker color on outer web. At the end of each feather is an oblong white spot with a dark lacing around it, this dark lacing being also found on the edge of each feather. The tail is of a darker shade than the body, ending in a still darker band, and in this band appears a round white spot edged with brown or black. The tail when closed, has the appearance of having a white band across it made by these spots. When spread and in perfect condition, these spots prove very attractive. The neck of this variety is beautifully tinged with a lustrous sheen embracing all the beautiful colors seen in the spots on the peacock's tail. The colors of the Blondinette are Black, Dun, Blue, Red, Yellow, Sulphur and Silver, and according to this color they are known as Black Blondinette, Blue, Blondinettes, etc. The color of their eyes vary from dark brown to orange and gravel according to the color of the body of the bird, and in like manner their bills shade from black to a lighter color.

BRUNETTES.

These are an offshoot or sprout from Satinets, and have a similarity of marking, except that the tint is of a delicate grey color, the marking or pencilling being of a darker grey. The tail is of some grey color ending in a darker band, and with the white spot at end of each feather.

BLUETTES.

These have the same color of neck and body as Satinets, but have blue shoulders with wing bars edged with black and then shading into a pink. Tail blue, with the white spots edged with dark blue. Wing primaries white.

SILVERETTES.

These have pale silver grey wing bows or shoulders, each feather edged with a darker shading of grey, but blending so with the main color as hardly to be noticeable. Bars should be white edged with brown or very dark grey. Tail, grey, with white spots edged with dark grey. Wing primaries white.

THE VIZOR.

This variety of Oriental Frills resembles the Bluettes in marking of wings and tail, but in addition the head should be of same color as wings. The line of color extending from the back of the head begins at the lower part of the crest and extends in a clearly defined line to the point where the gullet meets the upper point of the frill. This coloring closely resembles the coloring of the head of a Nun. According to the color so the birds are known as Black Vizors, Blue Vizors, &c.

TURBITEENS.

This variety of the Orientals much resembles a Turbit in form and general characteristics, having the same shaped head and body, with the frill, the peak, and colored shoulders. But in addition its legs and feet are covered with feathers like other Oriental varieties, and its forehead and cheeks or jowls are colored the same as the wings. The colored spot on the forehead is oval shaped, appearing as if someone had wet the ball of the finger with a dye, and pressed it against the forehead. Those on the cheeks are pear shaped, and extend from the beak to the base of the crest just below the eye, the narrow point of the marking being at the beak. The three spots should not run into each other, but be divided by a line of white one from

the other. Birds with only the forehead markings are allowed, but those with the three spots are preferred. Also, birds without peaks or crests are allowed. All the colors known to the Turbit family are admissible. These are a difficult variety to breed true, but very attractive when perfect. Upper mandible of beak dark, lower mandible white.

THE DOMINO.

This variety also is numbered among the Orientals. This bird's head should be colored like a Vizzor's, only the color should extend farther down the neck, forming what is known in Nuns as the bib. Its body and legs are white, but its shoulders and tail should be of one solid color throughout. Primary feathers white. Legs like the Turbit, free from feathers.

Common Defects and Disqualifications of Oriental Frills.—Foul breasts and thighs, scarcity of leg feathering, foul feathers in wings and tail, lack of spots, irregularity of wing lacing, poorly shaped peaks and crests, and absence of frill.

Mass. Columbarian Association.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

The semi-monthly meeting of the above association took place at the usual place, 133 Blackstone street, Boston, on Friday evening, November 23, when some 25 members put in an appearance, and this not being a business meeting the evening was spent in very pleasant pigeon chat.

Black Baldhead Tumblers were exhibited by Mr. Horsman and White Crested Fantails by the Messrs. Pratt and Christmas. Mr. Albee awarded 1st and 2d on both cocks and hens, Black Baldheads, to Mr. Horsman, and Mr. T. Willett awarded 1st and 2d on cocks and hens, White Crested Fantails, to Mr. Pratt, and 1st on Fantail cock, 1894 hatch, to Mr. Christmas.

The Boston show was the main topic of conversation, and the prevailing sentiment was decidedly in favor of supporting the show with as many entries as possible in order to bring the same to a successful issue. The promoters deserve a great deal of credit, and it behooves all fanciers in the States, and especially those of the New England States, to support the show in this way. I notice by the premium list that Mr. John H. Kuhn is appointed as one of the judges, and I think the majority of fanciers will bear me out when I say that no pigeon show would be complete without his presence. This gentleman seems to be the life and soul of any pigeon show, and I can compare him favorably with what the violin is to the orchestra and the clarinet to the military band. He is, indeed, a leader; so come one, come all, and let us give Mr. Kuhn that welcome he so richly deserves, and try and make the first exclusive pigeon show in Boston a decided success.

Unless postponed on account of the Boston show, the next meeting of the M. C. A. will take place on Friday evening, December 14th, and the varieties to be exhibited are: Trumpeters, any color, cocks and hens; Barbs, Black and Dun, cocks and hens; Runts, any color, cocks and hens; Florentines, any color, cocks and hens; Homing pigeons, Silver and Blue, cocks and hens; and all the same in young birds of 1894 hatch.

GEORGE FEATHER,

Corresponding Sec'y.

Ballou ave., Mattapan, Mass.,
November 26, 1894.

Stray Homers.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

I would like to find the owner of a light Red Checker Homer cock wearing seamless aluminum band, marked "W. A. H." This bird was picked up about six weeks ago by one of my neighbors and was in an exhausted and "ragged" condition. After keeping it confined in a small box several weeks, I at last succeeded in getting possession of the bird and turned him loose in my loft where he has fully recovered and is now a very fine and vigorous bird.

J. W. SOHN.

Aston Mills, Delaware county, Pa.,
Nov. 26th, 1894.

Tumbler Club Meeting.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

There will be a meeting of the Tumbler Club held in Boston, December 13th, at which all members are desired to be present as matters of importance as to the future of the club will be considered. The most important matters are: 1st, the election of a president and vice president for the ensuing year; 2d, a decision as to which section of the country the next annual show shall be held, whether in the east or west; 3d, a decision on what varieties of the Tumbler family prizes shall be offered at that show, and how money in hands of secretary and treasurer shall be divided among classes agreed on; 4th, a decision as to time on or before which annual dues shall be paid, also as to whether a member who has not paid his dues shall be allowed to compete for prizes offered; 5th, a decision as to how many members will be required for a quorum for transaction of business at future meetings. Being important, these matters should be settled that members may fully understand on what varieties of Tumblers prizes will be offered and how cash received for initiation fees and dues will be divided amongst the different classes. Any member unable to be present is cordially invited to send his vote to secretary as his proxy to vote on all the different articles above mentioned. Unless utterly impossible for me to be present I will be there, but, if not will appoint some member to act for me.

J. H. WHITMAN,

President of Tumbler Club.

Chicago, Illinois, Nov. 26th, 1894.

Pigeon Flying.

Homing Gossip and Echoes From the Flying Fancy.

BY "FRITZ."

It is with feelings of deep regret that I chronicle the death of Benjamin Elwell in Newark, N. J., on November 19th, and the flying fancy of the Newark district has indeed lost one of its best members, and a highly popular one. Mr. Elwell has been ailing more or less during the past year or so, and had ceased taking any active part with his birds owing to this unsettled state of his health. I knew the old fancier well and favorably, and I regret exceedingly that pressing business matters prevented my attendance at his funeral in Irvington, N. J., November 22nd. The interment was in Fairmount cemetery, Providence, R. I.

Mr. Elwell had reached the good age of 68 years, and was a thorough fancier of Game fowl and pigeons. If my memory serves me correctly, he became prominently identified with the flying fancy about 1886, in associating with Messrs. Bennett, Garrabrants, George Bowerman, and Pittenger in the formation of the "Newark Five" Club, of Newark, N. J. He trained and handled some excellent workers, and in hard weather and distance flying his loft always stood well up. He was ever ready to back his flying stock against reasonable and equitable competition, and was thoroughly sportsmanlike and game. He unquestionably leaves behind him an excellent name in the American flying fancy, and his home associations were of the most tender. I extend to his bereaved family my sincere and heartfelt condolence in their sad loss.

A correspondent writes me a letter this week the tenor of which recalls to my mind a highly interesting subject which I handled some ten years ago, and which perhaps now may be of service and interest to many of my readers, particularly the novices in the flying fancy. This correspondent, who has awakened in me some early recollections, asks me whether I consider a flock of young Homers hatched last June, who stay on the wing one, two, and sometimes three hours, as likely subjects to train next spring up to 200 miles. He says they go up every fair morning and speedily fly out of sight, remaining away and on the

wing the length of time stated, but his friends in the fancy won't believe it. Now, in the summer of 1885, I believe, I had a choice lot of young birds, whose superb behavior on the wing around home in their regular morning exercise completely infatuated me. I flew them in all weathers, and they had an abundance of exercise, frequently traveling out of sight and remaining away for two hours, never, however, going in any particular direction, much as my correspondent claims his does. I, therefore, made up my mind that they were undoubted clippers on the wing, and I frequently boasted of the length of time my birds were in the habit of keeping up without any long pole and red flag attachment. But I made a discovery which completely exploded a pet theory I entertained and my belief as to the extraordinary time my flight was in the habit of remaining on the wing. One morning threw open the trap, and standing near by I counted twenty-one go out and up. They rose very high. I went to my roof, from which I had an uninterrupted view of the country for miles. It was then half-past seven o'clock. I saw the birds fly in various directions, and finally take a straight course for the west and disappear. In the lot were two old birds. As the flight went from sight, eleven birds (three youngsters and eight veterans) left the trap. After going well up, these took a bee line for the east. Fifty-five minutes later these returned from a straight westerly direction. At 9:25 the twenty-one returned from the east. I naturally felt tickled at such good flying, and wished some of the doubters I knew had been with me. As the twenty-one alighted, I noticed their feet were discolored. Examining them after they were in the loft, I found sure enough their feet and legs were covered with dried mud. This was undoubted evidence that my flight had alighted on some marsh or wet, muddy country, and had not been on the wing for two hours as I had fondly imagined. I had then not the slightest doubt but that their frequent long absences had been spent at some feeding ground, salt marsh, or something of that kind. The conviction was anything but agreeable to me, not alone for so rudely dashing to the ground my faith in my youngsters' powers of flight, but it occurred to me that some day they would get badly left in their picnics by some gunner or other enemy. I subsequently, and up to the present day, had birds disappear mysteriously from the loft, no doubt knocked out as outlined. The little rascals may not have been up at any time more than thirty minutes or so, all told, and I had been blowing about their wonderful flights all spring and summer. And this was how my belief had been shaken and my fondest hopes decayed. When your birds go out of sight and stay away two hours or so, don't gamble on their having been on the wing all that time. Tipplers and High Flyers you can watch, but Homers travel and perhaps alight away from home.

While in Philadelphia recently, attending a meeting of the executive committee of the National Federation, race secretary Jones submitted to me a sample of the seamless bands for the 1895 season. They are to be made a trifle larger than those of last year, many fanciers having complained that the past supply very frequently proved too tight and small upon the leg of a well matched bird, and one inclined to be stocky and stout limbed, as very many good birds prove so to be in their second and third year. I think the position well taken, and the 1895 band in aluminum will be a beauty, and about as near perfection as one could desire, roomy for the bird, exceedingly tight, clean and legibly stamped. In this particular point considerable progress has been made. Now let our brother Jones direct his attention to similar improvements in the countermarking bands of the National organization. Many of those supplied to the districts last year were abominable, entirely too large and heavy, and often the marks illegible and puzzling. Here is room for improvement also.

Many fanciers whom I have met and corresponded with are a little surprised

that the annual meeting of the National Federation is to be held again in the Quaker City this year. It would seem to have been the correct thing for the New York and vicinity fanciers to have had the honor next month, Philadelphia having played the host so well last year, and yet when one considers the magnificent array of fanciers that the city of brotherly love can, and does usually turn out at an annual meeting, over any other section of pigeon flyers, Philadelphia is the proper center. Still a highly important reason was assigned for not holding the coming annual in the Empire City for 1894. It has for some time past been the desire of very many to renew the charming feature of a pigeon show of record Homers in connection with the annual meeting of the national organization as of old, so very many pleasing recollections in this direction exist I am sure. It is now too late in the year to make and consider the necessary arrangements for a show, but many of our leading spirits in the fancy are determined to do so for 1895, and to have it in the "empire city," when the National Federation's annual meeting will be held there in connection with it, no doubt.

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I am asked by a correspondent for some information in connection with the government Homing lofts abroad. I have in former notes touched quite fully upon the importance of the Homer in this connection, and have neither the leisure nor space now in my columns to write upon the subject at any length. Germany I believe has one of the most superb systems. At Strasburg, Metz and Thorn, in the neighborhood of 1000 birds are maintained I believe, and at Danzig, Mainz, Kiel, Coblenz and Cologne, the lofts have several hundreds each. An appropriation of \$10,000 a year is made for the support of the lofts. The entire German frontier is connected by pigeon post with military headquarters and interior centers. Russia has now on her Polish frontier alone, some 3000 or 4000 birds and appropriates some \$10,000 a year for Homers. The French appropriation is much larger. Great Britain I believe the only country who has not made Homing pigeons a recognized part of the military organizations.

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In discussing the question of how do our birds find their way home, the faculty of smell is oftentimes advanced as an important factor in the solution, and equally oft ridiculed by many in the sport. But why the sense of smell should not be considered as at least a part of the necessary combination, is to my mind very unreasonable. I read recently a communication published in a western newspaper upon the flying feats of Butterflies, and the writer goes on to say: "A friend of mine in New Jersey who is the owner of one of the finest collections of butterflies in the country, recently made an experiment which proves conclusively that butterflies are endowed with marvelously acute senses, as well as bright colors. Out of his collection, comprising almost every known variety, he chose two butterflies, which were only a few days old, and had never had their freedom. One of these he attached securely by a thread to a fence in the rear of the house; he placed the other in a small box. After marking it so he could identify it, and carried it to a point about seven miles distant, here it was turned loose. When the experimenter reached home about three hours later, he found the two butterflies on his back fence. The butterfly which he had carried away in the box had traveled the seven miles, crossed a wide river, and promptly found its way back to its mate. This seemed a most extraordinary feat, and for some time he was at a loss to understand how it had been accomplished. On telling the story to an eminent naturalist, he was told that it was undoubtedly the sense of smell that had guided the butterfly. This sense in many animals is so wonderfully acute that the feat of the butterfly did not seem so very remarkable, much less unbelievable. And why not in the Homer?"

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"The winter months are the season of rest and recuperation with the working Homer. And it is apparent, therefore, that he should not now be fed on fight-

ing food. The foregoing is a quotation from former notes of mine, and the time is now very opportune for me to repeat my former advice to the novice regarding the handling of his pets during the winter months. *A fair meal once a day* is sufficient, and birds from now until early spring should be rather *underfed*, than overfed during this period. The birds are now vigorous and in the completion of their moult *or should be*, and at no period of the year does the working Homer appear more beautiful to the eye of the fancier than now. Plumage clean and new and close fitting, the eye snappy and carriage erect, and the whole bearing of the bird denoting intelligence, gameness and a *worker*. The object of the young fancier is now to *keep* his birds in such condition until the time arrives, early next spring, for making up, and the resumption of breeding operations.

This can be compassed by giving them daily flying exercise. I do not mean giving them their entire liberty in all kinds of weather during the winter, for we have, during November, December and January, many days of fog, mist, dampness and rain, that the birds are far better off in the loft, than outside. But I admonish the novice to take advantage of every bright, dry morning, and give his birds a half hour or so, exercise on the wing, and a bask in the warm sunshine.

See that the loft is *perfectly dry*, and yet *well ventilated*. Have no fears if your loft thermometer runs down to 30, 20 and even less. Good corn, the small round corn, now enters largely into my loft bill of fare, varied with good peas, hulled oats and, once a week, a mixture of such small seeds, as hemp, canary, millet and rape. Fattening food such as the foregoing should now be in order, *but in moderation*. Many good authorities are firmly opposed to any fattening food during this season of enforced idleness and rest, but my experience has taught me that when the birds are *separated* from October to February, and the weather is cold and dry, good small corn is one of the very best of winter foods, and particularly when the fancier takes advantage of all fair days to give his birds a fair amount of exercise on the wing. This is the true guide to health and condition during the winter, and essential for the loft's success the following spring in breeding and racing.

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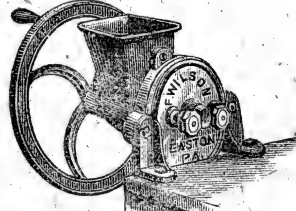
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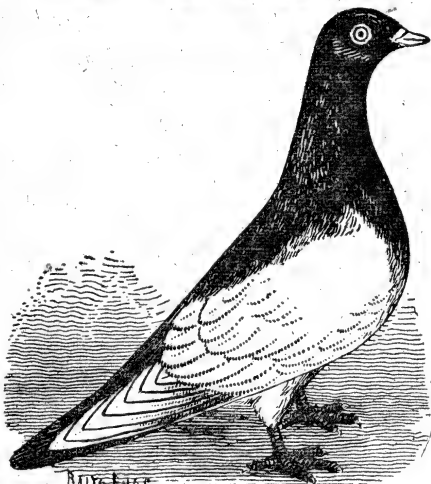
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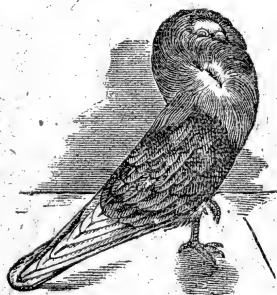
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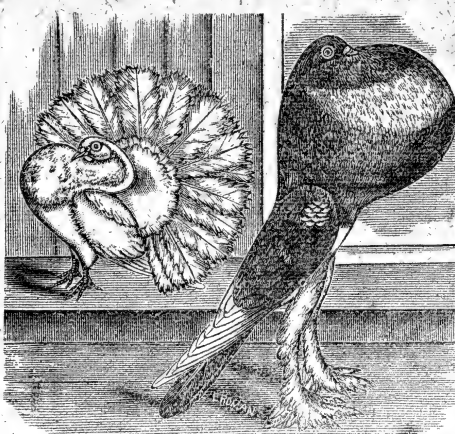
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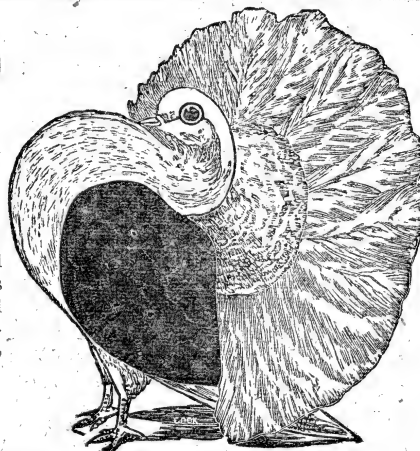
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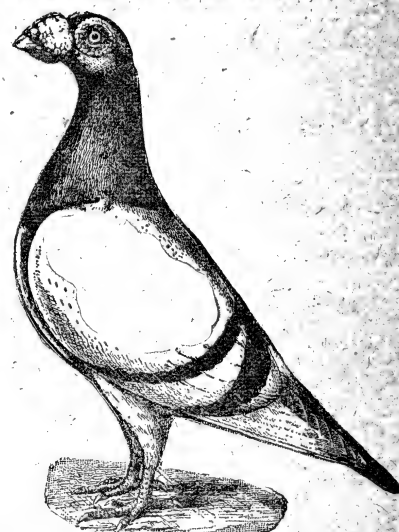


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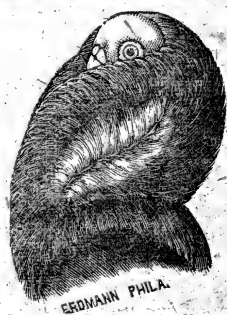
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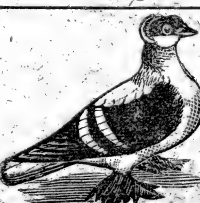
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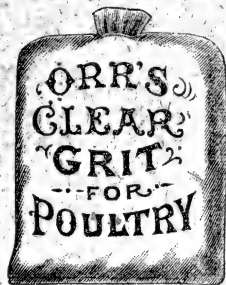
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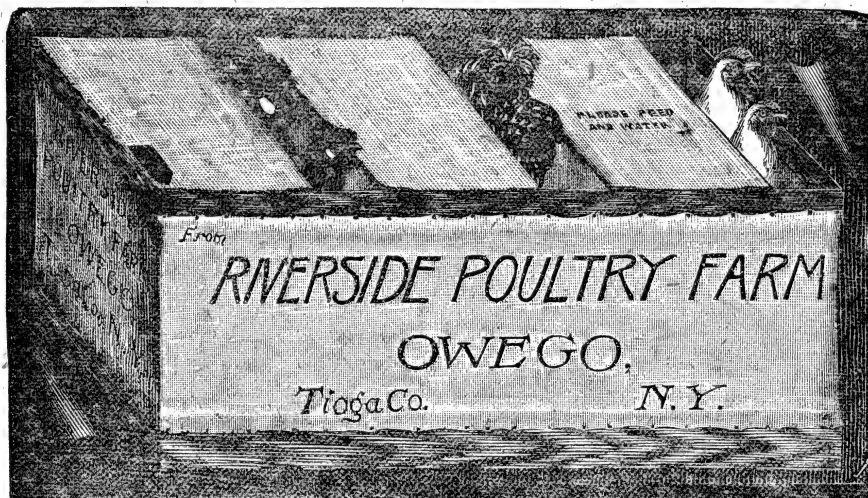
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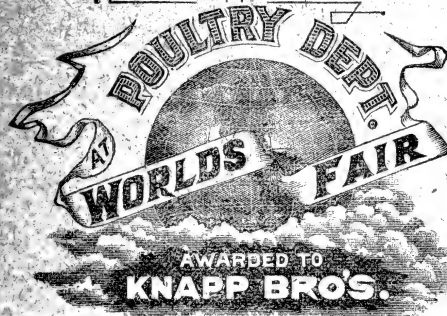
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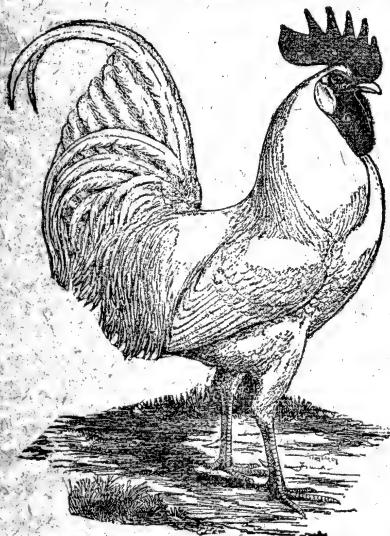
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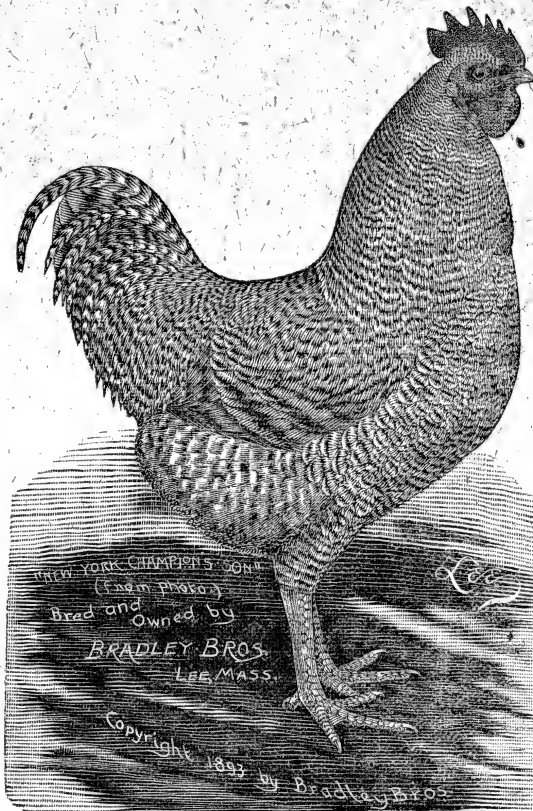
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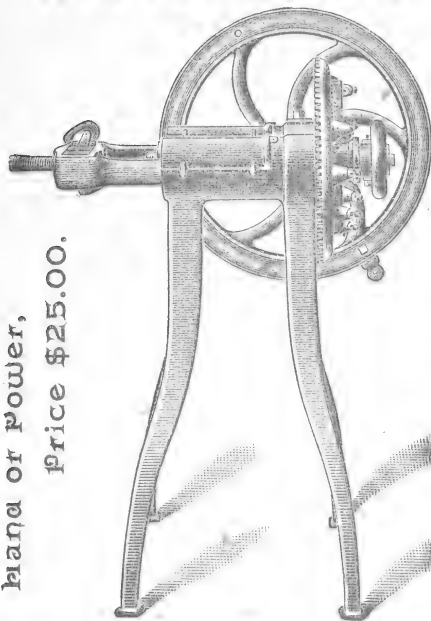
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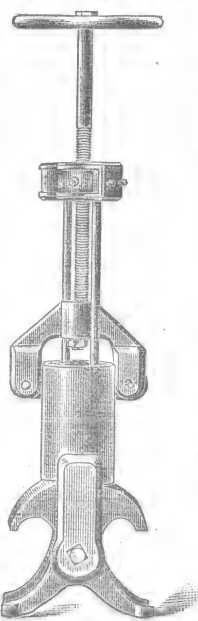
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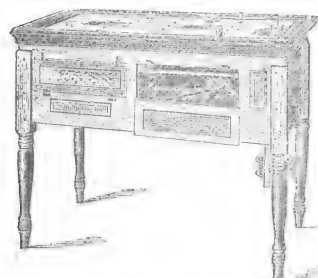
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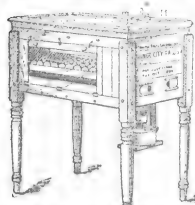
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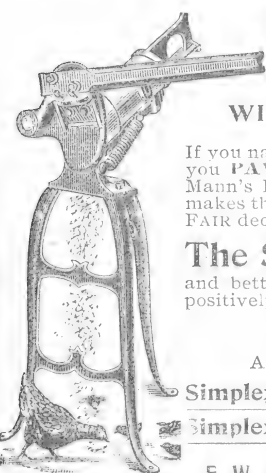
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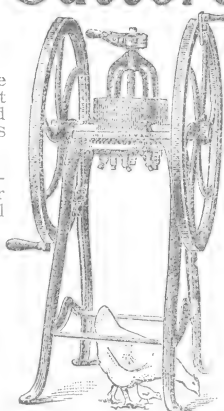
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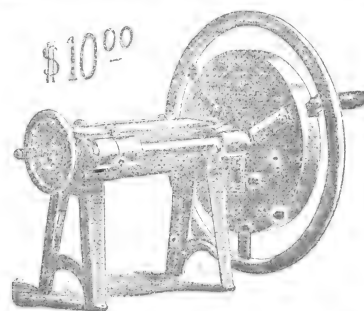
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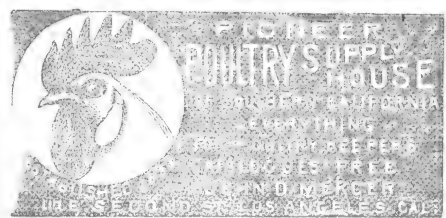
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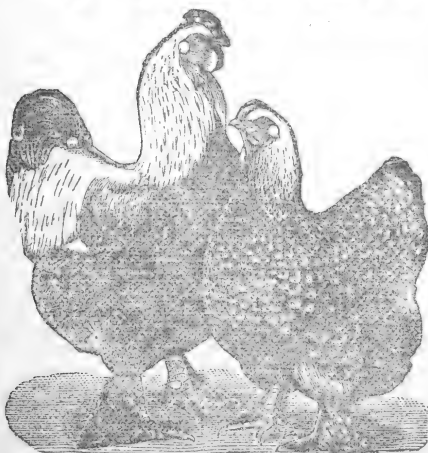
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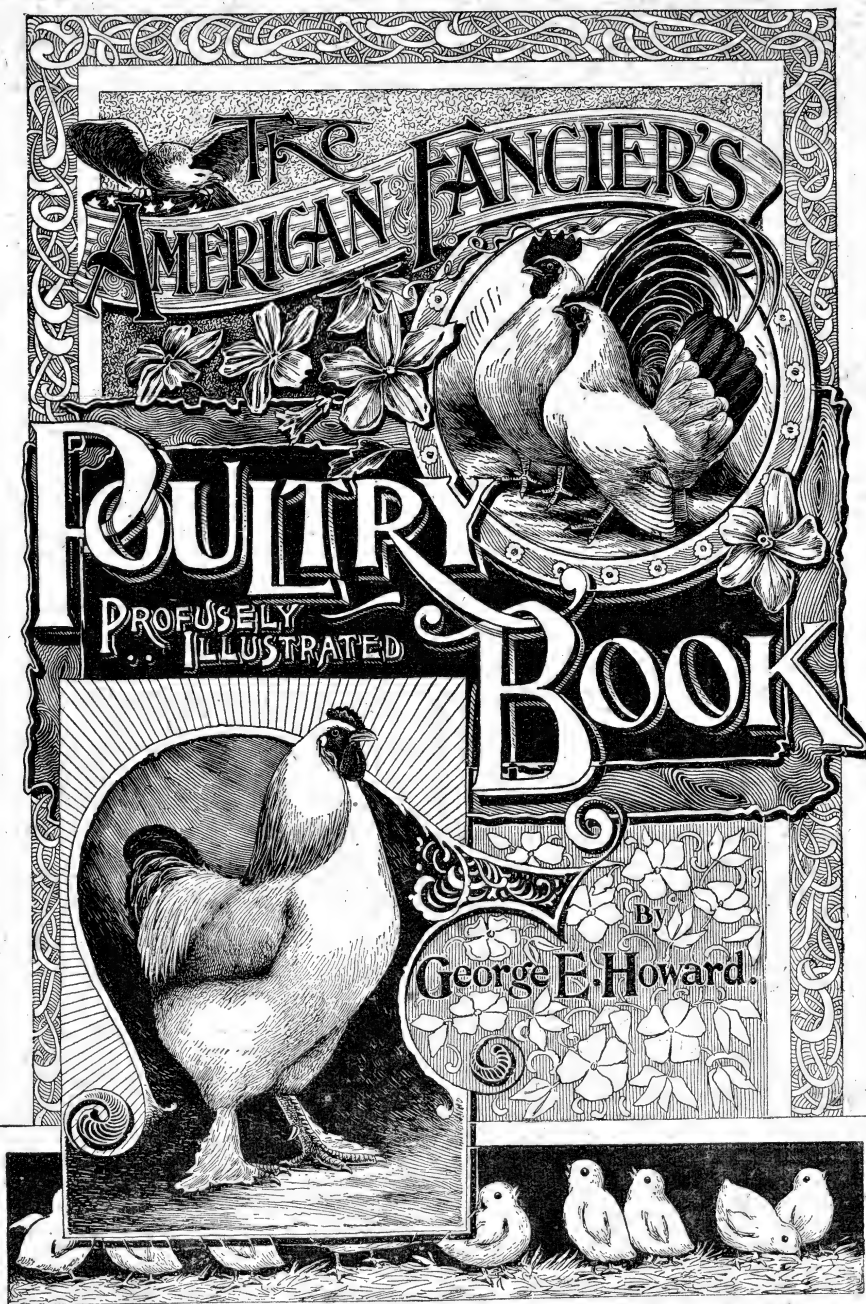


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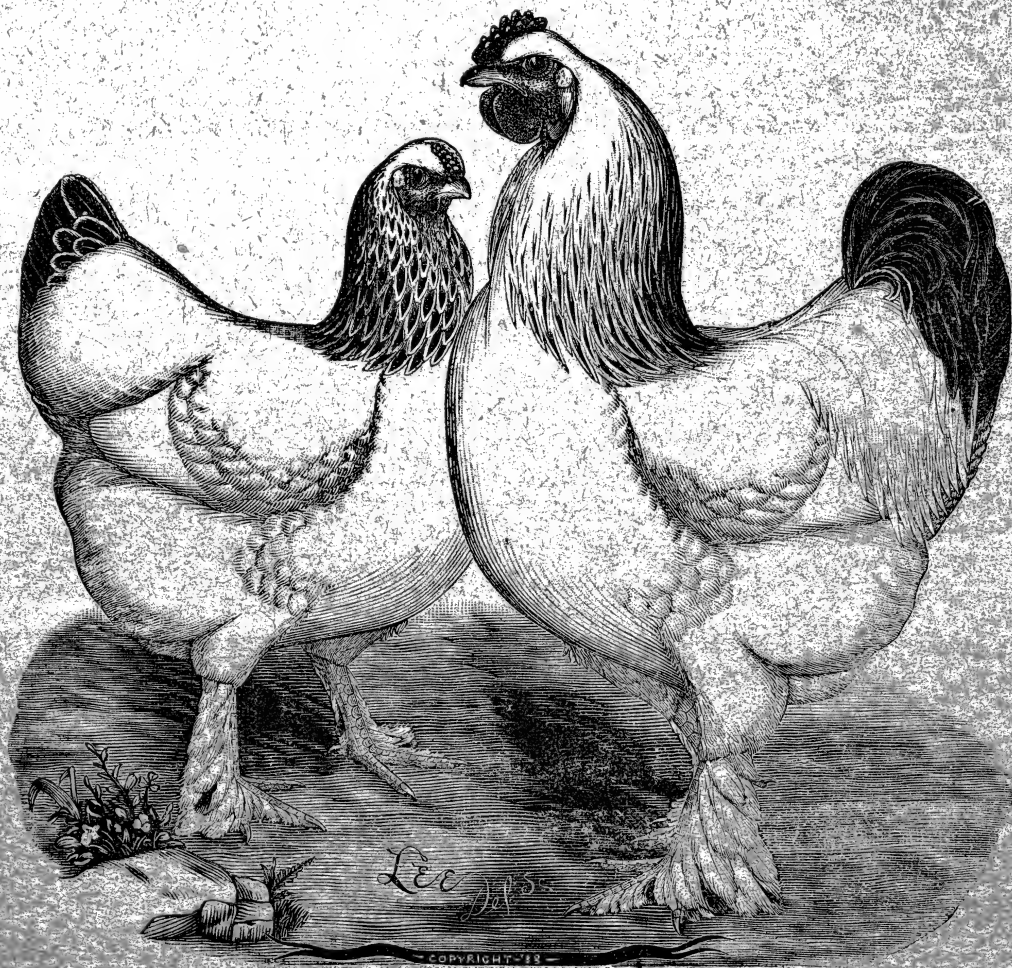
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- Jan. 14-19.—Columbus, Ohio. G. F. Gast, secretary, Prospect, Ohio.
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- Jan. 15-18.—Chenango Poultry and Pet Stock Association, Smyrna, N. Y. J. Y. Bicknell, judge. Courtney E. Ferris, secretary.
- Jan. 15-18.—Port Hope, Canada. Judges, Messrs. Jarvis and Johnson. J. H. Magill, sec'y.
- Jan. 15-18.—Northampton Poultry Association, Northampton, Mass. Geo. S. Whitebeck, secretary.
- Jan. 15-19.—Howard County Poultry and Pet Stock Association, Kokomo, Ind. F. J. Marshall, judge. L. C. Hoss, secretary.
- Jan. 15-19.—Tacoma, Washington. Henry S. Ball, judge. H. H. Collier, secretary.
- Jan. 15-20.—Nebraska State Show, Lincoln, Neb. Emory and Hitchcock, judges. A. Lemen, secretary.
- Jan. 15-20.—Colorado Poultry Association, Denver, Colo. I. K. Felch, judge. John Herr, Denver, Colo., secretary.
- Jan. 15-20.—Georgia Poultry and Pet Stock Association, Augusta, Ga. John W. Killingsworth, secretary.
- Jan. 15-22.—Minnesota State Poultry Association, Minneapolis, Minn. Judges, Sharp, Butterfield and George D. Holden. George C. Sherman, secretary.
- Jan. 16-18.—St. Johnsbury, Vt. W. B. Eastman, secretary.
- Jan. 16-18.—New England Light Brahma Club, Boston, Mass. G. W. Cromack, secretary, Stoneham.
- Jan. 16-18.—Ansonia Poultry Association, Ansonia, Conn. J. W. Willis, supt.
- Jan. 17-19.—Washington Country Poultry Association, Greenleaf, Kan. F. W. Hitchcock, judge. H. L. Haak, secretary.
- Jan. 17-22.—Berks County Poultry and Pigeon Association, Reading, Pa. Judges: Poultry, Halsted and Zimmer; pigeons, Stanton. B. F. Ruth, president; H. M. Shoemaker, secretary.
- Jan. 18-20.—North-Western Poultry and Pet Stock Association, Sioux City, Ia. Theo. Hewes, judge. J. W. McMillen, president. Chas. E. Lozier, secretary.
- Jan. 20-25.—Washington (C. H.), Ohio. W. R. Dalbey, secretary.
- Jan. 21-24.—Central Mass. Poultry Association, Worcester, Mass. W. H. Pitton, secretary.
- Jan. 22-24.—Canastota Poultry and Pet Stock Association, Canastota, N. Y. C. E. Rockenstyre, judge. H. O. Travis, secretary.
- Jan. 22-25.—Parsons Fanciers' Association, Parsons, Kansas. C. A. Emery, judge. A. C. Braunsdorf, secretary.
- Jan. 22-25.—Pittston Poultry Breeders' Association, Pittston, Pa. J. Y. Bicknell, judge; W. R. Allen, secretary.
- Jan. 22-26.—Omaha Poultry Fanciers' Association, Neb. I. L. Richards, secretary.
- Jan. 23-29.—Third annual show, Lancaster Co. Poultry and Pigeon Association, Lancaster, Pa. H. B. Vondersmith, secretary.
- Jan. 23-29.—Lancaster Poultry and Pigeon Association, Lancaster, Pa. J. B. Lichty, assistant secretary.
- Jan. 28-31.—Utah Poultry Association, Salt Lake City. Theo. Hewes, judge. J. W. Haslam, secretary. W. W. Browning, president.
- Jan. 29-31.—Chautauque Lake Poultry Club, Mayville, N. Y. J. Y. Bicknell, judge. Geo. F. Underwood, secretary.

Jan. 29-Feb. 2.—Northwestern Pennsylvania Poultry and Pet Stock Association, Erie, Pa. Peter Wingerter, secretary.

Jan. 30-Feb. 2.—Eastern Ohio Poultry Association, Lisbon, Ohio. C. S. Anglemeyer, secretary, Leetonia, Ohio.

Jan. 30-Feb. 2.—Great New York Show. Seventh annual exhibition of the New York Poultry and Pigeon Association, Madison Square Garden. H. V. Crawford, sec'y Montclair, N. J.

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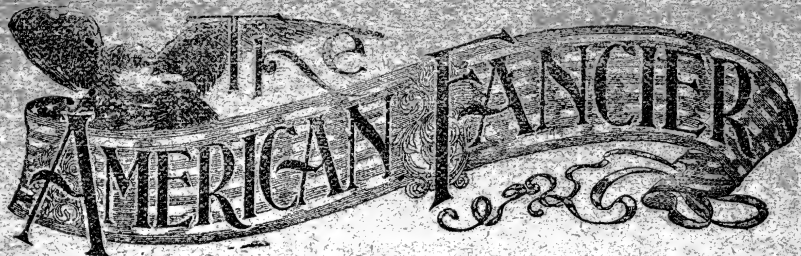
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POULTRY.

From the Editor's Perch.

The premium list of the New York
Poultry and Pigeon Association came to
hand on New Year's day. It differs but
little from those issued in past years.
The premiums remain the same, viz:
Five dollars for first and two dollars for
second prize bird in either cock, hen,
cockerel or pullet of each variety. Entry
fee \$2 for each bird. Birds entered in
the open classes cannot compete in the
breeding yards. Entries for the latter
are to consist of birds mated for produc-
ing the best results, in other words, *breed-
ing* not *exhibition* pens. It will cost five
dollars entry fee for each breeding pen.
A limited number of large cages for dis-
play of collections not for competition
will be rented at ten dollars each. Be
sure to send for premium list promptly
as entries close January 16th. You can-
not afford to miss exhibiting at New
York.

We publish the list of judges at the
New York show in another column of
this issue of THE AMERICAN FANCIER.
There are several changes of importance.
George W. Weed who gave excellent
satisfaction as a judge of Pit Games in
1894, has been dropped, and Robert A.
Colt given the same classes. Mr. Colt
also takes Indian Games, always judged
in the past by Irving Crocker. A new
addition to the list is J. T. Cothran, who
takes all the varieties of Hamburgs,
breeds he is thoroughly qualified to judge.
We miss Irving Crocker's name from the
list, Dr. Deyo taking all the Wyandottes
this year. Frank Gaylor tackles the
turkeys, Guinea fowls, dressed poultry
and eggs, while Ferdinand Beagle Zim-
mer will be in his element judging Ban-
tams Other Than Game. T. K. Bennett
will judge Games and Game Bantams in
place of B. C. Thornton and F. B. Zim-
mer, who did the work last year. R. G.
Buffington will judge Buff Leghorns,
having been selected by the American
Buff Leghorn club for the position.
Sharp Butterfield will judge all Light
Brahmas this year.

Dr. J. C. Maple of Trenton, N. J., one
of the oldest fanciers and exhibitors of
Bantams in the United States, offers his
entire collection of birds for sale. In the
latter are a number of very rare varieties,
as well as nearly all the known standard
breeds of Bantams. Dr. Maple will ex-
hibit no more in the future, and we are
certain the old gentleman will be missed
at all the great state shows. The death
of his daughter last year, followed by the
death of his wife a few weeks since, has
completely broken up Dr. Maple's home.
Under such saddening circumstances our
old friend is compelled to give up the
breeding of his feathered pets and com-
panions.

For the benefit of a few publishers and
scribes who have not heard the news, we
will state that an association composed of
publishers of poultry journals was formed
at Kansas City, Mo., December 21st, '94.
B. Holmes, Jr., of Albany, N. Y., was
elected president, and W. W. Richards of
Cedar Rapids, Iowa, will serve as secre-
tary. It will be a protective association,
based on laws in vogue among men in
mercantile pursuits. It will no doubt
prove advantageous to all publishers, and
at the same time sound the death knell of
the crooks, dead beats and frauds that
creep in the advertising columns of the
poultry press.

Among the visitors at the Mid-Conti-
nental show was Harry St. John, who
came all the way from Oklahoma City to
see the feathered collection and meet
with some of the "boys." Mr. St. John
is not only one of the prominent lawyers
and political lights of the new territory,
but enjoys the unique distinction of being
the only breeder and fancier of thorough-
bred fowls there. He should do grand mis-
sionary work in the poultry line, for he
has the pluck, enthusiasm and business
capacity to make a success of poultry
raising. The next thing we will hear
will be of a show in Oklahoma.

George W. Weed of Lenox, Mass.,
writes to the *American Stock-Keeper* as
follows:

"In remarks at the Providence banquet
you quote a party as saying, 'that 50 per
cent. of the exhibits at the New York
show were from New England, and that
New York breeders got 90 per cent. of the
profits.'

At the last New York show out of 1780
single entries in fowls, ducks, etc., 344
were from New England; less than 20 per
cent. They were shown in 96 classes, of
which New England exhibitors received
45 first and 42 second prizes, or nearly 50
per cent. of the profits. Of 150 breeding
pens 18 were shown from New England,
or just 12 per cent. with less than 25 per
cent. of pigeons and no displays.

It seems to me that the truth would
answer just as well, in this particular
case, as anything else."

We agree with Mr. Weed that the truth
regarding the New York shows of the
past be told. Misrepresentation is as
nauseating to honest New England ex-
hibitors and fanciers as it is to those living
in the Empire state.

The New York show welcomes New
England exhibitors in the same hearty
way as it does all others. It is not a sec-
tional show, and the silly attempt to
make it appear as dependent on New
England, is due to some covert en-
emy, who stoops to falsehoods in order
to injure the most important exhibition
of poultry in America.

The list of specials offered at the com-
ing New York show, is the largest and
best we have ever seen. The American
Cochin Club, the Game Club and the
Leghorn Clubs have certainly done
wonders in this direction. Entries should
be large in all the classes fostered by the
above clubs.

We should like to see both the Wyand-
otte and the Plymouth Rock Club take
more interest in offering specials. The
chief value in a specialty club is to en-
courage and stimulate the breeding of
the variety it professes to be devoted to.
Liberal cash specials do the trick every
time. We do not know what the finan-
cial condition of the Wyandotte Club is,
but we do know that the Plymouth Rock
Club has a very neat surplus, and every

year it grows larger. Why not get up a
challenge cup to be competed for annu-
ally? President Brown and Secretary
Marshall please answer this question.

Those 2,500 turkeys at the Mid-Conti-
nental show did not materialize. "Uncle
Tom" Rackham claims he wrote "Si
Twist" that there might be 250 turkeys
there, and thinks the frisky Southerner
added another goose egg. To tell the
exact truth both Rackham and "Twist"
missed the mark by considerable distance
from the bull's eye. Rackham probably
saw so many turkeys on his trip through
Missouri to Kansas city, that his imagi-
nation became greatly enlarged. The
fact is, Missouri is alive with turkeys
even if but few were shown at the Mid-
Continental. Conductors, porters and
trainmen on the east bound Rock Island
train were liberal purchasers of dressed
turkeys, at a station called Altamont, in
Missouri. When nice, clean, sleek look-
ing hen turkeys, weighing 7 to 10 pounds
dressed, can be bought for one dollar
each a few days before Christmas, it
forcibly demonstrates the fact that Mis-
souri is a turkey state.

This is the season of poultry and pigeon
shows, and we must necessarily devote
much space every week to the publica-
tion of the awards and reports. This
naturally crowds out much other interest-
ing matter, but THE AMERICAN FANCIER
must have the news first, and show re-
ports are news that is eagerly read by
thousands of fanciers in all parts of the
United States and Canada. The show
season will soon be over, and then for
many weeks our columns will be devoted
to subjects of general interest and value
to amateurs and professionals who care
but little for reports of poultry and pig-
eon exhibitions.

The New York State Poultry Society
will hold its annual meeting in Agricul-
tural Hall, Albany, N. Y., on Wednes-
day, January 16, at 5 P. M. Officers for
the ensuing year will be elected, and an
attempt made to draft a bill to be placed
before the legislature of this state, which
will ask for annual appropriations for
the benefit of the poultry industry of
New York. It will be well for the above
society to call a special meeting during
the week of the New York show, also, as
many new members could be obtained
and the matter of securing an appropri-
ation be more fully discussed. At all
events let every member attend the
annual meeting.

American Cochon Club.

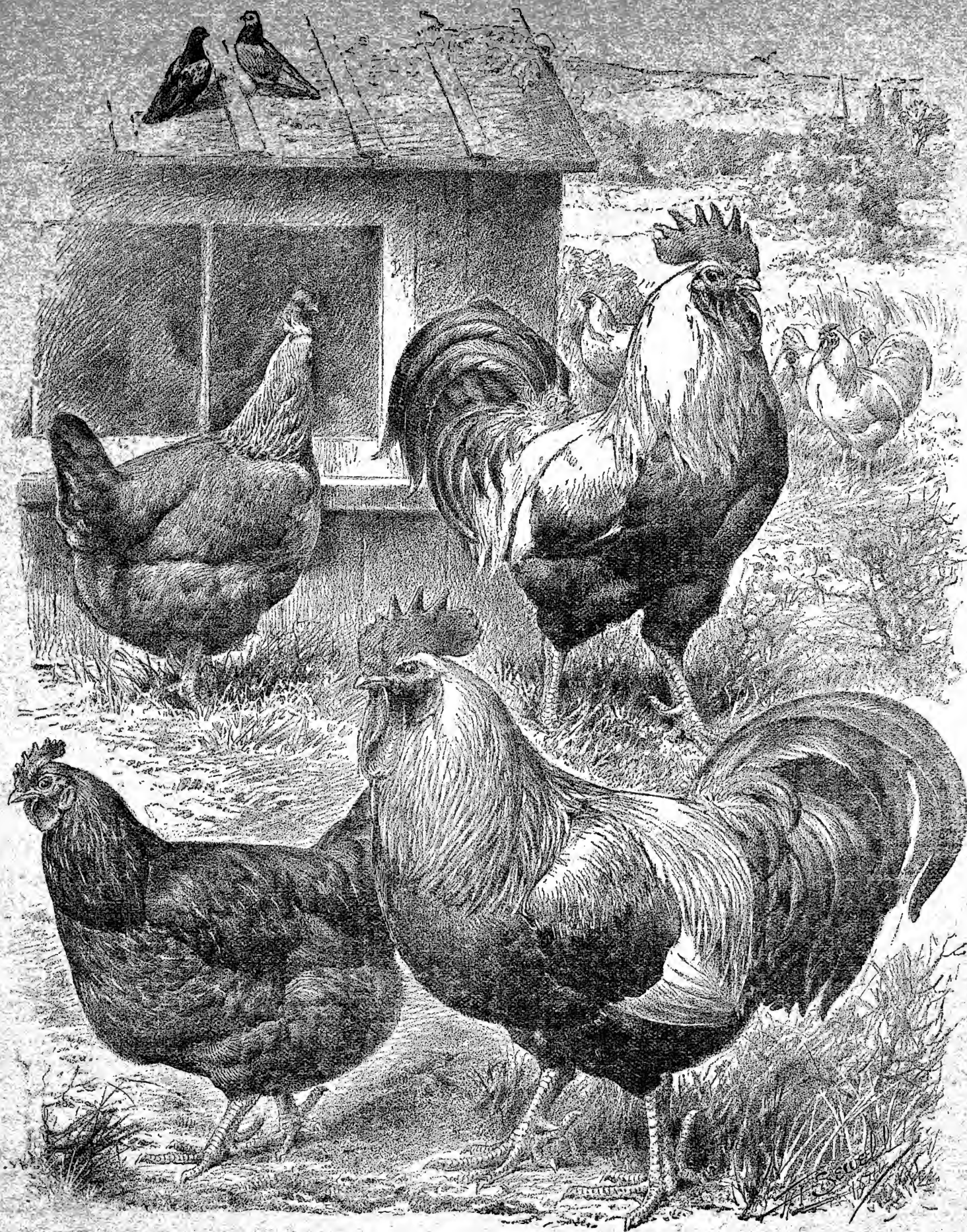
TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

What's the matter with the specials
offered by this club in New York this
winter? For one, I feel very proud not
only of the large list of specials, but at
the enthusiasm exhibited by all the
members of the club. From what I can
learn through correspondence with the
various members, many of whom have
never exhibited or attended an annual
meeting of the club before, they all will
show up at New York. The annual
meeting of the club will be held Friday
afternoon, February 1st.

It is now talked of giving a regular
club dinner, and all members who intend
to be at the meeting will confer a favor
upon the secretary by writing him
whether they could be present and
willing to attend such a dinner or not.

GEORGE E. PEER,

Sec'y and Treasurer,
Rochester, N. Y.



Imported Dorkings.

The above illustration shows two truthful portraits of Silver Gray and Colored Dorking cockerels, imported by Henry Hales, Ridgewood, New Jersey. The fine, delicate work of this picture has never been excelled by an American artist. The original pencil drawing is a very fine work of art, by Franklane L. Sewell.

It does not take a very critical eye to see in these birds ideal form, massiveness and beautifully pencilled plumage. Their deep, solid breasts, short legs, broad bodies and comparatively small bones show but little waste. It is not to be wondered that Dorkings make an attractive feature in the show room. Few breeds of fowls have stood their ground with so little change for so long a period as Dorkings, during which time many varieties of poultry have become greatly changed if not extinct. The greatest change has been merely in the selection of lighter colored birds of the simple Gray Dorkings and called *Silver* Grays, all other points having been left undisturbed for the last fifty years. But this does not apply to the variety called Colored Dorkings, seen in the lower part of the illustration. These are bred darker than they were years ago, making the distinction between the two varieties more defined. In the upper part of the picture, White Dorkings are seen above the Silver Grays. Of course, since poultry shows have become popular uniformity in markings, size, etc., has been more regarded.

Dorkings are becoming more appreciated every year. More birds are shown at our exhibitions than in former times. There is no doubt they will be still more appreciated when better understood.

They do not stand confinement like the Asiatics, but with a fair run and proper care few birds can compare with them as layers, and they are par excellence for the table. They are a long-lived breed, continuing their laying to an advanced age; they are also careful mothers, caring for their broods longer than most fowls.—Henry Hales in *Poultry Monthly*.

The Cause.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER.

In an article in THE AMERICAN FANCIER of September 29, entitled "The Effect—But What Causes It?" Mr. Zimmer recounts various experiences that doubtless struck a sympathetic chord in many a fancier's breast. There is food—yea, a square meal—for reflection in that contribution; which to my mind was quite eloquent, for I have been attracted to it repeatedly. And now, after a lapse of several weeks, no abler writer having given it due notice, I feel impelled to offer for publication my reflections called forth by that article. Theories, they deserve to be called, no doubt. But in the present undeveloped stage of the science of breeding, there is need of theory. Many things are constantly happening in the yards of fanciers, too generally kept out of sight as reflecting upon one's stock or management of it, which, if boldly brought to light and discussed, might result in useful theory that would bridge the way to accurate knowledge. I believe that all the mysteries of breeding will some day be explained. There is a cause for everything. We may not always hit the mark first off, but by keeping up a shrewd guessing we may eventually blunder upon some vital truth unawares.

The fact that Mr. Zimmer remembers these off-color occurrences in his yards, and has finally told them to the public, to my mind indicates strongly that he has pondered much upon possible causes. Like our noted Guy Fawkes who would blow up the hen parliament, Mr. Zimmer is a "thinker." But unlike said Guy in attempting to exhaustively account for the advent of white sports by the question-begging explanation of "reversion to some remote white ancestor," he seems to think there must be some good reason why certain chicks "took after" that hoary progenitor when the rest didn't—a point well taken.

First, in regard to that Langshan hen which produced three pure white chicks—long ago, before the craze for white fowls began to hold out special inducements in that direction. I have great admiration for one who braves the opposition of the conservatives in advocating some cause that promises better things for the complaining millions of men. And so, instead of condemning this innocent creature as a blamed Populist, I insist she was a good hen, a pioneer, a reformer—one who had the hardihood to resist oppression when the balance of her race were practicing meek submission.

I believe it to be a fact, though at this date it is only theory, that the removal of the red from the plumage of the natural or black red type of color—which is the origin of solid black color—gives the first impulse towards the production of the white sport. It seems fair to assume that the dropping of one pigment from the natural schedule of color would have a certain disturbing effect upon the fowl's economy, namely, the tendency to drop the remaining pigment, upon a sufficient provocation. The chickens of a black hen following a white sire in color is self-explanatory, the white chickens naturally following the plainer of two roads, it being easier to the chick's system to shirk than to produce color. For we must bear in mind that, while white seems like color, it is simply the negative of color—both the red and the black pigment being absent. But in the case at hand, Mr. Zimmer's statement sets the mind at rest concerning a white parent, or indeed any probability of white ancestry in an uninterrupted line of descent through many generations. Indeed, this point is attested by a letter from Miss Croad recently published in these columns. Suppose we assume that these colors natural to fowls are evolved from the food consumed, and their production is then dependent upon proper action of the forces which direct bodily growth, which turn food into muscular strength, the production of eggs, or any similar function. The production of color, then, being dependent upon vital strength, would naturally be affected by any cause disturbing the health; too long continued egg-production might thus easily leave the system unable to produce color, the descending albino chick, then, inheriting such pre-natal condition. It has been

shown that feathers originally black, have lost color during some ailment, to be restored later upon health being regained. It is my own experience that chickens lacking in vigor are attended by a corresponding loss of the color common to their type. In a strain of buff fowls in which hardly one in fifty shows any appreciable tendency toward white, the occasional spook is invariably fatter than the others, after leaving the flock to follow me about the garden. And I long since learned to connect his want of proper color with the same conditions which made him weakly. The plumage resembling hair; that Mr. Zimmer relates appeared upon bantams being bred down from the larger Polish, I believe is directly traceable to impoverishment of vigor. In this case there is no new thing ushered in, but simply the disappearance of a certain portion of each feather, which we might easily imagine would attend upon an enfeebled condition of health. In-breeding after results in these silky specimens. Mr. Hartwell once showed me a good shaped Partridge Cochin hen of this description, which had followed a systematic course of breeding within a strain.

Mr. Zimmer tells us of a mating of Silver Laced Wyandottes—the darkest mating he ever made—which produced three pure white chicks. Did the extreme darkness of that mating contribute to that end? Perhaps. The parent stock were presumably nearly black in color, and therefore conformed closely to the coloration which sports most frequently emerge from. The small amount of white in their plumage may have been sufficient to give the impulse to reversion—the little leaven which leaveneth the whole lump. After all, the wonder attending the appearance of these sports disperses before we reach that point where we can say that we understand it clearly. We know enough to see that nature in their genesis has not gone deliberately to work to do a thing before unaccomplished, but has simply failed to do the customary thing. We see the hair of people about us constantly growing gray—always others, never our own—and intemperate piety, or some blamed thing, even resulted in the hair itself following the color out of existence. These cases are not so rare that we marvel at their occurrence; nor should we, at albinism among fowls. The greatest source of wonder is that the timely axe so invariably disposed of all evidence concerning these sports—until fashion veered about, and the days of hereditary albinism were ushered in.

Mr. Zimmer's experience in crossing black upon white, with a view to perpetuate the latter color, is interesting as corroborating the popular belief that the sire exerts a greater influence than the dam in controlling the color of the progeny. Mr. Zimmer found in two distinct trials, that the descendants of a white male upon black hens bred white without difficulty; but a cross of black male with white hens after a five years' trial was finally abandoned, the black sire having apparently impressed his characteristic of color away down the whole line of descent, sufficiently to taint the plumage. This lesson is certainly suggestive to the breeder of mottled varieties. This rule of the sire's control of color should be appended by the additional one that a parent's influence is more strongly marked upon offspring of the opposite sex; so that, if we wished to exactly reproduce all the features of a certain fine male, a chicken bred from a pullet of his get will often be found to more strongly favor him than do his own sons. If this rule were kept in mind, it would often serve our purpose better than inbreeding, with its attendant evils.

Now, had I read this article previous to last spring, I could have saved myself some unnecessary trouble, for I would not have attempted a similar mating—a black sire upon white hens, expecting to get white plumage and white shanks. There were plenty of males with the desired color, having been their mother's sons; but the pullets were decidedly all their father's own daughters, having blue legs and plumage splashed with occasional black feathers. Theory indicates that these pullets would, if bred, reproduce their ebony sire's character as to color, sufficiently to spoil them for white fowls.

Perhaps a cockerel bred back to the white hens might do better. However, I shall discard the product of this mating in favor of another, in which a white sire was used. My experience here, too, may be of interest. A cross of Rose Combed White Leghorn cockerel, upon a Black Langshan hen, gave four chicks, all pullets, following the sire in comb, earlobes and plumage, but with shanks flesh-colored and slightly feathered. Last spring these were mated to a cockerel sent me from Ohio, purporting to be a White Hamburg, and apparently an all-round typical specimen. Of the resulting chicks, while the cockerels were all white legged, with some tendency to yellow in plumage, the pullets invariably came with pure white plumage, but with rich yellow legs, a feature I had not counted upon, so I began to study the cause. When hot weather came on the sire began to turn yellow, and by August would have passed for Leghorn but for his shanks. The conclusion I finally reached was, that while the Rose Combed White Leghorn was formerly said to have been manufactured from the Hamburg, this modern White Hamburg would appear to have been evolved from the Leghorn. Before leaving this topic, I will give an exception which may assist in proving our rule; at least it was what led me astray as to my expectations of white chicks from a black sire. A Black Hamburg was bred to White Leghorns with a view to establish better shape of body, comb and earlobes. I would explain that he was of a strain not typical Hamburg shape, but ideal for Leghorn. His chicks came pure white with flesh colored legs, the second generation bred to Leghorns, most yellow legs, and the third uniformly yellow. There has been no difficulty about black in plumage.

Of quite a different nature from changes due to the failure to produce color, it is, when chickens unexpectedly show a color quite foreign to that of their parents and ancestors for generations. Such an instance was the occasional appearance of buff chicks from Mr. Zimmer's White Polish Bantams. Now, let us theorize a little as to the cause of this. We will start with the assumption that, the black red being the natural type of color, nature would in time, if unmolested, restore that coloration to all our breeds. And we will consider the question. In what order would this take place with colorless or white varieties? Black would not be apt to first appear, the habit of albinism holding that pigment in strict subjection. If black did not first appear, then red must. It would not be confined to those parts where we find red in Piles, because there has been no Black Red parentage to locate it there. The habit of ancestors having been solid, or the entire plumage alike, that tendency would be still retained, and the red pigment would inevitably color all portions alike, resulting in buff color. It is well known to breeders that if the darkest buff specimens are persistently used as breeders, black finally appears in wings and tail. From these, selection would soon result in the original color of the race, black red.

As to the question of the inciting cause which led the Buff chicks to appear in the White Polish Bantams, my answer from its shortness shall be emphatically suggestive that I do not know. I will simply propose that, if the theory be tenable, that vital degeneracy is the origin of disappearance of color, why would it not follow, conversely, that the reappearance of lost color may be referred to an accession of vigor, the result of better food or care than they had been accustomed to, such enhanced vital strength rendering these Buff chicks chosen vessels through which nature makes the attempt to claim her own again?

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Correction.

Mr. E. C. Fritch, Prospect, Ohio, makes the following correction in his winnings at the Cleveland show: Silver Wyandottes, cock, 1st 914, hen, 4th, 904, pen, 2d 1824. Black Wyandottes, cock, 1st 934, hen, 1st 954, cockerel, 1st 93, pullets, 1st 96, 2d 96, 3d 954, 4th 944, pen, 1st.

Awards at Iowa State Poultry Association, Ottumwa, Ia.,
Dec. 10-15, 1894.

BARRED P. ROCKS.—Cock, 2d 83, G. W. Stout, Rose Hill, Iowa; 3d 87, H. H. Davis, Ottumwa, Iowa; 4th 864, A. L. Pedrick, Ottumwa; Hen 1st 92, W. S. Russell, Ottumwa; 2d 92, Stout; 3d 92, 4th 912, Russell. Cockerel, 1st 912, Stout; 2d 912, Russell; 3d 91, J. R. Hoover, Oskaloosa, 4th 904, C. F. Donavon, Maitland, Mo. Pullet, 1st 912, 2d 91, Russell; 3d 92, Davis; 4th 92, E. S. Linderman, Oskaloosa, Iowa. Pen, 1st 1844, Russell; 2d 1844, Stout; 3d 1844, W. W. Hinsey, Ottumwa; 4th 176, C. C. Harris, Ottumwa.

W. P. ROCKS.—Cock, 1st 92 1-2, Russell; 3d 894, H. N. Edwards, Des Moines. Hen, 1st 924, Russell; 2d 92, J. R. Sheaffer, Bloomfield; 3d 92, Jas. Wyllie, Sigourney, Ia.; 4th 91, Edwards. Cockerel, 1st 912, M. W. Christie, Ottumwa, Ia.; 2d 94, C. A. Seyler, Bloomfield, Ia.; 3d 924, 4th 92, Mrs. M. A. Smith, Gilman, Ia. Pullet, 1st 952, Seyler; 2d 95, Christie; 3d 95, Sheaffer. Pen, 1st 187 1-5, Christie; 2d 186 1-5, Seyler; 3d 186, Russell; 4th 1854, Sheaffer.

S. WYANDOTTES.—Hen, 3d 87, Hanson & Doe, Mt. Pleasant, Ia. Cockerel, 1st 912, 2d 884, Hanson & Doe; 3d 864, Russell. Pullet, 1st 924, 2d 92, 3d 912, Hanson & Doe; 4th 904, Russell. Pen, 1st 183, Hanson & Doe; 2d 1764, Russell.

G. WYANDOTTES.—Cock, 2d 894, 3d 874, F. O. Green, Des Moines, Ia. Hen, 1st 912, 2d 80, 3d 82, Green. Cockerel, 2d 89, Green; 3d 89, Frank Potter, Mt. Pleasant, Ia.; 4th 884, Green. Pullet, 1st 934, 2d 92, 3d 91, Green; 4th 90, Porter. Pen, 1st 182, Green; 2d 177, Porter; 3d 1744, J. R. Hoover, Oskaloosa, Ia.

BUFF WYANDOTTES.—All to Green.

W. WYANDOTTES.—All to Mrs. A. B. Porter, Mt. Pleasant.

LIGHT BRAHMAS.—Cock, 1st 91, A. W. Baker, Ottumwa; 2d 90, R. T. Cameron, Ottumwa; 3d 80, Russell; 4th 80, C. M. Turpin, Ottumwa. Hen, 1st 93, Stout; 2d 912, 4th 904, Turpin; 3d 91, Cameron. Cockerel, 1st 904, 2d 90, Cameron; 3d 89, J. O. Roberts, Mediapolis, Ia.; 4th 80, Seyler. Pullet, 1st 94, 2d 93, Roberts; 3d 912, 4th 904, Russell. Pen, 1st 1814, Cameron; 2d 181, Roberts; 3d 1794, Russell; 4th 1794, Baker.

DARK BRAHMAS.—Cock, 3d 874, Arthur Palmer, Ottumwa. Hen, 1st 94, 2d 924, 3d 912, A. G. Humphrey, Henry, Ill.; 4th 91, Arthur Rigg, Madrid, Ia. Cockerel, 1st 93, 2d 91, Humphrey; 3d 904, 4th 904, Rigg. Pullet, 1st 912, Humphrey; 2d 912, 3d 912, Rigg; 4th 91, Humphrey. Pen, 1st 1854, Humphrey.

BUFF COCHINS.—Cock, 3d 884, M. D. Burket, Oskaloosa, Ia.; 4th 884, G. A. R. Nichols, Des Moines, Ia. Hen, 1st 934, Sheaffer; 2d 91, Stout; 3d 912, Sheaffer; 4th 904, Stout. Cockerel, 1st 93, Stout; 2d 924, 3d 92, 4th 904, Sheaffer. Pullet, 1st 94, C. C. Harris, Ottumwa; 2d 934, Jas. C. Jay, Mt. Pleasant, Ia.; 3d 934, 4th 934, Sheaffer. Pen, 1st 1834, Sheaffer; 2d 1834, Stout; 3d 1804, Harris.

PARTRIDGE COCHINS.—Cock, 1st 924, F. E. Baldwin, Ottumwa; 2d 912, Alfred & Morrison, Ottumwa; 3d 90, 4th 84, Baldwin. Hen, 1st 924, 3d 92, Baldwin; 2d 94, 4th 912, Alfred & Morrison. Cockerel, 1st 94, 3d 912, Baldwin; 2d 92 1-2, W. J. Casey, Knoxville, Ia.; 4th 90 1-2, H. D. Ballinger, Ottumwa. Pullet, 1st 93, Casey; 2d 93, Baldwin; 3d 91 1-2, 4th 91, Casey. Pen, 1st 1854, 4th 181 1-2, Baldwin; 2d 184, Casey; 3d 1834, Alfred & Morrison.

BLACK LANGSHANS.—Cock, 2d 90 1-2, Russell; 3d 83 1-2, A. L. Pedrick, Ottumwa. Hen, 1st 96, 2d 94 1-2, Mrs. Smith; 3d 93 1-2, George King, Humeston, Ia.; 4th 93 1-2, Stout. Cockerel, 1st 94, J. W. McKinley, Oskaloosa; 2d 93, Stout; 3d 93, John Owens, Beacon, Ia.; 4th 92 1-2, Mrs. Smith. Pullet, 1st 96 1-2, 2d 96, Mrs. Smith; 3d 95 1-2, King; 4th 95 1-2, Mrs. Smith. Pen, 1st 188 1-2, 4th 1854, Mrs. Smith; 2d 1834, King; 3d 1874, Stout.

WHITE LANGSHANS.—Hen, 1st 93 1-2, C. S. Shadford, Ottumwa; 2d 93 1-2, Stout; 3d 91 1-2, Mrs. Smith. Pullet, 1st 95 1-2, 2d 94 1-2, Mrs. Smith; 3d 92 1-2, Stout; 4th 92 1-2, Mrs. Smith. Pen, 1st 184 1-2, Mrs. Smith.

S. C. W. LEHORNS.—Cock, 1st 93 1-2, Wyllie. Hen, 1st 94 1-2, B. E. Nye, St. Paul, Minn.; 2d 93 1-2, 3d 92, Wyllie. Cockerel, 1st 94 1-2, 3d 93 1-2, Wyllie; 2d 94, Russell; 4th 93, Nye. Pullet, 1st 96, Russell; 2d 95 1-2, 4th 95, Wyllie; 3d 95, Nye. Pen, 1st 189, Wyllie; 2d 1894, Nye; 3d 1874, J. W. Headley, Indianapolis; 4th 1834, Ben Johnson, Keosauqua, Ia.

S. C. BROWN LEHORNS.—Hen, 1st 92 1-2, 2d 91 1-2, 4th 91 1-2, E. S. Linderman, Oskaloosa; 3d 91 1-2, Wyllie. Cockerel, 1st 93 1-2, 4th 91 1-2, Hoover; 2d 924, Coen & Mahon, Ottumwa; 3d 91 1-2, Wyllie. Pullet, 1st 93 1-2, Hoover; 2d 93, G. D. Lottridge, Ottumwa; 3d 92 1-2, Wyllie; 4th 92 1-2, Linderman. Pen, 1st 1864, Hoover; 2d 183 1-2, Wyllie; 3d 183 1-2, Lottridge; 4th 183, Linderman.

R. C. B. LEHORNS.—Cock, 3d 87 1-2, hen, 1st 94, 2d 92, 4th 91 1-2, Mrs. M. J. Cohrs, Sigourney, Ia.; hen, 3d 91 1-2, F. H. Cooper, Moline, Ill. Cockerel, 1st 92, Cooper; 2d 91 1-2, pullet, 1st 93 1-2, 2d 93, 3d 92, 4th 91 1-2, pen, 1st 184, Mrs. Cohrs.

S. C. BUFF LEHORNS.—Hen, 4th 86 1-2, Mrs. Cohrs. Cockerel, 3d 88 1-2, Mrs. Cohrs; 4th 87, Wyllie. Pullet, 3d 88 1-2, W. S. Russell, Ottumwa, Ia.; 4th 87, Mrs. Cohrs. Pen, 3d 1784, Mrs. Cohrs.

S. C. B. LEHORNS.—Hen, 1st 93, F. M. Bauder, New Milford, Ill.; 2d 93, C. Holland, St. Paul, Minn.; 3d 92 1-2, 4th 91 1-2, Bauder. Cockerel, 1st 93, Bauder; 2d 90 1-2, Holland. Pullet, 1st 94 1-2, 3d 92 1-2, 4th 91 1-2, Holland; 2d 92, Bauder. Pen, 1st 185 1-2, Bauder; 2d 1834, Holland.

BLUE ANDALUSIANS.—All to W. H. Shell-hamer, Geneseo, Ill.

W. F. B. SPANISH.—Cock, 1st 92, Jno. Wilson, What Cheer, Ia.; 3d 89 1-2, Wyllie. Hen, 1st 95 1-2, cockerel, 1st 92, 2d 92, Wilson; cockerel, 3d 88 1-2, Wyllie. Pullet, 1st 94, 2d 93, 4th 92 1-2, Wilson; 3d 92 1-2, Wyllie. Pen, 1st 1854, Wilson.

BLACK MINORCAS.—Cock, 4th 86, hen, 2d 91 1-2, E. G. Marquardt, Burlington, Ia.; hen, 3d 88, F. H. Cooper, Moline, Ill.; 4th 87 1-2, Wyllie. Cockerel, 2d 90, Cooper. Pullet, 1st 92 1-2, 4th 91, Cooper; 2d 92, 3d 91 1-2, L. C. Bryant, Blomfield, Ia. Pen, 1st 1804, Cooper.

S. S. HAMBURG.—Cock, 4th 84, Wyllie. Hen, 2d 89, Wyllie; 3d 87, 4th 87, M. C. Duree, Ottumwa, Ia. Cockerel, 1st 91 1-2, 3d 87 1-2, Wyllie; 2d 88 1-2, C. A. Crawley, Ottumwa, Ia.

4th 85, A. W. Baker, Ottumwa, Ia. Pullet, 1st 91, Baker; 2d 90, Crawley; 3d 90, Wyllie; 4th 89, Duree. Pen, 1st 180 1/2, Wyllie; 2d 177 1/2, Crawley; 3d 173 1/2, Duree.

INDIAN GAMES.—Cock, 2d 88 1/2, Geo. Budde, Mount Pleasant, Ia.; 3d 85, Marquardt; 4th 84, E. D. Patterson, Marion, Ia. Hen, 1st 92 1/2, Anna Pollard, Washington, Ia.; 2d 91, Patterson; 3d 90, W. C. Tanner, Rose Hill, Ia.; 4th 89, Marquardt. Cockerel, 1st 93 1/2, 3d 91, Budde; 2d 92 1/2, Tanner; 4th 90 1/2, N. J. Potter, Ottumwa, Ia. Pullet, 1st 93, Tanner; 2d 92, G. D. Lott, Ottumwa, Ia.; 3d 91 1/2, 4th 91, J. R. Patterson, Marion, Ia. Pen, 1st 183 1/2, Tanner; 2d 181 1/2, Budde; 3d 176 1/2, Patterson; 4th 176 1/2, Lott.

B. B. R. GAMES.—Cock, 1st 95, hen, 1st 95, 2d 92 1/2, cockerel, 1st 95, 2d 94, T. J. Price, Oskaloosa, Ia.; cockerel, 3d 93 1/2, J. R. Hoover, Oskaloosa, Ia.; 4th 93, Ino. Owens, Beacon, Ia. Pullet, 1st 94 1/2, 2d 94 1/2, 3d 94 1/2, 4th 94, pen, 1st 190 1/2, 2d 188 1/2, Price; 3d 186, Hoover.

S. D. GAMES.—All to Price.

HOUDANS.—Cock, 1st 91, Lawrence Goehring, Ottumwa, Ia. Hen, 1st 91 1/2, 4th 89, O. C. Graves, Ottumwa, Ia.; 2d 90, 3d 89 1/2, Goehring. Cockerel, 1st 91, 2d 89, Graves; 4th 82, Goehring. Pullet, 1st 92, 2d 91 1/2, Graves; 3d 90 1/2, 4th 90, Goehring. Pen, 1st 18, Graves.

B. C. BANTAMS.—Cock, 1st 94, F. O. Green, Des Moines, Ia.; 2d 93, Russell; 3d 93, John B. Voss, Davenport, Ia. Hen, 1st 92 1/2, Green; 2d 91, Voss; 3d 90, 4th 90, Russell. Cockerel, 1st 94 1/2, 2d 94, Russell; 3d 92 1/2, Voss. Pullet, 1st 95, 2d 94, Green; 3d 92 1/2, 4th 92 1/2, pen, 1st 186 1/2, Russell.

B. B. R. GAME BANTAMS.—Cock, 1st 93 1/2, Voss; 4th 82, Alfred & Morrison, Ottumwa, Ia. Hen, 1st 92, Voss; 4th 84, Alfred & Morrison. Cockerel, 1st 92, pullet, 1st 93, 2d 90 1/2, 3d 90 1/2, Voss.

JAPANESE BANTAMS.—All to Voss.

R. C. W. BANTAMS.—All to Voss.

G. S. BANTAMS.—All to Russell.

RED CAPS.—All to C. A. Seyler, Bloomfield, Ia.

BLACK JAVAS.—All to Graves.

BEST COLLECTION.—1st, Russell; 2d, Wyllie.

TURKEYS.—Bronze—Cock, 1st 97, Wyllie; 2d 96 1/2, W. C. Tanner, Rose Hill, Ia. Hen, 1st 96 1/2, Tanner; 2d 93 1/2, Wyllie; 4th 92 1/2, Mark McCoy, Oskaloosa, Ia. Cockerel, 3d 93, Tanner. Pullet, 1st 95 1/2, Tanner; 2d 95, McCoy; 3d 94 1/2, Tanner. Pair, 1st 192 1/2, 3d 188 1/2, Tanner; 2d 190 1/2, Wyllie; 4th 186, McCoy.

Awards at Davenport, Iowa.

BARRED P. ROCKS.—Cock, 1st 91 1/2, Bryan; 2d 88 1/2, Lage; 3d 87 1/2, H. C. Goetsch; 4th 85 1/2, McBroom. Hen, 1st 94, Tracy; 2d 92, McBroom; 3d 91 1/2, Goetsch; 4th 90 1/2, McBroom. Cockerel, 1st 93 1/2, Walker; 2d 93, 3d 93, Ott; 4th 92, McBroom. Pullet, 1st 94, 3d 93 1/2, Bryan; 2d 93 1/2, 4th 93, Crosby. Pen, 1st 184 1/2, McBroom; 2d 184 1/2, Bryan; 3d 183 1/2, Walker; 4th 183, Crosby.

W. P. ROCKS.—Cock, 1st 93, Kentfield; 2d 92 1/2, Baker; 3d 87, Biggs. Hen, 1st 90, Cady; 2d 89, 3d 88 1/2, Biggs; 4th 87, Todt. Cockerel, 1st 94 1/2, 3d 93 1/2, McCrellias; 2d 94, Cady; 4th 93, Baker. Pullet, 1st 95 1/2, Cady; 2d 95 1/2, 3d 95, Kentfield; 4th 94 1/2, Baker. Pen, 1st 187 1/2, Kentfield; 2d 187 1/2, Cady.

S. WYANDOTTES.—Cock, 3d 87 1/2, 4th 86, hen, 3d 86 1/2, 4th 85 1/2, cockerel, 1st 93, Gaghagen; cockerel, 2d 92, Todt; 3d 91 1/2, Gaghagen; 4th 91 1/2, Todt. Pullet, 1st 93, Gaghagen; 2d 93, 3d 92 1/2, 4th 92 1/2, Todt. Pen, 3d 182, Gaghagen.

G. WYANDOTTES.—Hen, 1st 93, Kirchner. Cockerel, 1st 92 1/2, White; 2d 92 1/2, Kirchner; 3d 92, White; 4th 91 1/2, Kirchner. Pullet, 1st 95, 2d 93 1/2, White; 3d 93 1/2, 4th 93, Kirchner. Pen, 1st 185 1/2, Kirchner.

BLACK WYANDOTTES.—All to White.

BUFF WYANDOTTES.—All to White.

LIGHT BRAHMAS.—Cock, 2d 88 1/2, Walker; 3d 87, Brehmer; 4th 86 1/2, Biggs. Hen, 1st 91, Walker; 2d 90 1/2, Gaghagen; 3d 90 1/2, 4th 90, Walker. Cockerel, 1st 91 1/2, Cooper; 2d 91 1/2, Brehmer. Pullet, 1st 92 1/2, Cooper; 2d 92, Brehmer; 3d 91 1/2, Cooper; 4th 91 1/2, Walker. Pen, 1st 179 1/2, Walker; 2d 175 1/2, Gaghagen; 3d 174 1/2, Biggs.

DARK BRAHMAS.—Cock, 2d 89, hen, 2d 87 1/2, cockerel, 1st 91, Yegge. Pullet, 1st 94 1/2, 2d 90, 3d 80, Warnock.

BUFF COCHINS.—Cock, 1st 90, Delamater; 2d 90, Gaghagen; 4th 87 1/2, McCartney. Hen, 1st 91 1/2, 2d 89, 3d 88 1/2, Gaghagen; 4th 88 1/2, Biggs. Cockerel, 1st 92 1/2, Walker; 2d 92, McCartney; 3d 92, Dreher; 4th 92, Godfrey. Pullet, 1st 95, Delamater; 2d 94 1/2, Walker; 3d 94 1/2, Dreher. Pen, 1st 185 1/2, Walker; 2d 183 1/2, Delamater; 3d 179, Godfrey; 4th 178 1/2, Gaghagen.

PARTRIDGE COCHINS.—Cock, 2d 89 1/2, hen, 3d 87 1/2, McCartney. Cockerel, 1st 91, Kurmeier; 2d 89 1/2, McCartney. Pullet, 1st 94, Kurmeier; 2d 92, McCartney.

WHITE COCHINS.—Cock, 2d 88, hen, 3d 87, Webb. Cockerel, 1st 92, Watson Bros.; 2d 91, Larsen; 3d 91, Webb. Pullet, 1st 95, 2d 94, 3d 94, Webb; 4th 93, Larsen. Pen, 1st 183 1/2, Webb.

BLACK COCHINS.—All to Webb.

BLACK LANGSHANS.—Hen, 1st 93 1/2, Buck; 2d 93, Biggs; 3d 92, Hansen; 4th 91, Gaghagen. Cockerel, 1st 93 1/2, 2d 93 1/2, Buck; 3d 93, Gaghagen; 4th 93, Hansen. Pullet, 1st 95 1/2, 2d 95 1/2, Buck; 3d 95 1/2, Mielitz; 4th 95, Biggs. Pen, 1st 188 1/2, Buck; 2d 184 1/2, Biggs; 3d 184 1/2, Hansen.

WHITE LANGSHANS.—Cockerel, 1st 93, Watson Bros.; 2d 91, McCartney.

S. C. W. LEGHORNS.—Cock, 1st 90, Denkmann. Hen, 1st 94 1/2, Hansen; 2d 94, Denkmann; 3d 91, Hansen. Cockerel, 1st 95, Mason Poultry Farm; 2d 94, Hamann; 3d 94, Denkmann; 4th 93 1/2, Hansen. Pullet, 1st 95 1/2, 2d 95 1/2, 4th 95, Hansen; 3d 95, Hamann. Pen, 1st 189, Hansen.

S. C. B. LEGHORNS.—Cock, 1st 94, Warnock; 2d 92, Lage; 3d 89 1/2, Hansen. Hen, 1st 92 1/2, Hansen; 2d 91 1/2, Lage. Cockerel, 1st 94, Lage; 2d 91 1/2, Warnock; 3d 91 1/2, Hansen; 4th 93, Larsen. Pullet, 1st 95, Warnock; 2d 95, Mason Poultry Farm; 3d 94 1/2, 4th 94 1/2, pen, 1st 183, Hansen.

R. C. B. LEGHORNS.—Cock, 1st 94, hen, 1st 94, 3d 93, Mason Poultry Farm; 2d 93 1/2, Whitson; 4th 91 1/2, Cooper. Cockerel, 1st 94 1/2, 2d 94, Dreher; 3d 94, Rapp; 4th 92, Mason Poultry Farm. Pullet, 1st 95 1/2, 2d 95, Dreher; 3d 94 1/2, 4th 94 1/2, Mason Poultry Farm. Pen, 1st 180, Dreher; 2d 188 1/2, Mason Poultry Farm; 4th 182 1/2, Morton.

R. C. W. LEGHORNS.—Pullet, 1st 94, 2d 93 1/2,

Mason Poultry Farm; 3d 92 1/2, 4th 92 1/2, Mrs. Mary Dutcher.

S. C. B. LEGHORNS.—Hen, 1st 94, 2d 93, 3d 92 1/2, 4th 91 1/2, Kammerer. Cockerel, 1st 95, 2d 93 1/2, 3d 92 1/2, Kammerer; 4th 92 1/2, Hansen. Pullet, 1st 94, 2d 93 1/2, 3d 93 1/2, Hansen; 4th 93, Kammerer. Pen, 1st 185 1/2, Hansen.

BUFF LEGHORNS.—All to Maples.

BLACK MINORCAS.—Cock, 2d 88, Baker. Hen, 1st 91 1/2, 3d 87 1/2, Cooper; 2d 90 1/2, Baker. Cockerel, 1st 95, 2d 94 1/2, 4th 94 1/2, Hansen; 3d 94 1/2, Hayes & Son. Pullet, 1st 95, 3d 95 1/2, Cooper; 2d 95 1/2, 4th 95, Hansen. Pen, 1st 189 1/2, Hansen; 2d 188 1/2, Baker.

BLUE ANDALUSIANS.—All to Shelhamer.

BLACK SPANISH.—All to Biggs.

G. E. POLISH.—Pullet, 1st 91 1/2, Yegge.

S. S. HAMBURGS.—Cock, 1st 93, 2d 93, T. Colden. Hen, 1st 93, 2d 92 1/2, Senn; 3d 92 1/2, 4th 92 1/2, Colden. Cockerel, 1st 94, 4th 92 1/2, Yegge; 2d 93 1/2, 3d 92 1/2, Colden. Pullet, all to Colden. Pen, 1st 188, Colden; 2d 186 1/2, Yegge.

RED CAPS.—Cock, 1st 94, Wigren; 2d 88 1/2, Koehler. Hen, 1st 86 1/2, Koehler. Cockerel, 1st 95 1/2, Biggs. Pullet, 1st 94, Wigren; 2d 93 1/2, 3d 93 1/2, 4th 92 1/2, Biggs.

HOUDANS.—All to Mason Poultry Farm.

C. F. GAMES.—Cock, 2d 89 1/2, Hayes & Son. Hen, 1st 92, Budde; 2d 89 1/2, Hayes & Son; 3d 89, 4th 89, Perkins. Cockerel, 1st 95, Budde; 2d 94, Lines; 3d 93, Perkins; 4th 93, Maples. Pullet, 1st 94, 2d 91, Maples; 3d 92, Budde; 4th 91 1/2, Hayes. Pen, 1st 184 1/2, Hayes & Son.

B. PEKIN BANTAMS.—Cock, 1st 95 1/2, Yegge; 2d 94 1/2, Dreher; 3d 94 1/2, Voss. Hen, 1st 93 1/2, Dreher; 2d 93, Voss. Cockerel, 1st 95, 3d 92 1/2, Yegge; 2d 94 1/2, Voss. Pullet, 1st 94 1/2, 3d 93, 4th 92 1/2, Yegge; 2d 93 1/2, Voss.

R. P. BANTAMS.—All to Voss.

W. R. C. BANTAMS.—All to Voss.

B. R. G. BANTAMS.—All to Voss.

S. S. BANTAMS.—Pullet, 1st 93 1/2, Yegge.

B. T. JAPANESE.—Cock, 1st 92 1/2, Voss. Cockerel, 1st 93 1/2, 2d 91 1/2, pullet, 1st 92, 2d 91 1/2, Yegge.

G. S. BANTAMS.—All to Webb.

B. C. BANTAMS.—Hen, all to Shelhamer.

Cockerel, 1st 95 1/2, Shelhamer; 2d 94 1/2, 3d 94, Webb. Pullet, 1st 95 1/2, 3d 94 1/2, Webb; 2d 95, Shelhamer. Pen, 1st 187 1/2, Shelhamer.

W. C. BANTAMS.—All to Dreher.

B. B. R. GAMES.—Cockerel, 1st 94, Lines. Pullet, 1st 94 1/2, 2d 94 1/2, 3d 94, Lines; 4th 93 1/2, Voss.

PIT GAMES.—Cock, 1st, Susemehl; 2d, Vollstedt. Hen, 1st, Burton, Jr.; 2d, Susemehl. Stag, 1st, Whitaker; 2d, Susemehl. Pullet, 1st, Hayes & Son; 2d, Susemehl. Best display, 1st, Susemehl; 2d, Hayes.

TURKEYS.—Bronze—Cock, 1st 96 1/2, Watson Bros.; 2d 95 1/2, Collins. Hen, 1st 95, Watson Bros.; 2d 87 1/2, 3d 87, Gaghagen; 4th 85 1/2, Collins. Cockerel, 1st 95 1/2, pullet, 1st 95 1/2, 2d 95, Baker; 3d 94, Koehler.

DUCKS.—Pekin—Old, 1st, Collins. Young, 1st, Koehler.

Awards of Norfolk Co. Poultry Association, Franklin, Mass., Dec. 12-13.

BARRED P. ROCKS.—Cock, 1st, Fred. Hallet; 2d, 3d, J. H. Crimmins. Hen, 1st, Hallet; 2d, 3d, Crimmins. Cockerel, 1st, Hallet; 2d, Crimmins; 3d, F. A. Lumby. Pullet, 1st, Hallet; 2d, 3d, F. A. Cromby. Pen, 1st, 2d, Steere Bros.; G. A. Newhall, Caryville.

W. P. ROCKS.—Pen, 1st, 2d, 3d, J. F. Ray.

G. WYANDOTTES.—Cock, 1st, hen, 1st, 2d, G. W. Felton. Cockerel, 1st, J. R. Nichols, Valley Falls, R. I.; 2d, Felton. Pullet, 1st, 2d, Nichols.

S. WYANDOTTES.—Cock, 1st, Dr. N. W. Sanborn. Hen, 1st, 2d, 3d, Sanborn. Cockerel, 1st, 2d, 3d, pullet, 1st, 2d, 3d, pen, 1st, C. A. & I. L. Wright; pen, 2d, Sanborn.

W. WYANDOTTES.—Hen, 1st, 2d, 3d, J. Weber & Sons, Waltham. Cockerel, 1st, John M. Dow, Franklin; 2d, W. H. Lowell, Franklin; 3d, Fred. N. Rhodes. Pullet, 1st, L. F. Handy, Franklin; 2d, Weber & Sons; 3d, Rhodes. Pen, 1st, W. H. Lowell; 2d, Steere Bros., Medfield; 3d, Fred N. Rhodes, Bellingham.

BUFF WYANDOTTES.—Cockerel, 1st, 3d, F. J. Ducker; 2d, Felton. Pullet, 1st, Ducker; 2d, Felton.

BLACK LANGSHANS.—All to W. W. Clough, Medway.

WHITE LANGSHANS.—All to B. W. Dalton.

LIGHT BRAHMAS.—Cock, 1st, G. M. Nichols, Valley Falls, R. I.; 2d, R. E. Gurney, Medway; 3d, H. A. Cook, Franklin. Hen, 1st, 3d, Cook; 2d, Nichols. Cockerel, 1st, Nichols; 2d, A. O. Bacon, Franklin; 3d, Cook. Pullet, 1st, 2d, 3d, pen, 1st, Nichols; pen, 2d, Bacon; 3d, Cook.

DARK BRAHMAS.—Cock, 1st, W. E. Tower; 2d, 3d, hen, 1st, W. W. Clough; hen, 2d, Tower; 3d, Clough. Cockerel, 1st, Clough; 2d, Tower; 3d, Steere Bros. Pullet, 1st, 2d, Tower; 3d, Clough. Pen, 1st, 3d, Tower; 2d, Clough.

BLACK COCHIN BANTAMS.—Hen, 1st, 2d, 3d, W. C. Fuller. Cockerel, 1st, Fuller; 2d, C. M. Colburn. Pullet, 1st, Colburn; 2d, Fuller.

BUFF PEKIN BANTAMS.—Cock, 1st, 2d, 3d, hen, 1st, 2d, 3d, pullet, 1st, 3d, Clough; pullet, 2d, Daniel Love. Pen, 1st, A. L. Cuttin; 2d, Clough; 3d, Love.

G. S. BANTAMS.—Cockerel, 1st, Fuller; 2d, C. E. Lawrence, West Medway. Pullet, 1st, Fuller; 2d, 3d, Lawrence.

W. GAME BANTAMS.—All to Fuller.

B. B. R. GAME BANTAMS.—Cock, 1st, hen, 1st, Fuller. Cockerel, 1st, Lawrence. Pullet, 1st, Colburn; 2d, Lawrence.

G. D. BANTAMS.—All to Fuller.

HOUDANS.—All to Love.

INDIAN GAMES.—Cock, 1st, W. N. Fairbain, Medway; 2d, James W. McEver. Hen, 1st, McEver. Pullet, 1st, 2d, Fairbain.

PIT GAMES.—Cock, 1st, Gilmore & Giloolley, Franklin.

R. P. GAME BANTAMS.—Cock, 1st, hen, 1st, 2d, 3d, Fuller. Cockerel, 1st, W. E. Tower. Pen, 1st, Fuller.

S. S. HAMBURGS.—All to George Skeels, Arnold's Mills, R. I.

RED CAPS.—All to Skeels.

ERMINETTES.—Pen, 1st, Skeels.

G. POLISH.—Cock, 1st, hen, 1st, Love.

W. POLISH.—Cockerel, 1st, pullet, 1st, Love.

BEARDED S. POLISH.—All to H. W. Heath.

BLACK MINORCAS.—All to Fuller.

WHITE MINORCAS.—Cock, 1st, hen, 1st, C. W. Halloran, Franklin; hen, 2d, Hughes. Pen, 1st, Halloran.

WHITE LEGHORNS.—All to Steere Bros.

S. C. B. LEGHORNS.—All to C. L. Pomeroy, West Wrentham.

BUFF LEGHORNS.—Cock, 1st, hen, 1st, 2d, J. H. Blood, Wrentham. Cockerel, 1st, 2d, Blood; 3d, Tower. Pullet, 1st, 2d, Blood; 3d, Tower. Pen, 1st, 2d, Blood; 3d, Tower.

BUFF COCHINS.—Cockerel, 1st, pullet, 1st, A. T. Abbott, Medway; pullet, 2d, 3d, G. A. Newhall, Caryville.

PARTRIDGE COCHINS.—All to Steere Bros., Medfield.

GUINEA FOWLS.—Pair, 1st, W. H. Lowell.

TURKEYS.—Bronze cock, 1st, hen, 1st, Blood, Narragansett cock, 1st, hen, 1st, White.

DUCKS.—Pekin, 1st, 2d, 3d, J. Weber & Son, Wrentham.

PIGEONS.—Largest collection, 1st, Yellow Jacobins, 2d, Black Jacobins, 1st, White Fans, 1st, Blue Fans, 1st, Red, Black and Blue Turbits, 1st, Blue Pied Pouters, 2d, A. W. Coombs, West Medway; Yellow Fans, 1st, Red Booted Tumblers, 1st, Black Pied Pouters, 1st, Joseph McIntosh; Black Carrier, 1st, Dun, 1st, White Dragon, 1st, Blue Pied Pouter, 1st, Blue Owls, 1st, Black Trumpeter, 1st, Lawrence.

GUINEA PIGS.—2d, Fred. H. Handy, Franklin.

BELGIAN HARES.—Pair, 1st, G. W. Fenton, Barre, Mass.

EGGS.—White, 1st, Blood. Brown, 1st, Cook; 2d, Newhall; 3d, James Johnson.

DRESSED POULTRY.—Fowls, 1st, chicks, 1st, Cook.

INCUBATORS.—Prairie State, 200 egg machine, 1st, Samuel A. Mathes.

Abbeyville, S. C., Show.

To THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

The Abbeyville and Anderson County Poultry and Pet Stock Association held its first annual show at Abbeyville, S. C., December 11th to 14th. About 500 birds were on exhibition, and the show in every way was a grand success. G. O. Brown of Baltimore did the judging, which was entirely satisfactory to all. President, E. C. Connor, did not exhibit any of his fine birds, but devoted his entire time to looking after and caring for birds entrusted to the care of the association. Editor Lea of the *Tar Heel Poultryman* was on hand taking notes for his paper.

Below are the awards:

ROBERT S. LINK, Secretary.

LIGHT BRAHMAS.—Cock, 1st, M. E. Daniels, Simpson's Mills.

BLACK LANGSHANS.—Cock, 1st, Mrs. G. A. Neuffer, Abbeyville. Hen, 1st, D. L. C. Boland, Prosperity. Cockerel, 1st, W. D. Harrill & Co., Ellenboro, N. C. Pullet, 1st, Mrs. Neuffer; 2d, Boland. Pen, 1st, Harrill & Co.

WHITE LANGSHANS.—All to Boland.

AMERICAN DOMINQUES.—Cock, 1st, J. A. Graham, Chester; 2d, Harrill & Co. Hen, 1st, Graham; 2d, Harrill & Co. Cockerel, 1st, Harrill & Co.; 2d, Graham. Pullet, 1st, 2d, Harrill & Co. Pen, 1st, Harrill & Co.; 2d, Graham.

B. P. ROCKS.—Cock, 1st, J. L. Jolly, Denver. Hen, 1st, 2d, Jolly. Cockerel, 1st, Mrs. R. B. Eoting, Greenwood; 2d, Jolly. Pullet, 1st, A. W. Adams, Seneca. Pen, 1st, Jolly; 2d, Eoting.

W. P. ROCKS.—Cock, 1st, Dr. D. B. Frontis, John's E. L. Holstein, Monetta; 2d, Frontis. Pen, 1st, Frontis.

WHITE WYANDOTTES.—Cock, 1st, Graham. Hen, 1st, Harrill & Co.; 2d, Graham. Cockerel, 1st, pullet, 1st, pen, 1st, Graham.

SILVER WYANDOTTES.—Cock, 1st, H. W. Lawson, Abbeyville; 2d, Dr. L. T. Hill, Abbeyville. Hen, 1st, Lawson; 2d, Hill. Cockerel, 1st, 2d, W. C. Strawnhorn, Greenwood. Pullet, 1st, Hill; 2d, Strawnhorn. Pen, 1st, Strawnhorn; 2d, Hill.

GOLDEN WYANDOTTES.—All to E. Benjamin, Johnston.

BLACK JAVAS.—All to Graham.

R. C. W. LEGHORNS.—All to Graham.

S. C. W. LEGHORNS.—Hen, 1st, Harrill & Co. Cockerel, 1st, R. S. Link, Abbeyville; 2d, Harrill & Co. Pullet, 1st, 2d, Link. Pen, 1st, Link.

S. S. HAMBURGS.—Cock, 1st, Harrill & Co.; 2d, Graham. Hen, 1st, Graham; 2d, Harrill. Pullet, 1st, Graham. Pen, 1st, Harrill; 2d, Graham.

COLOR DORINGS.—All to Graham.

WHITE DORINGS.—All to Graham.

WHITE DORKINGS.—Cockerel, 1st, 2d, pullet, 1st, 2d, C. M. Moore, Southington.

COLOR DORKINGS.—Pen, 1st, J. W. Smith, Seymour.

ANDALUSIANS.—Cockerel, 1st 93%, pullet, 1st 94%, Farnham.

S. C. WHITE MINORCAS.—Cockerel, 1st, 2d, Griswold; 3d, O. Conroy. Pullet, 1st, Griswold; 2d, Conroy. 1st, Griswold.

R. C. W. MINORCAS.—Cockerel, 1st, pullet, 1st, Griswold.

S. C. B. MINORCAS.—All to Henry Cooper, Seymour.

R. C. B. MINORCAS.—Cockerel, 1st, R. W. Gregory, Seymour.

PLAIN GOLDEN POLISH.—Pullet, 1st, pen, 1st, Fred. Gray, Seymour.

B. G. POLISH.—All to Jones.

G. P. HAMBURGS.—Cockerel, 1st, pullet, 1st 93%, Weaver.

S. P. HAMBURGS.—All to Blake.

S. S. HAMBURGS.—Cock, 2d 88%, Howard. Hen, 1st 91, Howard; 2d 90%, Howard and Farnham. Cockerel, 1st 91, Howard; 2d 91%, Farnham. Pullet, 1st 93, Howard; 2d 91%, Howard and Kendrick, tie; 3d 91, Farnham. Pen, 1st 182%, Howard; 2d 181, Farnham.

G. S. BANTAMS.—Cock, 1st 94%, Hendrick & Reynolds; 2d 93%, Catlin. Hen, 1st 94%, Hendrick & Reynolds; 3d 93%, Catlin. Cockerel, 1st 95, pullet, 1st 95, pen, 1st 189%, Kendrick & Reynolds.

S. S. BANTAMS.—All to Hendrick & Reynolds.

B. PEKIN BANTAMS.—Hen, 1st, Weaver. Cockerel, 1st, pullet, 1st, 2d, John Morris, Seymour.

W. C. W. POLISH BANTAMS.—All to Jordan.

BLACK TAIL JAPANESE BANTAMS.—Hen, 1st 92, 2d 90%, Blake. Cockerel, 1st 94%, Hendrick & Reynolds. Pullet, 1st 95, Hendrick & Reynolds; 2d 93, 3d 97, Blake. Pen, 1st 186%, Hendrick & Reynolds.

WHITE GUINEAS.—Pair, 1st, Farnham.

PIGEONS.—Blue Dragons, 1st, H. Brown, Ansonia. White Wonders, 1st, Foster Bros. Seymour. Red Checker Homers, 1st, Foster Bros.; 2d, S. M. Beach, Seymour. White Homers, 1st, J. Swan; 2d, Beach. Blue Homers, 1st, Regan & Coleman, Seymour; 2d, Beach. Silver Dun Homers, 1st, Gregory; 2d, Regan & Coleman. Homers, best pair, 1st, Swan; 2d, Regan & Coleman.

DUCKS.—Pekins, 1st, Farnham; 2d, Chatfield. Aylesburys, 1st, Farnham. Rouens, 1st, Farnham; 2d, N. Mansfield, Bethany. Crested Whites, 1st, Farnham. White Muscovy, 1st, Farnham. Colored Muscovy, 1st, Farnham.

GEES.—White China, 1st, Toulouse, 1st, Embden, 1st, Wild, 1st, Farnham.

TURKEYS.—White, 1st, Farnham.

INCUBATORS, BROODERS AND BONE CUTTERS.—1st, Monitor Incubator, Bristol. 1st, Simplex Hatchers for exhibition. 1st, Manus Bone Cutter; 1st, Simplex Bone Cutter; 2d, Daisy Bone Cutter. 1st, Enterprise Shell and Grain Mill. 1st, Monitor Brooder. 1st, Gem Clover Cutter.

Awards at the South-Eastern Nebraska Poultry Show, Held at Beatrice, Neb., Dec. 24th to 29th.

B. P. ROCKS.—Hen, 1st 8½, 2d 8, Miss Hattie Cowles, Fairburg, Nebraska. Cockerel, 1st 90½, A. Gazier, Tecumset, Neb; 2d 90, 4th 80½, Miss Cowles. Pullet, 2d 89½, 3d 87½, Miss Cowles. Pen, 1st 181½, A. N. Daffoe, Tecumset; 2d 178½, W. A. Irwin, Tecumset; 3d 177½, Gazier.

W. R. ROCKS.—All to W. O. Southwick, Friend, Nebraska.

WHITE WYANDOTTES.—Cockerel, 1st 91, 2d 80, E. E. Greer, Beatrice, Neb. Pullet, 1st 95½, 2d 94, P. Wertenberger, Cortland, Neb.

SILVER WYANDOTTES.—Hen, 1st 90½, 2d 90½, cockerel, 2d 86, G. W. Ebenhart, Liberty, Neb. Pen, 1st 184½, E. H. Lann, Beatrice, Neb; 2d 177½, Beatrice.

BLACK JAVAS.—All to W. H. H. Benford, Beatrice, Neb.

LIGHT BRAHMAS.—Hen, 2d 80½, C. B. Berton, Beatrice; 4th 84, F. Crats, Beatrice. Cockerel, 2d 88½, Christ Stotts, Bremen, Kas. Pullet, 1st 92, Stotts; 2d 88½, Berton; 3d 85, Crats. Pen, 1st 183½, J. C. Gerspacher, Grand Island, Neb; 2d 180, F. Crate, Beatrice; 3d 179½, Irwin.

S. C. BUFF LEGHORNS.—Cockerel, 2d 89½, A. N. Daffoe; 3d 87½, E. E. Greer, Beatrice. Pullet, 2d 89, Daffoe; 3d 87, 4th 86, Greer. Pen, 2d 179½, Daffoe.

S. C. W. LEGHORNS.—All to Benford.

S. C. B. LEGHORNS.—All to Greer.

K. C. B. LEGHORNS.—Hen, 1st 92, 2d 91, Eberhart.

S. C. W. LEGHORNS.—Cock, 1st 93, hen, 1st 95½, 2d 94½, Benford. Cockerel, 1st 94, pullet, 1st 92, pen, 1st 183½, Greer.

R. C. W. LEGHORNS.—All to Greer.

S. C. BLACK LEGHORNS.—All to Greer.

BLACK MINORCAS.—Cock, 2d 90½, hen, 2d 87½, Benford. Cockerel, 1st 92½, Stotts; 2d 89, Clapp. Pullet, 1st 95, 2d 93½, Stotts; 3d 88, Clapp. Pen, 1st 180½, Clapp.

W. C. BLACK POLISH.—All to R. H. Cropper, Washington, Kas.

HOUDANS.—All to F. G. Schwank, Beatrice, Neb.

S. G. DORKINGS.—Pullet, 1st 93½, pen, 1st 174½, H. R. Pyle, Beatrice, Neb.

CORNISH INDIAN GAMES.—Cock, 1st 178, J. F. Miller, Beatrice. Cockerel, 1st 90, pullet, 1st 90, pen, 1st 187½, H. H. Halladay, Beatrice.

BLACK LANGSHANS.—Hen, 1st 93½, Berton. Cockerel, 1st 94½, 2d 94, Halladay; 3d 93½, M. F. Wolf. Pullet, 1st 95, Halladay; 2d 95, Wolf; 3d 94, Daffoe, 4th 94, Clapp. Pen, 1st 187½, Daffoe.

BUFF PEKIN BANTAMS.—Cock, 1st 93, Greer. Hen, 1st 94½, 2d 94, Cropper; 3d 93, Greer.

TURKEYS.—White, cock, 2d, J. E. Blodgett, Beatrice. Hen, 2d 87, cockerel, 1st 97½, pullet, 1st 96½, 2d 96, E. W. Doie, Beatrice, Neb.

PIGEONS.—Black Jacobins, cock, 1st, hen, 1st, Clapp; 2d, Chas. Hager, Beatrice. Outside Tumblers, cock, 1st, Hager; 2d, Greer. Hen, 1st, Hager; 2d, Greer. Yellow Outside Tumblers, cock, 1st, hen, 1st, 2d, Hager. White Pouters, cock, 1st, Greer. Black Fantails, cock, 1st, hen, 1st, Greer. Carriers, hen, 1st, Wm. Tibbets, Beatrice. White Jacobins, cock, 1st, hen, 1st, 2d, Tibbets. Black Fantail cock, 2d, Mrs. Dobbie. Spotted Fantail hen, 2d, Mrs. Dobbie.

DUCKS.—Rouen, cock, 1st 96½, hen, 1st 95½, Berton. Pekin, cock, 1st 96, 2d 95½, Greer. Hen, pair 1st 184½, Greer. Cockerel, pair 2d 190, E. H. Lann, Beatrice.

SWEETSTAKES.—Solid color, subject to weight, all to Daffoe. Part color, subject to weight, Linn. Solid color, not subject to weight, E. E. Greer. Paste color, not subject to weight, R. H. Cropper.

Ottawa County Poultry Show, Minneapolis, Kansas.

LIGHT BRAHMAS.—Cock, 1st 91, Frank Slater, Delphos, Kansas; 2d 86½, J. H. Stribling, Delphos, Kansas; 3d 86, Cord Smith, Minneapolis, Kansas; 4th 82½, D. Collister, Wells, Kansas. Hen, 1st 92½, Slater and Gage, tie; 2d 91½, 3d 89½, 4th 89, Clarence Gage, Minneapolis, Kansas. Cockerel, 1st 92½, J. E. Crosson, Minneapolis, Kansas; 2d 91½, A. P. Riddle, Minneapolis, Kansas; 3d 90½, 4th 90, Slater. Pullet, 1st 94, 2d 93, 3d 92½, 4th 92, Riddle.

DARK BRAHMAS.—All to E. E. Crosson, Minneapolis, Kansas.

G. WYANDOTTES.—All to F. E. Hurley, Minneapolis, Kansas.

W. WYANDOTTES.—All to M. E. Potts, Glasco, Kansas.

S. WYANDOTTES.—Hen, 1st 92½, J. W. Lyons, Minneapolis, Kansas. Cockerel, 1st 90, Charles West, Minneapolis, Kansas; 2d 89, Attridge Bros., Minneapolis, Kansas; 3d 83, Lyons. Pullet, 1st 92½, West and Lyons tie; 2d 92, Attridge Bros.; 3d 91½, Attridge Bros. and West tie; 4th 90½, West.

BARRED P ROCKS.—Hen, 1st 86, Charles Johnson, Minneapolis, Kansas. Cockerel, 1st 92½, S. J. Agnew, Minneapolis, Kansas; 2d 91½, 3d 91, 4th 90, Slater. Pullet, 1st 91, Agnew; 2d 90½, Agnew and Slater tie; 3d 90, 4th 88½, Slater.

W. P. ROCKS.—All to Jos. Smith, Minneapolis, Kansas.

BLACK COCHINS.—All to Jacob Campbell, Minneapolis, Kansas.

BUFF COCHINS.—All to D. Collister, Wells, Kansas.

PARTRIDGE COCHINS.—Cock, 1st 90½, hen, 1st 88, 2d 88, Albert Johnson, Minneapolis, Kansas. Cockerel, 1st 92, Perry Thomas Brown, Minneapolis, Kansas; 2d 90½, Johnson. Pullet, 1st 93, Johnson; 2d 91½, 3d 91½, Brown; 4th 91, J. E. Crosson.

LANGSHANS.—Cock, 1st 89½, hen, 1st 93½, J. E. Johnson, Minneapolis, Kansas; 2d 93, Collister; 3d 90½, Johnson. Cockerel, 1st 93½, O. L. Kinsey, Delphos, Kansas; 2d 92, 4th 90, Johnson; 3d 91½, pullet, 1st 94½, 2d 93½, 3d 93, 4th 92, Kinsey.

HOUDANS.—All to W. A. Roberts, Minneapolis, Kansas.

BLACK MINORCAS.—All to Geo. Walbright, Minneapolis, Kansas.

R. C. B. LEGHORNS.—Cockerel, 1st 93½, J. Huntsinger, Minneapolis, Kansas; 2d 89½, E. Butler, Glasco, Kansas. Pullet, 1st 92, 2d 91½, 3d 91, Huntsinger; 4th 90½, Butler.

R. C. W. LEGHORNS.—Cockerel, 1st 95, 2d 94½, 3d 94, 4th 93½, pullet, 1st 94, 2d 93½, 3d 92½, Kinsey; pullet, 4th 91, T. A. Cordry, Minneapolis, Kansas.

S. C. B. LEGHORNS.—Cockerel, 1st 92, 3d 90½, Collister; 2d 91½, 4th 89½, Brown. Pullet, 1st 92½, 4th 90½, Collister; 2d 91½, 3d 91½, Brown.

S. C. W. LEGHORNS.—Hen, 1st 93½, cockerel, 1st 92½, J. L. Steel, Minneapolis, Kansas.

INDIAN GAMES.—All to Lord Bros., Minneapolis, Kansas.

S. S. HAMBURGS.—All to Lord Bros.

B. G. POLISH.—Cock, 1st 90½, Gage; 2d 88, Gage and Campbell, tie. Hen, 1st 93, 2d 92, 3d 92, 4th 91½, pullet, 1st 93, 2d 92, Gage; pullet, 2d 92½, Campbell; 4th 89½, Butler.

B. S. POLISH.—All to Butler.

W. C. B. POLISH.—Hen, 1st 94½, Johnston.

TURKEYS.—Bronze tom, 1st 95½, hen, 1st 82½, C. H. Clark, Delphos, Kansas.

New England Light Brahma Show.

To THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

It may be of interest to you and your many readers in New England, and perhaps elsewhere, to learn of the plan to be pursued by the New England Light Brahma Club at the exhibition to be held in Faneuil hall, Boston, January 15-18.

Instead of confining ourselves to a competitive class alone, as in the last four years, we have arranged to have a sales department, with an entry fee of 25 cents, hoping thereby to induce breeders to send in their birds for disposal, thus affording anyone desiring good sound stock a chance to buy at reasonable prices without the expense of travelling round to different yards at so disagreeable a time of year. We expect that the best yards in New England will be represented in this department, and it seems as though it would be a splendid opportunity to find some most excellent breeding stock.

In our competitive class we have usually had from three hundred to four hundred birds shown. This year we have doubled the entry fee, making it \$1.00, and do not expect to have so many, and we would look on some decrease in the number somewhat of an advantage, as the judging could be accomplished so much sooner. The club offers this year, in addition to the usual regular prizes, five dollars each on the most typical shaped cock, hen, cockerel and pullet; also five dollars each for the best cock, hen, cockerel and pullet.

The awards for most typical shaped birds are to be decided by all the judges, Messrs. Philander Williams, J. F. Watson and C. S. Newell. The executive committee of the club has also decided to suggest to these gentlemen that they jointly designate the best cock, hen, cockerel and pullet.

A. JULIAN ROWAN,
Sec'y N. E. Light Brahma Club.
Box 7, Boston, Mass., Dec. 28, '94.

The Ionia, Michigan, Show.

To THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

On visiting this show the morning of the opening day, (Christmas) I was greatly surprised to find the indications promising for a large and successful exhibition. Of the 700 entries, nearly all were classified and in position at this early hour, and by noon everything was ready for Mr. Felch, but owing to some railway detentions, that gentleman failed to put in an appearance until late in the afternoon. Too much credit cannot be given the secretary, Mr. A. F. Herbert and his assistant for the thoroughness and the dispatch with which the arrangements were made and carried out. As soon as the judge had finished a class the cards were sent to the secretary, and in an almost incredible short space of time, were copied and ready for the exhibitor and the prize cards with scores attached, tied to the coop, a condition of things that was no doubt appreciated by exhibitors who have often had to wait several days for their score cards and until the last day of a show to know whether they had won or lost. The association was unfortunate in not being able to secure as commodious quarters as formerly, but this circumstance was not as bad as it might have been, the coops were large and roomy, some of them containing 5 or 6 birds. Smaller coops or more of them, and fewer specimens in each coop, would have added very much to the general appearance of the exhibits. Every good bird shows to a better advantage if cooped singly.

For various reasons it is impossible for me to go into detail as to the merits of each individual prize winner. Owing to the short time at my disposal, I was able to take in a few of the more prominent features only, and no doubt overlooked many birds worthy of special mention. This under the circumstance was unavoidable. Without knowing the exact number of entries in any particular class, I think it is safe to say that the Leghorns outnumbered and outranked any other. A breeder who could not be suited in either of the five varieties represented, would be hard to please. Mr. Goodell of Lowell, Mich., had some wonderfully fine R. C. Whites, and was an easy winner with scores ranging from 94 to 95½ on females, while his second prize cockerel was a good one. Mr. Mason, also of Lowell, had some very rich Brown's which brought him in a number of prizes.

Geo. S. Barnes made a fine show of Buffs. A pullet scoring 94½ and a cockerel 94 in this new variety, is something to be proud of. I am very glad to be able to speak a good word for Mr. Barnes' birds from the fact that four years ago I had occasion to criticize his exhibit at Kalamazoo rather severely. The progress he has made since that time is a great credit to him as a breeder, while it shows what pluck and perseverance will accomplish in the development of a new breed or variety. Fine as was the display of Leghorns, the Light Brahmases were close upon them. I was greatly disappointed in not seeing a larger representation of Wyandottes. Ten or twelve Silvers were obliged to represent the entire breed, no Goldens, Whites or Buffs to share with them the honors. M. F. McNaughton had the finest collection, two of his pullets would make a mark for themselves in any show. I shall be very much surprised if he did not win nearly everything.

The B. P. Rocks were more numerous than the class last mentioned, and among them were some very fine specimens. C. H. Clement showed some very evenly barred and nicely colored birds, but I imagine they were too small to win over their larger though darker competitors. White Rocks showed up well, one cock bird being especially fine. The display of Houdans would have done credit to a much larger show, both as regards num-

ber and quality. The different varieties of Polish were well represented, especially the W. C. B. variety Hamburgs showed up well, and if I were a game fancier I might have gone wild over the high stationed representatives of that breed. I was assured that they were "away up in G," and they certainly looked as high as that if not higher. Now for Jackson, Jan. 8th to 11th!

IRVING CROCKER.

Poultry at Peoria Show.

The poultry exhibition at our late show was not very large, but what it lacked in quantity it made up in quality. Mr. David Finch of Peoria, judged the Plymouth Rocks and Mr. Chas. S. Proctor, also of Peoria, the other varieties, and everybody seemed to be well pleased with their decisions. The following are the awards:

LIGHT BRAHMAS.—Cockerel, 1st, C. W. Brown, N. Peoria, Ill. Pen, 1st, Brown.

S. WYANDOTTES.—Cockerel, 1st, J. G. Goetz, Harkers Cor., Ill.; 2d, M. J. Kavanaugh, Peoria, Ill.; 3d, Robert Davis, Peoria. Pullet, 1st, J. G. Goetz; 2d, Kavanaugh; 3d, Davis. Pen, 1st, Max Koenig, Peoria; 2d, Davis.

S. S. HAMBURGS.—Cockerel, 1st, hen, 1st, Joseph Wombacher, Peoria.

BUFF LEGHORNS.—Hen, 1st, F. H. Jordan, Peoria. Pen, 1st, Jordan.

R. C. BROWN LEGHORNS.—Pullet, 1st, pen 1st, Henry Schimpff, Peoria.

S. C. BROWN LEGHORNS.—Hen, 1st, cockerel, 1st, Wombacher; 2d, 3d, W. H. Koch, Peoria. Pullet, 1st, 2d, pen, 1st, Koch.

INDIAN GAMES.—Cock, 1st, Schimpff; 2d, Brown. Hen, 1st, Brown; 2d, Schimpff. Cockerel, 1st, 2d, Brown. Pullet, 1st, pen, 1st, Brown.

B. P. ROCKS.—Cock, 1st, J. P. Lenallen, Peoria; 2d, S. F. Flint, Peoria. Hen, 1st, 2d, 3d, Flint. Cockerel, 1st, Flint; 2d, Brown; 3d, Lenallen. Pullet, 1st, 2d, Flint; 3d, Brown. Pen, 1st, Lenallen.

PARTRIDGE COCHINS.—Hen, 1st, 2d, 3d, G. W. Kunsman, Peoria. Cockerel, 1st, G. O. Gable, Peoria; 2d, 3d, Kunsman. Pullet, 1st, 2d, 3d, Gable.

BLACK LANGSHANS.—Pullet, 1st, F. Roszell & Bro., Peoria; 2d, 3d, Brown.

BUFF COCHINS.—Pullet, 1st, Fred Peters.

B. B. R. GAMES.—Cock, 1st, hen, 1st, Schimpff.

B. B. R. GAME BANTAMS.—Cock, 1st, hen, 1st, Lenallen.

PIT GAMES.—Cock, 1st, hen, 1st, Peters.

SPECIALS.

Largest entry, Brown. Best Indian Game cock, Schimpff. Best Light Brahma pullet, Brown. Best Langshan cockerel, Roszell. Best Buff Cochins pullet, Peters. Best Partridge Cochins cockerel, Gable. Best B. P. Rock cock, Lenallen. Best S. Wyandotte hen, Koenig. Best S. C. Brown Leghorn cockerel, Wombacher. Best S. S. Hamburg hen, Wombacher. Best B. B. R. Game Bantam cock, Lenallen. Best Asiatic, Kunsman.

ROBERT JOOS, Supt.

Judges at New York.

POULTRY.

T. K. Bennett, Phillipsburg, N. J., Exhibition Games, Game Bantams.
R. G. Buffington, Fall River, Mass., Buff Leghorns.
Sharp Butterfield, Windsor, Ont., Light and Dark Brahmases, Cochins, Langshans.
R. A. Colt, White Plains, N. Y., Pit Games, Indian Games.
Dr. W. A. Conklin, New York City, Ducks, Geese and Ornamental Fowls.
J. T. Cothran, Montclair, N. J., Hamburgs, American Dominiques, Spanish, Phoenix, Asels, Jersey Blues, Orpingtons.
Dr. E. W. Deyo, Montgomery, N. Y., White Wyandottes, Silver, Golden, Black and Buff Wyandottes.
J. H. Drevenstedt, Johnstown, N. Y., Leghorns, Campines, LaFleche, Creve Cœur, Russians.
Frank Gaylor, Tarrytown, N. Y., Turkeys, Guinea Fowls, Dressed Poultry, Eggs.
L. G. Jarvis, Guelph, Ont., Minorcas, Houdans, Javas, Andalusians, Polish, Dorkings, Red Caps, Malays, Silkies, Rumpless, Sumatras, Frizzles.
P. H. Scudder, Glen Head, L. I., N. Y., Plymouth Rocks.
F. B. Zimmer, Gloversville, N. Y., Bantams other than Game.

PIGEONS.

Joseph D. Gavin, Malden, Mass., Tumblers, Owls and Turbits.
John Glasgow, Mahwah, N. J., Barbs, A. M. Ingram, Quincy, Mass., Pouters, Magpies and Nuns.
J. C. Long, New York, Fantails, Trumpeters, Swallows, Priests.
Dr. Henry E. Owen, New York City, Oriental Frills.
George E. Peer, Rochester, N. Y., Jacobins.
William J. Stanton, Carriers, Dragons, Homers and Various.

Practical Pointers.

BY GEORGE E. HOWELL.

[Address all Communications for this department "Practical Department," AMERICAN FANCIER, Johnstown, N. Y.]

Have you mated your breeding yards? The early hatched chick wins the plums at the fall shows.

Keep the floors covered with straw, chaff, or other litter; bare floors never yet aided egg production.

And, I might add, inactivity does not produce fertile eggs in January. Good health, plenty of exercise, and congenial surroundings sends the blood coursing through the veins of man or bird.

The poultryman who sojourns in the land of alligators and orange blossoms knows nothing of the vigor of our northern climate. Last July many a good citizen was kicking, continually kicking, about the beastly weather. Before spring there will be many occasions, with the mercury running down so far that it is impossible for the average thermometer to record it, when a little of that same beastly weather would come in very acceptable, but as one can't have the weather made to order, the next best thing is to make all snug and tight and as warm as possible.

Some heat their poultry houses. I cannot say I favor the idea. The birds get tender and need lots of coddling. A nice coop, double lined throughout, is more to my liking.

Numbers go a great way toward maintaining a living temperature in a house. I have noticed where only a wire partition separated two pens they would roost near the partition, instinctively knowing they generated warmth for each other; no fools, those hens.

Then, again, some fanciers have a false partition, hung on hinges to the roof, which can be let down against the board platform under the roost, making all snug. The smaller the flock the smaller the roosting room is a good rule to follow.

A single bird will often perch on a pole by itself, with the result of having some frozen toes next morning, whereas if no perch had been supplied or the company larger he would have defied old Jack. Use common sense and nineteenth century intelligence and my word for it, when spring comes you will be richer as far as health of the flock is concerned.

I never visit "ye true born fancier" and notice the pride, almost veneration, with which he handles his favorites without acknowledging to myself the worth such a fancier is to the ranks. There is a certain feeling of satisfaction that pervades the air about such a person as he gazes fondly on the result of his labors and notes the perfection of his fowls. He goes over each, section by section, and imagines he has nearly or quite reached the goal he seeks, the Mecca of his ambition. Let one feel only the interest the trotting horse owner accords to the runner; he unconsciously bows down and worships. He knows he is in the presence of a thoroughbred, the conqueror of others, a king of his kind. So it is with a poultryman. He may not breed the favorite variety of his brother fancier, but he sees one as much in earnest to breed the champion of that variety as he is to perfect his own, and first admires, then loves them because of their breeding and perfections.

What's the matter with having some system in the way of arranging and running poultry shows? Twenty years since a poultry show was an experiment; to-day they are *en vidence*, so to speak, but do they get the full appreciation from the public they deserve, and do they serve the interest of the poultry fraternity to the extent they are capable of? A show is held in Hayville to-day.

The boys send their birds, and count themselves lucky if they get them judged before it is time to pack up for home and go away plus the prize card, minus their cash. The public can see chickens anywhere, but would go in a show were the ribbons up, so they could see which was which. They may have friends exhibiting, and would be glad to go in and see if they were winners or got scooped. Take the school system, for example. It is run on a graded schedule; a scholar starts at the bottom and works up. For another illustration, note the method of the Homing pigeon flyers. They start at 25, 50, 75 miles, and work up to three hundred and over.

New York State is well equipped to run her shows on this plan. The New York State Poultry Association is organized, and has been for several years. Each county is supposed to have a vice-president. It only needs a little shaking up to throw off the stupor into which it has fallen. The State gives to the people large appropriations to carry on the work of educating the farmers; it would give just as lavishly to help the poultry interest if asked. We have a poultryman in the Governor's chair with the incoming administration. Let the New York State Poultry Association arouse itself. Let others join the organization and arrange for a show in the counties recognizing the fancy, that is, having poultrymen within the borders. Hold these shows in the largest city or town, and make them of interest to the people—a lecture on poultry and an exhibit calculated to draw a crowd. Let the winners go to larger cities, such as Rochester and Troy, with increased entry fee and prizes. Then, as a grand finale, let the winners meet all comers at New York, Boston, Cincinnati, Kansas City, Denver, and Los Angeles. It can be done, for both the fanciers and people will support it.

Leghorn Club Specials.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

The American Leghorn Club will hold its first annual show and meeting at Madison Square Garden, New York City, January 30th to February 2d, 1895. The meeting will be held on Friday, February 1st, at 2:30 P. M.

The following specials are offered for competition:

\$25 in gold for the best display of S. C. Brown Leghorns, by James Forsyth. Competitors must enter in all classes cock, hen, cockerel, pullet and pen.

\$10 in gold for the best ten S. C. Brown Leghorn cockerels, by James Forsyth.

\$10 in gold for the best ten S. C. Brown Leghorn pullets, by James Forsyth.

\$5 in gold for the best S. C. Brown Leghorn cockerel having best stripe in saddle, by James Forsyth.

\$5 in gold for largest Standard S. C. Brown Leghorn cockerel and pullet, by James Forsyth.

\$5 in gold for the best breeding pen of R. C. Brown Leghorns, by James Forsyth.

\$5 for best exhibit of Brown Leghorns, by W. T. Brace.

Poultry Monthly one year for best R. C. Brown Leghorn cockerel, by C. W. White.

\$5 for best pair of S. C. W. Leghorn cockerels, by Ezra Cornell.

\$5 for best ten S. C. W. Leghorn pullets, by Ezra Cornell.

\$5 for best breeding pen of S. C. W. Leghorns, by Ezra Cornell.

\$5 in gold for best breeding pen of R. C. W. Leghorns, by James Forsyth.

\$5 for best exhibit of White Leghorns, by the Club.

\$5 for the best breeding pen of Black Leghorns, by the Club.

\$5 for the best exhibit of Dominique Leghorns, by the Club.

\$5 for the best breeding pen of Buff Leghorns, by the Club.

\$5 for the best Buff Leghorn, male or female, by Ezra Cornell.

\$5 for the best exhibit of Buff Leghorns, by the Club.

Poultry Monthly one year for best Silver Duckwing Leghorn, by C. W. White.

\$5 for the best Leghorn female, weighing four pounds or over, of any Standard variety, size to be given preference over weight above the four pound limit, by Wm. P. Wheeler.

\$10 for best Leghorn male or female, any variety, by the Club.

\$20 for the largest and best display of Leghorns, by the Club.

EZRA CORNELL, Secretary.
Ithaca, N. Y., December 29, 1894.

New York State Poultry Society.

The annual meeting and election of officers of the New York State Poultry Society will be held at Agricultural Hall, Albany, N. Y., on Wednesday, Jan. 16th, 1895, at 5 P. M. The following amendment to Section V. of the Constitution will be voted upon: "The annual meeting and election of officers of this society shall be held on the first Tuesday evening during the State fair at Syracuse, and a special meeting may be called during the winter in connection with any poultry show held in this state."

F. E. DAWLEY, Sec'y.
Syracuse, N. Y., Dec. 17th, 1894.

Correction.

In your report of the Cleveland show, it reads in Black Langshans, "pullets all to Todd." Now, as both my name and the report is wrong, would ask that you kindly make correction in your next issue and correct name, Power, instead of Porrer, and 1st, 2d and 3d pullets to Power instead of Todd. I am sorry this has occurred, and have seen it in several papers the same way. C. M. POWER.
Kent, Ohio, Dec. 31st, 1894.

PIGEONS.

Editorial Squibs.

We are indebted to Theo. O. Taubert, of Sandusky, Ohio, for a most excellent photograph of his pigeon loft. The camera caught the Pouters and Fantails in fine style.

Major F. M. Gilbert had an easy time judging the pigeons at Kansas City, as the entries were not large. We were glad to note the excellent health and spirits of the Major, but cannot account for his mysterious and sudden departure from the scene of action. As there were no excited pigeon exhibitors hankering after his scalp, and as everybody seemed pleased to shake with him, he had no just cause for vamoosing the ranch. Perhaps the thought of being asked to deliver a speech caused him to pack his belongings and fly the coop. "Si Twist" is still looking for the Major. He wants that Atlanta speech delivered.

The election of F. M. Gilbert as president and of P. F. Hager as secretary of the American Columbarian Association should meet with universal approval in the fancy. Both are live, progressive, and thorough fanciers.

George N. Crockett, of Concord, N. H., has purchased the entire collection of Archangels belonging to Wm. Broemer, of Baltimore, Md. No finer loft exists in America. Mr. Crockett offers a number of pairs for sale at tempting prices.

Keep an eye on Cincinnati. There will be a great lot of pigeons there. The classification is the most liberal we have ever seen.

George Ewald writes us that he will not exhibit his pigeons for competition at Cincinnati, but for exhibition only, not wishing as an officer to compete against his friends. He will, however, enter for competition at the great New York show, bringing a large team of birds.

Transfer.

Mr. Wm. Broemer's entire collection of Archangels to George N. Crockett, Concord, N. H.

Cincinnati's Great Show.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

The outlook for one of the best shows ever held west is that of the one to be held by the Cincinnati Poultry & Pigeon Association. Everything is in shape and by the time this reaches the eye of all your readers the hall will be ready to receive all stock. We trust that every fancier interested in the same has by this time got a premium list, if not send for one at once. We will hold entries open until 11 A. M., January 8th, when our list closes and the official catalogue goes to the printer in order to be in readiness on the morning of the 10th. This is the 26th of December and our list is hardly in all fanciers' hands, but this morning's mail brings in all told, 177 entries in pigeons, 65 in poultry, besides a few ducks and geese. The interest taken here among our citizens and business men is of the most flattering kind. Our daily papers are doing all in their power to aid us and taken all in all this is a sure sign of success. Every pigeon and poultry fancier in this country knows that Cincinnati stands in the top rank as a show town. Go back to 1891 when it put the first pigeon show ever held in America in the field. It was a grand success in every way. There were more fanciers out then than any two shows put together. Fanciers, we are going to repeat this show, so those who missed it then, should be with us now, only we have taken in the poultry fanciers, so it will be a double header in the way of a show. Every mail is bringing in stacks of letters so that we have been compelled to call in help to answer some. The poultry fanciers will be out in full force. As to the pigeon fanciers, they will stand by the best conducted show in the country. Again we say, be with us. The American Fantail Club will be out in full force. The American Pouter Club will be organized. Many of the members of the specialty clubs write that if the latter don't meet at Cincinnati they will be there. It is expected that the American Owl Club and the American Jacobin Club will meet with us, as promises are made to that effect. Come boys, get in line, be with us; we trust we may meet you all at our great show January 10 to 16. A Happy New Year to all is the wish of
GEO. EWALD, Sec'y.
Cincinnati, Ohio, December 26, 1894.

Seamless Bands.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

Mr. G. A. Fick, our secretary, had an article in THE AMERICAN FANCIER of Dec. 22d in regard to seamless bands, and which band the Magpie club should use. I am in favor of the bands made by T. Willet. They are the right thing for a Magpie and can't be put on an old bird, like some of the other bands in use at the present time. I heard that some of the Magpies entered in the young bird classes at Boston were old birds with 94 bands. The Webb band is too large for a small Magpie, and can be taken off or put on very easy. If there is a bird in the young bird class in New York that has a band on that can be taken off, I will protest if the bird should win a prize, so fanciers take note of this. It was done once before, but the birds that had them on did not receive anything and it did no harm. The Willet band is very neat and light, keeps bright, and the principal thing about it is, it don't cost much. You know bands that cost five or six cents apiece, are worth as much as some of the birds that have them on. These bands can be had at about two cents apiece, and if the club would take a large number they could be bought far less than two cents each. If the club intends using bands of one kind, we must make up our minds at once, as the first of the year is past and some of the members will have their birds mated very early.

GEO. W. SPOHN.
Member of Magpie Club.
Philadelphia, January 3d, 1895.

Stray Homers.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

Please state in your paper that I have in my loft a stray Homer banded A. S. H. C., 832, 94.
F. C. BRUNNER.
Westfield, N. J., Dec. 27th, 1895.

Massachusetts Columbarian Association.

To THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

The semi-monthly meeting of the above association was held on Friday evening, December 28, at 133 Blackstone street, Boston, with President Gavin in the chair, some 30 members being present. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The absence of the financial secretary was much to be regretted, as I noticed several members put in an appearance on this evening, no doubt, at the call of the corresponding secretary, and I believe came fully prepared to pay up their dues, had the financial secretary been present. On this account no business could be done financially.

Some 14 Black Checkered Homers were exhibited by Messrs. Harris, Cooke and Carpenter, and the president appointed Mr. Henry Wagner to judge the birds, who made the following awards: Black Checkered Cocks, 1st, J. C. Harris; 2nd and 3rd, Fred C. Cooke. Hens, 1st, 2nd Cooke. Cocks of same color, 1894 hatch, 1st, Cooke, and George Carpenter.

The next meeting will be held on Friday evening, January 11th, and a full attendance of members is earnestly requested. The varieties to be exhibited are Red and Yellow Pied Pouters, Red and Yellow Jacobins, Black and Blue Turbits and Black Magpies, cocks and hens of each variety, and all the same in young birds of 1894 hatch. Members please take notice and avoid mistakes.

Motion to adjourn was carried at 9:30 P. M.

GEORGE FEATHER,

Corresponding Secretary.

Mattapan, Mass., Dec. 31 '94.

Correction.

To THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

A few typographical errors have crept into my critical report of Boston's exclusive pigeon show, which are of little importance, as from the context the errors can be easily detected. There is one matter, however, that I should like to have righted.

It occurs in my remarks on any color Barb, hens, 1893 bred, where I say both belonged to Newell, whereas, first prize bird is owned by W. W. White, of Baltimore. I appear to have been misled owing to a misprint in the catalogue. I note, however, the matter is right in the prize list.

In the catalogue opposite pen No. 122 a Mr. White's name does not appear, although the pen contained the winning bird, and I am informed was owned by Mr. White.

JOHN GLASGOW.

Corrections.

To THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

In Yellow Pied Pouter hens, it should read 2d Reid instead of Wagner. Dun Carrier hens, 1st Pearson, not Sweeney. C. P. L. White Fan cock, 2d, hen, 1st, Suter, not Inter. Best 1894 White Fan, 1st, Robison; 2d, Weiss, not Robison. Best 1894 Saddle Fan, 3d, Robison, not Weiss. Yellow Magpie cock, 3d, Joos, not Tieman. Self-Colored B. Flying Tumbler cock, 1st, Peacock & Smith. Self-Colored C. L. Flying Tumbler cock, 1st and 2d, Schimpff, not Schimmel. Self-Colored C. L. Flying Tumbler hen, 1st and 3d, Schimpff.

Omitted.—Yellow Magpie hens, 1st and 2d, Joos; 3d, Tieman. Snip Swallow hens, 1st, Weick. Wing Trumpeter cock, 1st, Tieman.

ROBERT JOOS.

Peoria, Ill., January 2d, 1895.

American Columbarian Association.

To THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

The American Columbarian Association will meet at Cincinnati, Saturday, January 12th, 1895. A full attendance is requested, as business of great importance to the fancy will come up. Will also elect vice-presidents, finance committee and treasurer; also, adopt a band for 1895. The officers for 1895 are as follows: F. M. Gilbert, president; P. F. Hager, secretary.

Executive Committee—Dr. F. W. Tugle, Geo. F. Peer, Sam. Casseday, An-

drew Muehlig, H. V. Crawford, W. T. Levering, T. Farrar Rackham.

W. F. LEVERING, Pres't.

P. F. HAGER, Sec'y.

American Fantail Club

To THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

There will be a meeting of the American Fantail Club, at Cincinnati, Saturday, January 12th, 1895. The officers for the year will be elected, and applications for membership to the club will be acted on. It is earnestly requested that all members be present.

F. M. GILBERT, Pres't.

P. F. HAGER, Sec'y.

Pigeon Flying.

Homing Gossip and Echoes From the Flying Fancy.

BY "FRITZ."

I am asked by a correspondent whether I deem it unwise and hurtful to the birds if one enters the loft after dark with a lantern, which he frequently does, owing to his business at this season of the year calling him away early in the morning before daylight, and it is dark when he returns home at night, and wishing to enjoy the company of his pets he invariably spends some time with them every night by lantern light, and finds no ill effect among them from the practice.

My correspondent is not the only fancier with whom I have come in contact who is given to the practice of entering the loft at night, and I know many who constantly do so. While no apparent ill effect may result from the practice, yet I am firmly opposed to any such unreasonable and unnatural disturbance of the birds.

When darkness has set in, and the inmates of the loft have sought the seclusion and rest on their favorite perch which their loft affords, I deem it both unwise and unreasonable for the fancier to intrude any such lantern-light disturbance upon his birds.

I'll be bound that they view such unreasonable visits in much the same light that their owners would, were a friend to throw open the door of their bedroom several hours after they had retired for the night, light the gas, wake them up from a sound sleep, sit and stare at them for half an hour or so, and then suddenly turn down the gas and retire.

Every reflective fancier cannot but condemn such practice, and the mere gratification to be derived in looking at one's pets by lantern-light after dark, should certainly be sacrificed by the fancier who really loves his pets for the more humane and fancier-like desire to give them as much comfort and natural night's rest as possible.

How can any possible good and well being accrue to the birds when their rest and quiet is so suddenly disturbed, and their sight now at rest and ease in the darkness, blinded and dazzled by the sudden flash of the lantern or light in the loft?

The birds need no food or water at this hour, for nature has taught them to so supply themselves before going to rest, and yet my correspondent also remarks "they so enjoy a handful or two of hemp seed" which he gives to them (no doubt as an apology for the intrusion) and he says further that "the birds have become so nice and tame."

Oh no, young fanciers, never disturb your birds after they have gone to rest, unless it is absolutely necessary to enter the loft to ascertain whether a missing favorite has returned during the day—which the best of us no doubt occasionally does, or for some other important reason—but by no means let the mere idle curiosity of looking at your pets, or exhibiting them to any friend take you there after dark, and particularly with a light.

Such visits unquestionably cannot be beneficial to them, and may yet have an unhealthy influence, if not immediately

discernible, perhaps later on. The practice is entirely wrong, and one I strongly condemn.

In connection with this correspondent's letter, I will touch upon the subject of tame birds which now occurs to me.

The fancier of racing Homing pigeons needs none such in my judgment. I never cared for them, and never will. Perhaps those who possess such, may advance by way of argument that the tamer the bird, the less possibility there exists of startling him on his return from a race, and less liable to lose time in going in, that these tame birds are so much easier to handle, are more at home in the baskets, will move readily, feed and water in transit to the race station than the wild, restless chap, and will altogether more readily acquire his teachings to home, and do what his owner expects from him.

My experience has taught me differently. Give me the wild restless chap that is never really at home or contented unless in his own loft, or his own perch and box. I have had tame birds in my time, but never yet one that hurried to get home. Reliable? yes, but speedy? no. The working Homer is not a bird to handle often and fondle as a pet. I rarely take my birds in hand, if they pass muster day by day, as is my custom to run my eye over them each morning, to see that all are well, and only handle them a few times in the year when absolutely necessary. It is rare that I hand them to my visitors to examine and ruffle. To observe the working Homer critically and at his best, you must look at him standing bold and upright on his perch in the loft, not as a mass of struggling and disturbed feathers in your hand, with his fine lines hidden and distorted. My birds don't fear my presence in the loft, and are not disturbed by my entrance much, yet can readily detect when strangers are present, yet the most of them are hard to catch, and I want them so.

Constant handling and fondling of one's birds undoubtedly renders them tame, and the tamer they become the less restless and active is the temperament. They become in a measure subdued, and lose that determination, snap and vigor which characterizes the successful and speedy worker, and so essential to a racer when battling against contrary winds or hard weather. Furthermore these tame birds are far more difficult to get into fit racing condition, and as a rule less inclined to go up and work when sent out of the loft for exercise at the early stages of the training season. It is the wild and untamed chap that at the click of the opening of the trap is at once out and up, and stays there, because he is in his right element, but your tamed pet enjoys the inside of the loft, looks for your presence, and customary relishes of hemp seed, and evinces altogether a natural dislike for work. It is extremely difficult to condition such birds, and without condition, racing Homers are useless in competition against crack flying stock.

Of course there are always exceptions, and no doubt many of my readers may be able to instance certain fine workers in their loft who were exceptionally tame and gentle, but I am quite sure from my observation and personal experience, that the average successful worker is a wild, fiery, restless and quarrelsome bird difficult to catch and hold in hand, and quite unaccustomed to being handled and fondled, with a natural dislike to being tamed or subdued in any way. The great majority of my best birds, old and young, of that now pass through my mind, were of this wild type, and I have in late years never attempted in my handling, matings and breeding, to counteract, or in any way lessen or subdue this wild, restless quality, in fact, I endeavor to cultivate it.

I am quite sure that such birds are far less inclined to enter strange lofts, are not to be caught by chaff, and will respond to certain work that the tame bird will shirk, and furthermore, I think that in reproduction, the type of bird I favor transmits a more sound and vigorous constitution to its young.

During the interval between the ratifi-

cation meeting held in the afternoon and the annual meeting of the National Federation in the evening at Odd Fellows' hall, Philadelphia, on the 13th ult., the Quaker City flying fanciers entertained themselves and visitors right royally. It was indeed a veritable love feast, and the greatest harmony prevailed. Very many prominent flying men sat down to the dinner, and it was indeed refreshing, after so many seasons of discord, to see so thorough a unity and to listen to the many leading representatives from various flying sections in the after dinner speeches all speaking to the point, and with the one common object—the advancement of the flying sport and national organization. The American flying fancy cannot but be advanced by such social reunions, and a more healthful influence cannot be imagined.

Viewing the splendid array of flying talent present, hailing from Philadelphia, I almost wished I was a resident of the Quaker City, and for many reasons. There is no other flying section which can boast of so large a number of good flying men within so close a radius, and this means superb competition under equitable conditions and the fullest enjoyment of pigeon racing.

I feel deeply indebted to the Quaker City boys for the many courtesies extended, and apart from the honor conferred upon me by unanimously electing me to the presidency of the national organization, I shall for many years to come cherish with the pleasantest memories the annual meeting and dinner of 1894 in Philadelphia.

In recent notes I touched upon the question of keeping the loft and loft fixings neat and trim, and wrote at some length against the indifference of so very many fanciers upon this important subject, and how such slovenness in the loft and indifference to outward appearance influenced many votaries of the sport and non-fanciers most unfavorably. In delightful contrast to such shortcomings was a visit I made very recently to the loft of Mr. Louis W. Spanghel, of Brooklyn, N. Y., he of "Duffer" fame, the president of the Empire City Flying Club of New York and vicinity, to inspect the improvements and alterations in his loft which I knew he had been engaged in during the past few weeks, and to be candid I must confess that I was anything but prepared for such startling and novel features which were presented to my criticism.

Whatever the genial Louis does I know from long experience and association with him as a pigeon racing fancier he does well and liberally, and his present establishment is in full accord with such reputation. I now tell to my readers that here the *Fin de Siecle* homing loft of the homing fancy is to be seen. Neatness, cleanliness, perfect ventilation, situation, cheerfulness, non-overcrowding and perfect trapping facilities, with perfect accommodations for owner, timer and visitor, as well as occupant of the loft, at once strikes home to the critic.

A more perfect establishment I have never inspected, and I warmly recommend all flying fanciers when opportunity occurs to take it in. I have not the leisure nor space here to dwell at any length upon this model and up to date homing pigeon loft, but it will suffice to say that in its construction and arrangement every important point of advantage and comfort for bird and owner is fully covered. When I left the genial company I met there, and after spending several of the most pleasant hours in inspection and conversation that possibly falls to the lot of an enthusiastic flying man and scribe, I did not really know when asked by the owner of the loft for any possible improvements or suggestions that I could offer, whether to recommend silk fringe for the dado shades on spring rollers, which conveniently cover the numerous windows of the reception and timer's room on the roof, or whether additional camp stools and China cuspadors would be in order.

All I can say is, whenever flying men are in the Brooklyn vicinity they should not fail to inspect this model flying loft at 183 Penn St.

A Gloversvillian's Experience.

As I read of that wonderful flock of young birds owned by "Fritz" during the summer of 1885, which he supposed flew for so lengthy a time during their morning exercise, I laughed so heartily that my wife remarked: "Has Puck or Judge got something good; please read that I may laugh too," she never dreaming that THE AMERICAN FANCIER could produce such a ripple and create such laughter. Yes, this summer I flattered myself, such a flock was I possessor of. At club meetings I would relate of my birds flying so high and staying away from two to three hours, and I can recall the peculiar twinkle in the eye of A. C. Butts and his remarks of, "such I have never had," and the wistful look of Secretary Clark, wishing he had such a flock. These were moments of triumph for me, but, alas, this triumph was one of short duration. I had invited a number of my friends to see the homing of my birds from the 100 mile race of our club. It was an ideal morning for a flying race, and I flattered myself that the guests would have a surprise at the manner the birds would home and go through the trap and into the loft. Soon the birds were seen coming and they not being accustomed to see so many persons around their coits, alighted on the roof of my house. One of those present, not thinking of what he was doing threw at at them; they at once arose in the air and flew in the direction which they always went when they took their morning exercise. After waiting fully a half hour, I saddled my horse and rode about 4 miles in the direction they had gone, using my field glass continually. My search, at last, was rewarded, for half a mile farther on was a flock of pigeons circling round a farm house, and by the time I reached there they had alighted on the ground, and, to my chagrin, some of them were my flock of long flyers visiting common ones owned by the farmer, who, with a smile blandly said: "Yes, they are late this morning, they come and feed with mine, and Anna, my wife, looks for them as if they were our own." Now if any of my brother fanciers are blessed with 2 or 3 hour flyers, don't tell anybody. A. C. SAUNDERS.

Gloversville, N. Y.

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To THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

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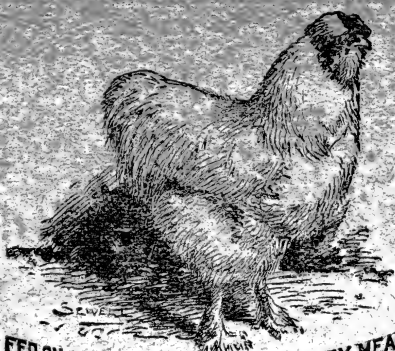
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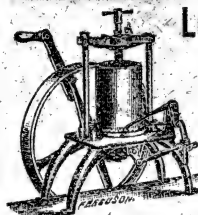
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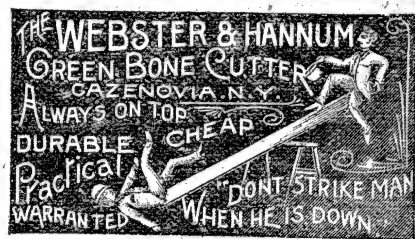
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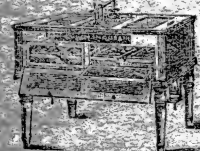
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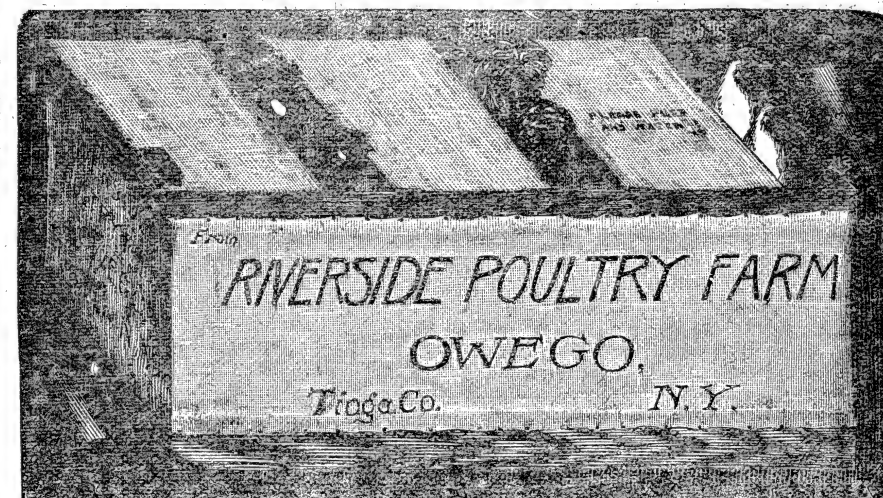
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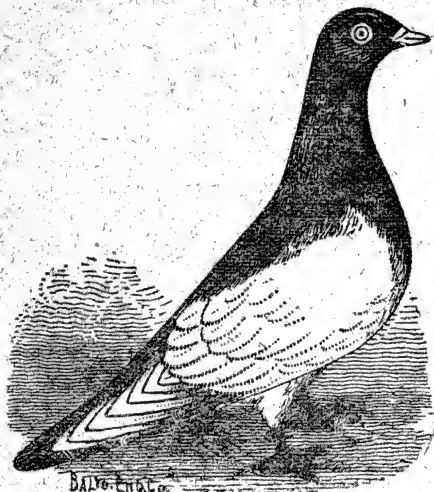
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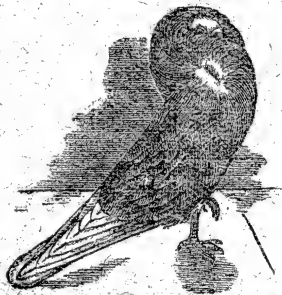
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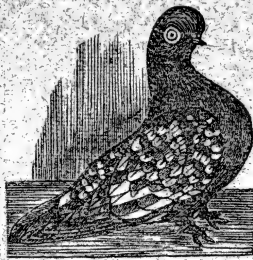
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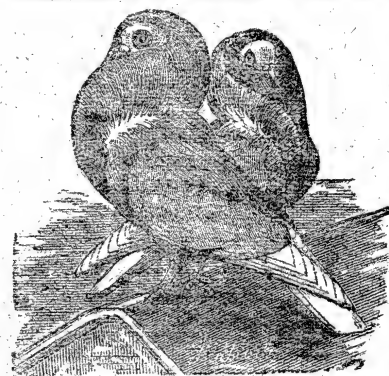
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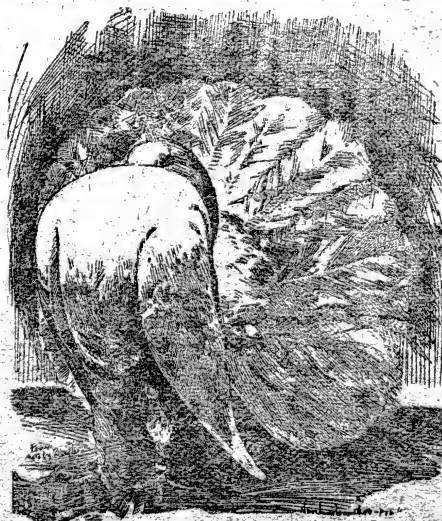
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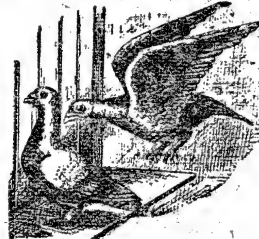
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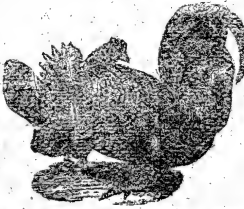
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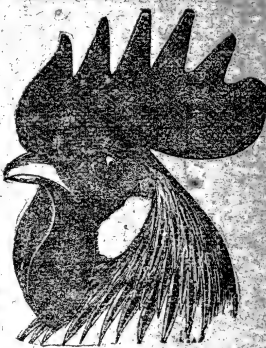
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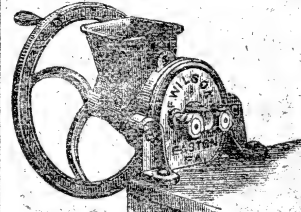
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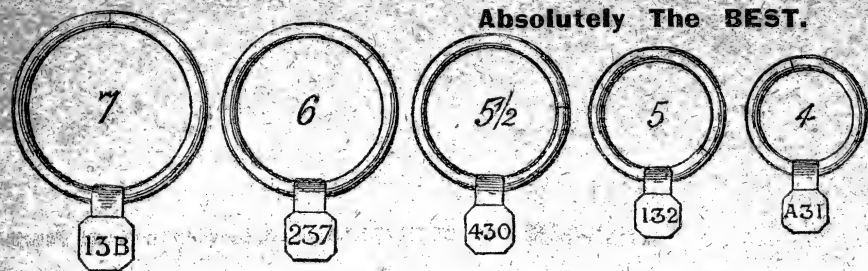
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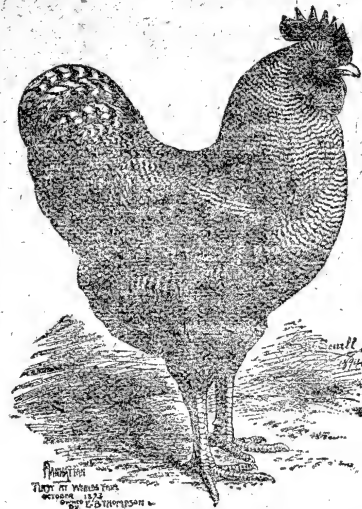
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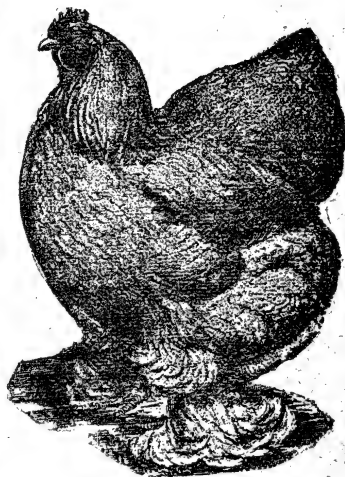
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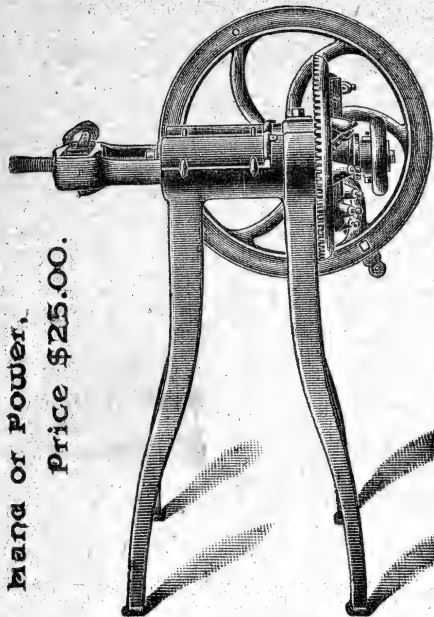
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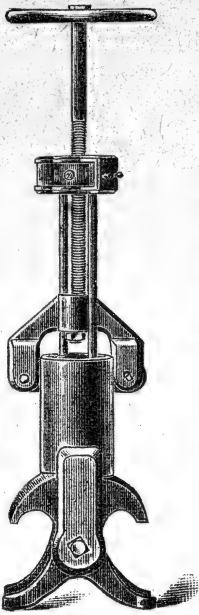
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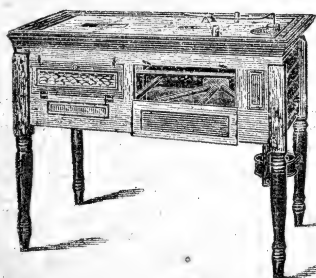
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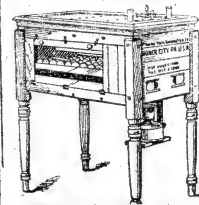
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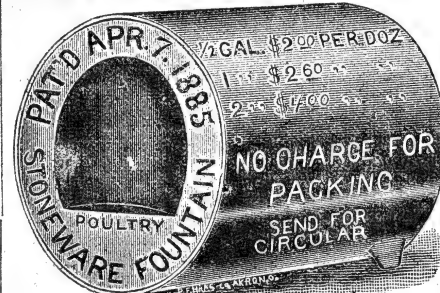
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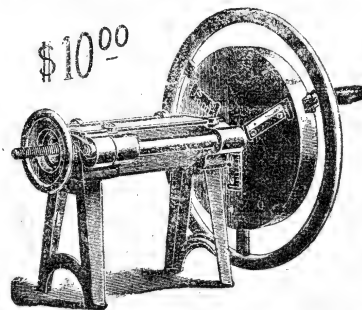
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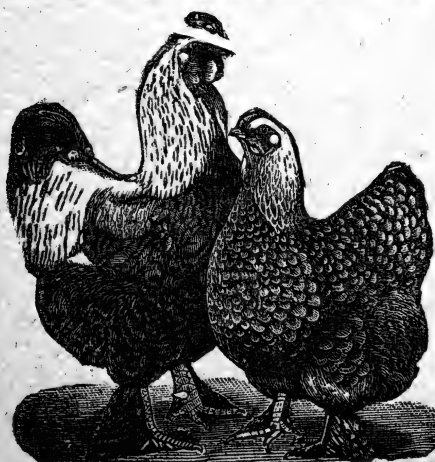
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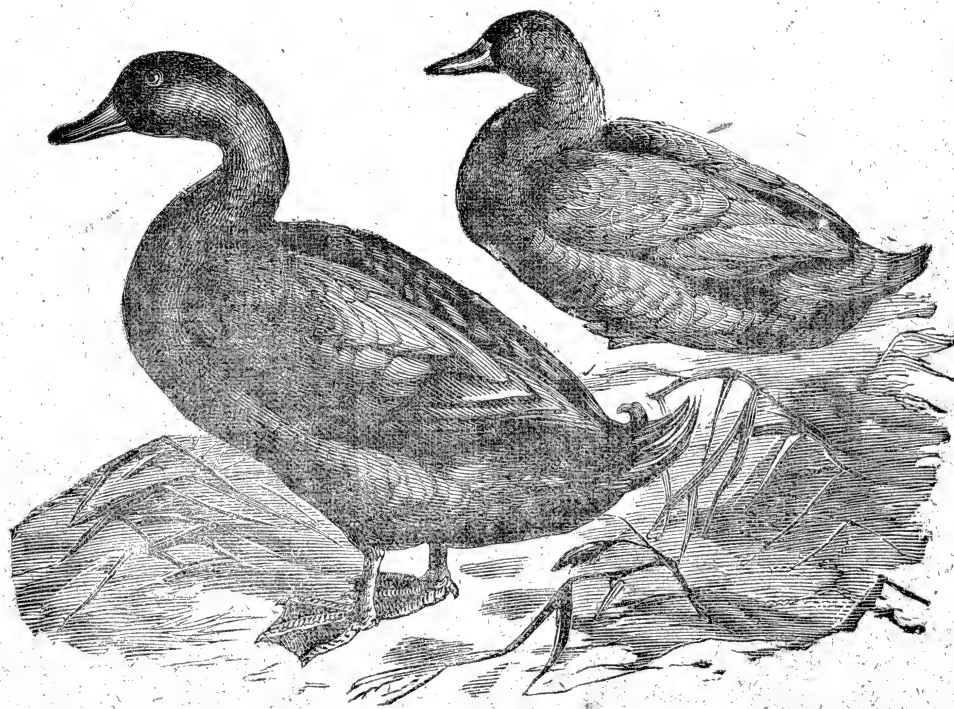
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- Jan. 15-18.—Northampton Poultry Association, Northampton, Mass. Geo. S. Whitebeck, secretary.
- Jan. 15-19.—Howard County Poultry and Pet Stock Association, Kokomo, Ind. F. J. Marshall, judge. L. C. Hoss, secretary.
- Jan. 15-19.—Tacoma, Washington. Henry S. Ball, judge. H. H. Collier, secretary.
- Jan. 15-20.—Nebraska State Show, Lincoln, Neb. Emory and Hitchcock, judges. A. Lemen, secretary.
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- Jan. 16-18.—New England Light Brahma Club, Boston, Mass. G. W. Cromack, secretary, Stoneham.
- Jan. 16-18.—Ansonia Poultry Association, Ansonia, Conn. J. W. Willis, supt.
- Jan. 17-19.—Washington Country Poultry Association, Greenleaf, Kan. F. W. Hitchcock, judge. H. L. Haak, secretary.
- Jan. 17-22.—Berks County Poultry and Pigeon Association, Reading, Pa. Judges: Poultry, Halsted and Zimmer; pigeons, Stanton. B. F. Ruth, president; H. M. Shoemaker, secretary.
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Facts and Fancies From the West.

BY THEODORE STERNBERG.

The Mid-Continental show is over and many are the lessons of value taught by it to our western fancy. One, and to my mind the most important of all, is this: The meeting of fanciers from all over the land, the acquaintances formed, the friendships made, has a direct tendency to unify the fancy, to nationalize it, and thus to dignify it. The getting together fowls from all over the land directly tends to uniformity of type in fowls of the same breed—tends towards uniformity in judging. These matters were so plain at the Mid-Continental that the fanciers present, George G. McCormick, of London, Canada, as chairman and Albert Lemon, of Lincoln, Neb., as secretary, passed resolutions commending this show and pledging the fanciers to its support in the future.

Another lesson of great value, particularly to our western fancy, was taught by William McNeil and George G. McCormick, of Canada. That is how essential it is to show birds properly fitted and trained for exhibition. I venture to say that in the future more care will be taken by our western fanciers in preparing fowls for the show-room. We had a grand object lesson when Mr. Sewell, in one of his interesting chalk talks, called for a Buff Cochin cock to illustrate on the black board. Mr. McCormick brought his 1st prize Buff cock. This bird stood in any position required for the taking of his picture. That the object lesson was full of immediate good was apparent, for next day many of the exhibitors were engaged in training their birds. Mr. Challis, of Atchinson, progressed so rapidly with his fine Light Brahma cockerel that before the end of the show the bird postured grandly while Mr. Sewell drew its portrait.

The features of the show were the exhibit of Polish, the Indian Game class and the Buff Cochin class. I wish to impress on all the fancy the lessons taught. Sid Conger and his bride were with us throughout the show. Attentive and gallant as Sid was he still found time to state the frozen truth when he looked over the small exhibit of Light Brahmas and said, "In the Asiatic class this is a buff show." So it was. As a Buff breeder I was delighted, as a fancier I was disappointed. Here at Kansas City is the center of a district full of grand Light Brahmas, Langshans and Plymouth Rocks; yet the classes for these breeds were not so large as they should have been. Conger told the reason. Said he, "The western boys were afraid of the eastern birds, and the eastern boys were afraid of the western birds, and so between them they have let this be a Buff show." This will never happen again. I look for an immense turnout in these classes at the next Mid-Continental. Many of our western breeders thought a dollar entry fee was too much and this feeling was encouraged by the few enemies the Mid-Continental has in Missouri and Kansas. Those who were present learned that the entry fee was not too high, for at shows of this magnitude it is quality that is desired and not quantity, and we had the quality there. Another matter I wish to impress is this. In all the breeds having a weight requisite the exhibitor is handicapped who has to ship a distance, for we well know how birds lose weight by reason of long shipments. This weight clause keeps many a fine bird at home which but for that would be sent to distant shows. Great national shows like the Mid-Continental must devise some means by which this real draw-

back to the exhibition of weight carrying birds from a distance can be obviated.

There was still another lesson taught Buff fanciers, and that is that the scanty feathered Cochin is no longer in it. The more feather, the more attractive is the bird and the higher price will it bring. In 1891 the Cochin controversy began, and now here in the west the Mid-Continental has given us the object lesson that the Cochin is a bird of feather. Short feather is no Cochin, and the great majority of Cochin fanciers recognize this and like it. The few so-called judges who have sought to hold the Cochin down to a short feathered bird may grind their teeth and swear and stay a moss-back, but the Cochin fancy will go on breeding more and more feathers, feeling that both beauty and profit unite in the Cochin with the crinoline.

Let me make a digression. *The American Stock-Keeper*, of which I am not a subscriber, occasionally—quite frequently, in fact—sends me a sample copy. The joke on me is, they never send me a copy containing any of its numerous references to myself, but are careful to send the occasional copies in which I do not serve as a text to its lime-light editorials. I don't kick about this. I am glad to be of service to any of our papers. I am a newspaper man myself and so feel kindly towards all the craft, but all this is by way of introduction. My friend Carl J. Weick has just handed me his copy of the *Stock-Keeper* for the 29th of December, wherein I am twice referred to editorially "to point a moral and to adorn a tale." I beg to be allowed to quote the scintillations:

"What is the use of the full feathered class in Cochins? It was only created to give a few a chance to win prizes when they thought there was no chance for them in the American class. But now that the great champion of the birds, Mr. Sternberg, has failed to enter any in this class at the show in Kansas City, which he has been booming so strong, it looks as if even Theodore was going back on them. Knock out the class and devote your energies to the grand old American Cochins."

"About 40 Buff Cochins competed in the American class and 16 in the full feathered class and the question naturally arises, where was the champion of these breeds, Mr. Sternberg? Not an entry from him in this class, but he has 3 in the American class. Why is it thusly, Theodore? Hast thou gone back on thy idol?"

I am quite sure the dog editor must have gotten over into the poultry department, for the poultry editor would have known that Theodore Sternberg judged the full feathered class at Kansas City, and he would have hardly entered a bird in the class he judged. But I agree with the dog editor that there is now no longer any use for a full feathered class in Buff Cochins. At Madison Square it has long been a distinction without a difference, and the Mid-Continental has wiped out the distinction in the west. There is but one Buff Cochin and that is the full feathered Buff Cochin, the Cochin of the revised standard. I entered, for exhibition only, at the Mid-Continental five Buff Cochins in the American class. Three were the descendants of English birds, but born in this country of pure English blood. I also showed in the same class, but not competing, two pullets bred by Henry Tomlinson, of Birmingham, Eng., received by me a day or two before the show. No one questioned the entry or said these fowls were wrongly classed. In the full feathered class McCormick's 1st cock and Mrs. Kimmel's 2d cock, bred by Tomlinson, the 1st and 2d hens, bred by Tomlinson, and McCormick's 1st pullet and others could all compete on even terms in the American class. In the American class was to be found amongst the winners birds of pure English blood of the strains of Proctor, Harris, Scriven, Lady Anson, etc. The great Buff breeder of the far east writes me that he has no use for two classes—his birds can all go into either or both. I have always exhibited my own birds in the American class. If the name of the breeder were required to be on the entry it would be found that

for each of the last three shows at Madison Square Garden in the American class of Buff Cochins birds bred by me—the despised English Buff—were in the money. I have in my desk quite a number of score cards of birds which have won that were bred by me and shown in the American class and signed by the great exponent of anti-English except in Langshans. The fact is that "full feathered Cochins" is a misnomer, and so is "American Cochin." Yes, I agree with the dog editor and say we now need but one class, and that is "Buff Cochin"—only this and nothing more. For American breeders now see, realize and feel the truth of the words of one who has bred Buff Cochins a longer time than any man now living. Henry Tomlinson says, "We breed Cochins now with more feathers than formerly, because they are more attractive in the show pen and sell for more money." Any visitor at the Mid-Continental will vouch for the attractiveness and any purchaser will vouch for their bringing more money.

Another lesson taught at the Mid—I mean made plain to the naked eye, for all shows teach the lesson—is this, if you come to push and sell fowls of any breed they must be out in force at the big, yes, at all shows. The purchasing public, God bless it, is very much influenced by the number of a breed shown. This is to it the ocular measure of a fowl's popularity. Until this show here in the west we never had a large exhibit of Indian Game. Persons read in the papers much of Indian Game, but failed to see many at the shows; but at the Mid-Continental the Indian Game class was grand in quality, and many of them. I predict a large increase in the demand for Indian Game here in the west and they are a most deserving fowl.

Here is the philosophy of it and the rule which must be observed—the pyramid, its base, its apex. The true fancier shows first of all things to advance the fancy. To this end he tries to get out a full exhibit in all the classes—this is the base. Second, he does his utmost to get out a large class in his own favorites. A big exhibit he knows helps the breed, and in pushing the breed he thirdly and lastly helps himself—this is the individual apex. No fancy, no sales. The whole business is in these few lines. And in narrow minded non-observance of these simple rules can be found the reasons why any breed has seemingly dropped behind, for there is room for all. If you, my friend, happen to be the only breeder in a locality of any particular breed, for once stop thinking of scores to sell by, but think of the breed and show as big a string as your yards and purse will permit. Come to the next Mid-Continental and show a hundred, if you have them, and your reward will be great. Your breed will boom.

Another thing that we learned at the Mid, is that it is the place to make sales. I venture to say that many, many more sales were made in the show room than at all our western shows put together for the last three years. I myself practically sold clean out to my breeding yards. The fact is I really contemplate holding everything I raise next year until the Mid-Continental, then entering every fowl and selling them at auction.

The Mid-Continental did another thing—everyone who won a dollar, if present, got it before the close of the show. Every absent exhibitor has had his check for prizes won mailed to him. The show paid out. It took in enough to pay expenses and leave something to the good. It never touched its reserve fund at all and has the means on hand to hold its next show. So highly does Kansas City and its business men regard our show that it will be a permanent institution in that live city and I feel quite safe in saying the premium list for next season will aggregate \$6,000. So at least that is the talk now.

Lastly, the success of this first great western national show is due solely to the energy and business ability of the executive committee, business men who have taught the fancy how to make a show pay its own way. Why, bless your

hearts, fanciers! this is the first show I ever attended where I paid my own way and brought home more money than I had when I went there. Other fanciers told me the same thing. So I wish success to all poultry shows and a happy new year to all fanciers and hope to meet you all at Kansas City next season.

Langshans Again.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

I think there must also be some apology due from me to "Zim" for I have no recollection of having written anything in your valuable journal concerning White Langshans. I thought the discussion had been over the relation of the Langshan to some popular made breeds, and I think the Plymouth Rock that appeared at the Dairy show sporting feathered legs *points my case well*. But I do not press this matter or any other; all I demand is fair play and "terms of speech," and that those who advertise Langshans should be careful to supply their customers with the real thing and not a mongrel.

Now, about these White Langshans. I feel sure any bird purchased of Mrs. R. W. Sargent would have been pure, for she was an ardent admirer of the breed. In my long correspondence with her I recognized in her a true and talented woman. But although I have never come across a White Langshan myself, and Mrs. Sargent never once reported receiving such a sport from my birds or eggs, knowing that white is the sport of black, I could not deny the possibility of such a bird, only up to the present time it is a matter of *faith and not of sight*. Here in England a "Variety" Langshan Club has recently been started, and I was invited to join it, but this my health and other considerations obliged me to decline, but when, later on, the hon. secretary, who, although we have never had any business transactions with each other, has for some time been a very pleasant correspondent of mine, when this gentleman wrote saying they purposed giving me an advertisement of my book and would like to place my name in their catalogue as hon. vice-president, I felt I could not refuse the proffered honor. The catalogue contains the letter I wrote to the hon. secretary in answer to the one I received from him intimating their gracious intentions towards me, and as it gives all I have to say regarding White Langshans I reproduce it.

I should add that I did not see the standard of this variety, Langshans, until the printed catalogue was sent me. I regret to see it repeats the error that appears in the Langshan club standard.

Dear Sir:—Your letter inviting me to become Hon. Vice-President of your "Variety" Langshan club has gratified me exceedingly, for I feel it is intended as a tribute to the honesty of purpose with which you believe I have acted in all matters relating to this useful and beautiful fowl. I have for some time ceased to be a member of the original Langshan club, and I should not care to take a prominent part in any new movement regarding the Langshan until I can see my way to rejoining my old friends; but I take it a Hon. Vice-President's duty is only to look on.

I have now bred Langshans for nearly twenty-three years, and during all that time I have never had a white sport in my yard; now and then white feathers have shown themselves, chiefly in the "flights," and I have also had cockerels with colored hackles—both these defects it is well known are common to all black breeds of poultry; but as I have, as far as possible, avoided breeding from such specimens, I rarely see any amongst my flock.

I was speaking to Mr. Harrison Weir about these sports a short time since, and he said "a White Langshan would be quite possible, for white is the sport of black, and having once established a white variety others would be likely to follow." I also remarked to Mr. Weir, that although I had often heard of "White Blackbirds," "White Ravens," and "White Crows," I had never known of a white variety of these birds being established. He replied, "the circumstances of the Langshan are totally different. It is a domesticated fowl, and therefore

under man's guidance and control—he could bring sports together, which in a wild state would rarely, if ever, congregate.

Leaving it under the shelter of so high and conclusive an authority, I can only add my hope that your club will go on and prosper on the right lines—that is to say, whatever new variety may in the future be adopted by its standard, will be able to show a clear descent from pure Langshans on either side.

A. C. CROAD.

Since commencing this letter, I have read an article on "The Origin of the Langshan" that has appeared in a contemporary. The writer tells us he does not believe the Langshan to have been of Chinese origin. He says they originated in England and some of them perhaps in America. He speaks of the breed as a mixture, and says many Langshans show yellow feet. He adds, "I have seen this yellow in the progeny of imported birds—birds supposed to have come from Miss Croad's yards. He continues: "She is still working on the original graft. Neither is she so foolish as to tell just how the Langshans were made." He says, "Thousands of Langshans have been made in England and shipped abroad." Of this latter fact there can be no doubt, and it is evidently these mongrels and not the true Langshan that this gentleman has become acquainted with, and even of these he writes, "There is no better fowl." What would he say of the pure bird, I wonder? It was on the 14th February, 1872, my uncle, the late Major Croad, received the first Langshans that were ever exhibited in England. I believe a cross with the Langshan and also a few pure birds had previous to this time found their way to our shores and probably also to America. We have received further importations of Langshans from the district. Sixteen have been shipped for us, but two came to grief. I never possessed a Langshan that showed any trace of yellow, and I feel sure Mrs. Sargent, who was truly the pioneer of the breed in America, never sent out any such. A gentleman holding a high appointment under our Government abroad visited my yard about a month ago. He told me that a day or two previously he had been to see — yards, naming a breeder of all kinds of poultry. My friend noticed a number of birds running about looking very like Langshans. "Those are my Langshans and Orpingtons," the proprietor informed him. On his remarking that mischief would most likely arise from birds of that age running together, the proprietor replied, "Not at all. We have only to separate the clean legged from the feathered legged; they are just the same." Now, I frequently see this yard mentioned as shipping fine Langshans to various parts—very many more than I have ever sent off. I have said all I know of the Langshan in my history of the breed. The following extract may be of interest to your readers:

The fact that some naval officers engaged in an exploring expedition had come across some Langshans elsewhere, and had afterwards met with them at Hangkow, and that another naval officer had brought some from Chusan where he had seen them in considerable numbers, led us at first to the belief that the breed was widely distributed, and the name a mere localism. But on sending our book to China, our friends there told us that in this matter we had been mistaken, that the Langshan was strictly limited to the district of that name and only found in other parts of China by importation. One gentleman with whom we opened a correspondence at that time, told us he had been in the Imperial Service of China ever since 1859, that he had travelled thousands of miles in the interior in all directions, and had never come across the Langshan in any other part except by importation. He told us Chinese names usually bore a signification, and that Lang should be translated two and Shan hills. He added that he and other residents in North China, well remembered the introduction of the Langshan to the European community, its date was fixed by the placing of a Lightship outside the Langshan crossings in 1862, the officers and crew of the Lightship landing to explore and forage, came across this fine breed of fowls, and as occasion offered would send

presents of eggs and birds to their friends in Shanghai. Mr. Keele who is another independent source of information had in the meantime narrated the circumstance of the lightship and of the Langshan being confined to the district to a lady correspondent in England, these facts were therefore generally known. But the order of things changes. A year or two since a correspondent well informed on the subject wrote: "The Lightship was stationed off the Langshan crossings in 1862, but it has long since been superseded by a double line of buoys. Steamers have frequently come to grief on these shoals, but I have never heard of but one total loss."

Mr. Keele I have never seen or corresponded with, and the first time I ever heard from the gentleman in the Imperial Service of China, was after he had read my book in 1877. I may add he is the only poultry fancier I am acquainted with in China. He came to see me in 1881.

A. C. CROAD.

Poling House, Poling, Arundel,
England, Dec. 8th, 1894.

New Hamburg, Ontario, Show.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

The twenty-first Ontario show, held at New Hamburg, was probably the largest and best show of the twenty-one, both as to quantity and quality, and I wish to note to your readers the deserving exhibits. Games were the first judged, and in old cocks two remarkable birds won 1st and 2d, both of them grand quality and lots of size. First cockerel just over from England, and will prove a valuable acquisition in the breeding yard, for he had a great many good things to recommend him, especially his grand straight legs and fine carriage. He did not require any training; the only position he could endure was the highest ideal we hope to see in an Exhibition Game. You could look at him fifty times a day and he was always standing, showing that he was a stylish exhibition bird. There were several more good cockerels; but not in grand show shape, and none had the commanding appearance of the 1st prize cockerel. In females there was the largest in quantity and quality that I have ever met at any show. First prize hen a remarkably grand, high standing, reachy hen, with grand head and tail, and very good in color; 2d hen was a really good hen also, excepting she did not cut away enough in stern, still she possessed a model both in shape and carriage of tail; 3d prize hen grand all over, excepting she did not stand as erect as one would wish; 4th hen grand all over, excepting her large comb. First prize pullet a grand mate for 1st prize cockerel, and they would make a desirable pair of birds for any good breeder; 2d prize pullet a little longer in back and rather long in tail, but carried it finely; 3d pullet not quite so large as the two just mentioned, but quite a gem, and I might say there were many left out which were good to win a first place perhaps anywhere but the Ontario show and New York, and to be candid with your readers, New York is where most of the champions meet, and no doubt a good many Game birds shown at the Ontario show will find their way to Madison Square Garden and do battle with the best the country affords. The Brown Reds were fairly good in cocks and cockerels, but in hens and pullets there were some really fine specimens, which will be heard of at other large shows. Duckwings were well represented both in quantity and quality, and the winners were very fine in both shape and color. First Pile a very fine upstanding bird, beautiful in color, but too slim in breast and body, but had grand style, and the very best of legs ever seen on a cock bird. Very few cockerels to be found with such grand, straight, faultless legs. Second cock a very clean, cut away bird, but too small for first-class company. Cockerels—None at their best, all of them wanting about a month more to develop. First and 2d prize hens very close for first place; what one lacked in color the other lacked in style. Balance of class good birds. Pullets—First pullet nearly perfect in color, except being a little dark in legs. Her tail was better. When I judged her two weeks ago at

Owen Sound it seemed to have got mused either in the coop or in transit. Second prize pullet a good bird, but colors not so well defined. Balance of class very fine.

In Black Red Game Bantams, first old cock was fine in carriage and tail all one could desire, and though very small in body he was on pretty high legs, worst fault being a little off in breast color; 2d a really good bird, and right up in G; 3d the best cock in the show if it had not been for his being under the weather, very small and fine in carriage and grand in length of leg, very short in feather, and would probably weigh 14 ounces; should have liked to have seen him at his best. Balance of class all good birds. Hens—First hen, a grand small hen, and description of third cock would be very appropriate; 2d hen a grand hen all over, and about the only thing against her she had to give way to smallness of size; 3d prize hen close up to the winners, but just a trifle softer in feather. All the hens were really good. First prize cockerel full of style and grand in color, tail very fine, an easy win; 2d cockerel a grand bird, but off in breast color; 3d very similar, but better in breast color, not quite so neat. Balance of class good, serviceable birds. Pullets, 1st prize a gem, both in color and style, and very neat in body shape; 2d a grand pullet, carries her tail nicely, but feathers a little broader than 1st prize pullet, a nice, reachy bird; 3d prize pullet another good one, but a little off in health. The balance of class good. In fact, the Black Reds were all first-class specimens, and many deserved recognition, but the prizes would not reach around.

Duckwings were a really grand lot, and as Silvers and Goldens competed together it was quite a hard matter to decide. I noticed one or two remarkably fine Silver females, but nothing turned up in Silver males.

Brown Red cocks fairly good specimens. First and second hens remarkably fine. Cockerels good in style, but not so good in color as one would wish, and I would like to see the same competition as there is in the Black Reds.

Piles.—First cock a grand colored bird, very fine and neat all over; 2d not quite as good in color, but a really good bird; 3d a good bird. Cockerels, 1st from British Columbia, a grand, reachy bird, with the finest of carriage, and very high on good straight legs; 2d and 3d very similar and very close. Hens and pullets, all the winners first-class specimens and deserving of mention equally with the Black Reds, and I have no doubt but that a great many of the Bantams shown at the Ontario show will do battle at New York, and it will take something grand to win over them.

Light Brahmas were not there in quantity, but quality was just about enough to take all the prizes, 1st, 2d and 3d cockerels good birds, and 1st, 2d and 3d pullets remarkably fine in tail coverts, especially 1st pullet with the very best of wing color. First hen, this is its third year win at the Ontario, a remarkably good hen; 2d, a good hen, just a little pinched on tail, but nice tail coverts. First cock a very good bird and well deserving of 1st prize; 2d, a fairly good cock, but lacks finish.

Dark Brahmas are good birds, and 1st cock and hen worthy of especial mention. First cockerel, 1st pullet, birds of very high excellence in shape and color.

Buff Cochins, the two giants met, and prizes very evenly divided. First prize cock a grand long feathered Cochin, 2d New York last year as a cockerel, 1st late Kansas City show, 1st prize cockerel at New York last year. Was not shown at the Ontario, but I noticed at Kansas City the 1st prize cockerel at New York, 1894, had to change places and give way to the 2d New York cockerel '94, and probably the reason why the 1st cock did not show up just as grand at the Ontario as at Kansas City was no doubt owing to the 1600 miles railroad travel he had had to endure. At Kansas City he was in great fit and looked remarkably fine, and was probably more admired than any other Buff Cochin male. While he is smooth in hock and nicely rounded, he has got a superabundance of side leg feathering, and perfect as one could wish in foot feathering; 2d cock, quite a nice bird, but not so heavily feathered on legs and

feet; 3d prize cock, a grand even colored bird, not quite as large as 1st and 2d, and not quite as good in cushion. Hens, 1st, New York last year in American class, 1st at the Ontario, she is better and even in color than last winter, and if she was a little heavier feathered on the extreme end of middle toe, she would be a hard hen to beat, she has got lots of cushion, lots of leg and toe feathering, and when standing at ease, you cannot see between her legs for feathers; 2d, a very sound good shaped hen, but hardly fit to show, wants two or three weeks more time to fit her; 3d, a good Cochin shape, but a little off in surface color. Cockerel, 1st, very nice in outer color but not so sound in flights, but all in all a good bird; 2d, has the soundest wing one may ever see, neither black nor grey to be seen, and if his outside color was as good as inside color, I think he would go through as perfect in all sections for color. The bird is just a little on the light lemon, but sound and even colored all over with the best colored tail one could desire, and the Kansas City ride had told upon him, for he looked a little tired, and not in real good show shape. I noticed the 2d prize Ontario cockerel won 1st at Kansas City, and there he was ripe to show, but we all know too much showing uses up the best of young birds; 3d, will be in grand fit in three weeks if all goes well with him, and we might have the pleasure of seeing him at Madison Square Garden. Pullets, 1st, a really good one both in shape and color; 2d, a little light in color; 3d, been to Kansas show, seemed to be pretty well tired; 4th, a grand pullet, immense length of feather, will make a good hen. She had that tired feeling also, and no doubt she had been to Kansas City.

White Cochins, about all the 1st went to McNeil, and his White Cochins looked as if they had been to Kansas City, and when one just comes to think that those birds could not get home before Friday, midnight, and then packed up again early on Monday morning and off to another show, one can quite understand how tired they must be, and when our old friend, McNeil, cannot keep them up in show shape, it's because it cannot be done, for he is certainly a marvel in keeping birds in show condition.

Partridge Cochins, quite a large class, and prizes fell to pretty good Partridge Cochins.

SHARP BUTTERFIELD.

The Hamburg Show.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

Was it a good show? Well, yes. More than that, it was a rouser—1,500 birds on exhibition, and as a whole they were of high quality. Almost anyone who has had an eye on the doings of this club for the past year expected it would be a good show, but nobody expected it would be as large as it was. Every member of this society is a worker. All of them had their coats off from start to finish and worked. Birds were in their coops promptly and at the time specified in their lists were ready for the judges to begin their work. The judges were J. Y. Bicknell and J. F. Knox, of Buffalo, and F. B. Zimmer, of Gloversville, N. Y. Birds were as well classified as could be expected at so large a show and judging was rushed along at a good rate. Cards were all up three days before the show closed. The Barred Plymouth Rocks were a strong class and many good birds were shown. The catalogue credits this class with 92 entries and I think it safe to say they were all present. There were 66 entries in White Plymouth Rocks and as a class it was above the average seen at most shows. Mrs. H. G. Parker, D. F. Taylor and one or two others showed some that were corkers. There were 21 Buff Plymouth Rock entries of about the average quality. Knox, of Buffalo, showing quite a good pullet. Not many of the others reached 90 points.

Silver and Golden Wyandottes were fair sized classes, but there were no cracks among the lot. There were 40 entries in White Wyandottes and we noticed some grand birds among the lot. One cockerel in particular took our fancy. He had grand shape and style, a good comb and was pure white. D. F. Taylor, John F. Tallinger and J. B. Huff were represented in this class, aside from several others whose names we have for-

gotten, which accounts for the quality. There were 18 Buff Wyandottes entered. There were no world beaters among them. Black, White and Mottled Javas and American Dominiques were small classes. There were 63 Light Brahmas entered and a great show they made. Some really good birds were shown by Dr. Robbins, president of the society, Hy Emrick, "Scotty" Jackson, the two latter named men of Canadian fame, and several other breeders. The Dark Brahma class was small, but represented by breeders like C. S. Jackson, J. B. Huff and Miss Jennie Vaissiere, a guarantee that they were a good average lot. The Cochins were really good; 48 entries in Buffs and some hummers among them. There were 38 Partridge Cochins entered and among them were some rather young birds shown by Secretary Pease that were very fine in shape and color. Hy Emrick, C. S. Johnson, Wm. Kronenberg, and Hamburg Poultry Yards also showed some good specimens. To sum it all up, it was a good class. A small class of fair Blacks was shown and some corking good White Cochins, some 25 specimens, far more of this variety than is generally seen at shows. There were 17 Black Langshans and some quite good birds. J. F. Knox had it all his own way on White Langshans and showed some good birds. There was a small class of Black Spanish of considerable merit. Also a class of 50 White Leghorns, and a part of the display of real merit, Mr. W. G. Taylor showing a corking pullet of true Leghorn shape, pure white and comb above the average. S. C. Brown Leghorns were a whole show of themselves, and as regards quality good enough to grace any show room in America and win their full share of honors. There were 100 birds in this class and but very few poor ones among them. The largest exhibitors were Brace & Walling with a wonderfully even lot. They were particularly strong in females and won the lion's share throughout the class. The beautiful special, the Richmond Cup, caused this big entry. It was offered for the highest scoring male in the class and the result was a tie at 94 between two of the Brace & Walling birds and one of George H. Burgott. This special must be won twice to decide ownership and as it now stands belongs to the society and in the event of either of these exhibitors winning it another year it is to be their property. Martin Gabriel, Jr., showed a grand old cock and Milo Canfield a great hen, and there were also good birds shown by several others, among them C. Hammer-schmidt and W. E. Richmond. The most serious defects in some of the birds shown is that in trying to increase the size of their stock some of our breeders are overlooking the fact that they are breeding birds with a back shaped like a Minorica instead of a Leghorn, as regards the standard description, and are also breeding combs and wattles approaching Minorica style, too large and coarse in appearance and texture to grace the head of a Leghorn, and consequently the specimen must suffer cuts in these sections. No one section, no matter how good, can make a bird great. They must be judged as they are and footed up on a score card as a whole. The Buff Leghorn class (40 birds) brought out some really good ones. The birds were of true Leghorn shape and buff under as well as outside color. Mr. T. C. Sherman showed a fine string and very nearly cleaned up the whole of the prizes. Dominique Leghorns were a small class and of very ordinary quality. Black Leghorns also a small entry. There were some 30 or 40 R. C. Leghorns of fair quality, and quite a nice display of Minoricas both Black and White with some good birds in the lot. THE AMERICAN FANCIER's representative, Miss Jennie Vaissiere, "swept the deck" on Andalusians. The Polish class was represented by W. C. Blacks, Goldens, plain and bearded, and Buff Laced. The last named, with two of Tallinger's W. C. Blacks, were the best in the class. Some fairly good Golden and Silver Spangled Hamburgs, some quite good Golden and Silver Pencilled, a few fair Whites and some good Blacks were shown. There was a small class of Red Caps and also a few quite nice La Fleche and quite a string of Houdans of fair merit.

The Game class, including all varieties, was small, with hardly any that would be fit to win at the New York show. The best in the class was a pullet in Golden D. W.'s shown by Miss Vaissiere and the Whites of Joe Spraker. I must not neglect to say that I saw a few quite nice Silver Gray Dorkings shown by Mr. Ralph. There was quite a large display of Bantams, including Black, Red Game of ordinary quality, Silver D. W.'s and quite a slick pair of White Game Bants shown by A. F. Haas. I think them the hardest, reachiest and best shaped of any seen in a long time. Golden Sebrights had quite a string, with birds from Canada, F. Lewis of Amsterdam, and others. There was quite an entry of Silver Sebrights, and some really good ones were shown by J. B. Huff, Jennie Vaissiere, F. D. Lewis and C. S. Whiting; some good Cochins Bantams in Buffs, Blacks and Whites, by Hy Emrick, and the Wild Cat Poultry Yards showed some good Black Rose Combs. W. S. Patterson showed a pair of Buff Rose Combs that were good as regards size and are true Rose Combs in shape. Several good Japanese Bantams were shown and among the lot was a White cock of merit shown by Whiting. Several Silkies of merit were shown; also Frizzles, Phoenix, Pheasants, Guineas, Peacocks, Capons from the New York Station and their famous Food Exhibit attracted much attention. Bronze, Buff and White Turkeys, Pekin, Muscovy, Rouen and Aylesbury Ducks and Brown China Geese and a large display of Pigeons and among them some really good birds of different varieties. I must not fail to notice the large showing of Indian Games which contained some quite good birds, and also the good class of Pit Games, nearly 40 specimens, and among them birds that appeared in condition to battle for life at any time. An incubator at work attracted the ladies' and children's attention, and was hatching a good percent. Thus endeth a good show of good birds in a good hall, with good light and run by good men in a good way, and this kind does the poultry interests good.

HASH FROM HAMBURGH.

By this time I presume the superintendent, gigantic W. E. Richmond, a man as large hearted as he is large in form, is nearly rested from the labors of the late show, and is thinking about and preparing for the next.

Secretary Pease and his able volunteer assistants, Geo. H. Burgott, C. H. Tillinghast, Dr. Robbins, Wm. Kronenberg and treasurer Salisbury have solved all the knotty problems of the office department and are undoubtedly looking calm and serene again.

Will there be another show at Hamburg? Sure! And a larger and better one still than the one this year. How do I know? Because the officers have decided it that way already. They are men with business ability, influence and wealth, and these qualities count as proof. Note the increase in size of their second show over their first one.

C. S. Jackson showed a pair of Buff Leghorn Bantams at Hamburg, and we heard talk of his having a strain of Light Brahma Pit fowls.

The success of T. E. Sherman with Buff Leghorns is only another instance of what ability, sound judgment and cash can do. He started with the best he could buy. He makes a specialty of them; raises them by hundreds, keeps his best for breeding, and knows a good one when he sees it.

A goodly number of sales were made, and at good living prices. The genial Nat E. Luce, the representative of the *Practical Poultryman*, bought several good birds. When his cash ran low he would take a few more subscribers and an advertisement or two, and then start in again. At times I began to fear he was altogether "tou-louse."

Almost everybody we met at Hamburg takes and reads THE AMERICAN FANCIER, and those that have not been taking it subscribed for it there. Miss Jennie Vaissiere was the representative of this paper there, and could be seen flitting around in the crowd with a paper in one hand and a roll of greenbacks in the other, showing plainly she was there for business, and attending to business.

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Ontario Poultry Association.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER.

The annual meeting of the above association was held in the Town Hall, New Hamburg, on Thursday, Jan. 3d, the president, M. C. Ernst, in the chair. There was a very large attendance, the hall being entirely filled.

Many valuable papers were read, the contributors being T. A. Duff, Toronto; C. F. Wagner, Toronto; J. Dilworth, Toronto; J. E. Meyer, Kossuth, and others, and an interesting criticism of them was the result. Addresses were delivered by Prof. Mills, president of the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph; C. C. James, deputy minister of agriculture; A. G. Gilbert, manager poultry department Central Experimental Farm, and others.

A lively fight ensued as to where the next annual show should be held. The vote stood a tie between Port Hope and Guelph and the president gave the casting vote in favor of Port Hope. The second full week in January was fixed upon as the date of holding the show.

The election of officers resulted as follows: Honorary president, F. Goebel, New Hamburg; president, H. White, Port Hope; first vice-president, Wm. McNeill; second vice-president, G. S. Oldrieve, Kingston; treasurer, George G. McCormick, London; secretary, Thomas A. Browne, London; auditors, J. Dilworth, H. B. Donovan, Toronto; delegates to Industrial Exhibition, J. Dilworth, W. Barber, Toronto; delegates to Western Fair, Geo. G. McCormick, J. H. Saunders, London; directors, Thomas A. Duff, Toronto; Jno. Crowe, Guelph; Jno. Cole, Hamilton; S. M. Clemo, Galt; C. Massie, Port Hope; S. C. Trew, Lindsay; T. Rice, Whitby; A. Bogue, London; W. O. Gibbard, Napanee.

In the evening an interesting meeting was held at which addresses were delivered by several members of Parliament and others. A musical program of high merit was also given. At the close of the meeting an impromptu "hop" was got up and it was quite evident to all that the poultrymen knew how to dance, especially when such beautiful ladies grace the occasion by their presence. Following is the program:

President's Address.....	Mrs. Hamilton, Miss McCallum
Piano Duet.....	Mrs. H. A. Ernst
Song.....	W. R. Plum
Address.....	L. G. Pequegnat
Song.....	J. A. Gilbert
Address.....	Miss Allie Ernst
Song.....	Hon. John Dryden
Address.....	Mrs. Hamilton
Song and Chorus.....	Miss Flowers, Mrs. Hamilton
Address.....	James Livingston, M. P.
Song.....	Mr. Barber
Address.....	George Clare
Song.....	Mr. Fox
Duet.....	Misses Hamilton

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Black Minorcas were a nice class. Cock, 1st, a nice colored bird, but small; 2d, not so good in comb or face; 3d, a nice bird but out of condition—frosted. Hen, 1st, good color throughout, pure comb; 2d, a nice large bird; 3d, fair. Cockerel, 1st, a big fellow with grand comb, face and lobes, good color throughout, an easy win; 2d, another big fellow, good comb, wattles and lobes, not so good in color as first; 3d, another big fellow, good comb and color, will likely go white in face. Pullet, 1st, an immense big one, seven pounds weight, pure comb, wattles, lobes and color good legs; 2d, a nice bird, not so good on head as winner; 3d, tie, both good birds.

White Minorcas were nice classes. All the birds were excellent and were of good size, all of them being standard weight.

Our attention was particularly drawn to the large exhibit of high class pigeons, also the striking quality of most of the birds. Worthy of special notice was the exhibit of Russian Tumpeters of pure Russian qualities combining large circular rose, globular crest, and massive spread of foot feathering. The winners would be hard to beat in the most fashionable company. We notice the prizes all went to one breeder who makes a specialty of this variety whose lofts and residence are at Port Hope, Ont.

Among the new breeders to exhibit at the Ontario show was Mr. W. I. Gibbard, of Wapanee, Ontario, who showed some very fine White and Barred P.

Rocks, Golden and White Wyandottes and Indian Games. He is an enterprising breeder and intends, by pluck and enterprise, to be among the best in Canada.

THE BOYS' BEHAVIOR.

"Dick" lost the lantern last year, but "Jack" did the "cheating" this year. It is "hoss and hoss."

The big fellow's speech from the top of the bar was grand.

"Billy" appreciated the presentation of the cradle. He said he had eleven children and hoped to live to have eleven more.

"Plymouth Rock" Bennet talked the leg off every exhibitor in the show, but it was about a tie when he and "Sharpe" got together at 3:35 A. M.

Who broke down the bed?

Wonder if "Billy's" cap (?) will fit him.

It was most amusing to see English

"Game" Barber singing an Irish song.

Who put the "Limberger" and pretzels in "John's" pocket?

"Fritz" got his face well rubbed with Limberger.

Who was the man from St. Thomas that broke the fan light?

Who scored the crockery?

The man from Wapanee was taught a few pointers on chicken shows, and the boys' doings. He will be in good trim for Port Hope next year. He is going to the New York show.

"Grandpa" Main had a "wry tailed" gander.

The Leghorn man from Whitby wears no clothes in bed. This was demonstrated when he was "pulled" out.

Who was the judge that slept under the bed?

The big AMERICAN FANCIER man pulled every leg in the stable for a dollar. He is O. K.

Knapp Brothers' Great Poultry Farm.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

On November 1st I resigned my position as manager of the Rockwood Poultry Yards at Tarrytown, N. Y., where I was manager for over a year and a half for Mr. Wm. Rockefeller. I am now located at Fabius, N. Y., where I am assisting Messrs. Knapp Brothers in their extensive poultry business. Perhaps a description of this large poultry establishment will interest your readers. I will try and briefly describe the place and the work carried on here. Fabius is located in the southern part of Onondaga County, 20 miles south of Syracuse, in one of the finest farming sections in the State. A few minutes' walk from Fabius brings you to two farms, containing about 380 acres of land. Here we are met by Messrs. Knapp Bros., the proprietors of one of America's greatest poultry farms, the home of the White Wyandotte and White Leghorn fowls, which by their record in the show room for the past eleven years has won for them an enviable reputation. Here are annually raised many hundred of these two varieties of fowls. We find located in convenient places five large houses, which are models of convenience and comfort, supplied with running water and having a capacity of from 250 to 300 fowls each. In these buildings the breeding stock is kept; here also we find their choicest specimens, many of them with scores ranging from 93 to 98 Standard points. Orders for eggs are filled from the same pens from which they use from themselves. Besides these larger buildings, three of which are 100 feet long, we find many smaller, well built movable buildings located on different parts of the farm. These houses, 8 x 16 feet, are used principally for raising chicks, and are so arranged that the chicks have free range, insuring strong, vigorous birds when they are required in the fall. During my stay here we have shipped 94 fine birds of these two varieties, shipping to 15 different States, and have also made one shipment of show birds to Christchurch, New Zealand. Orders have also been booked for 87 settings of eggs. Visitors are always welcome here except on Sundays, and I extend an invitation to all my friends and old acquaintances to call and see me in my new location and inspect one of America's greatest poultry farms.

G. H. HILLIER.

Awards at Ionia, Michigan.

LIGHT BRAHMAS.—Cock, 1st 94, 3d 89½, M. F. Stellwagen; 2d, 91½, A. R. Carron. Hen, 1st 93, 3d 91, Carron; 2d, 92½, Stellwagen. Cockerel, 1st 92½, Ionia Poultry Club; 2d 91½, Carron; 3d, 91½, Concord Poultry Club. Pullet, 1st 94, 2d, 93½, 3d 93, Concord Poultry Club. Pen, 1st 184½, Concord Poultry Club; 2d 183½, Carron; 3d, 182½, Ionia Poultry Club.

DARK BRAHMAS.—Hen, 1st 91, 2d 89½, J. H. Nichols. Holly. Cockerel, 2d 91½, Nichols. Pullet, 1st 93½, Nichols; 2d 93, 3d 92, Mason's Poultry Farm. Pen, 1st 182½, Nichols.

PARTRIDGE COCHINS.—Cock, 1st 91½, R. E. Miller, New Haven. Cockerel, 1st, 2d, 92½, Smith & Gott, Ionia; 3d 86½, Miller. Pullet, 1st 2d, 94, 3d 93½; pen, 1st 186½, Smith & Gott.

BLACK LANGSHANS.—Hen, 1st 95, Mrs. L. N. Olmstead, Muir; 2d 90½, Mrs. I. D. Rouse, Eaton Rapids. Cockerel, 1st, 94½, 2d 94½, 3d 93½, pullet, 1st 95½, 2d 95, 3d 95, Olmstead. Pen, 1st 189½, Olmstead; 2d 183½, Rouse.

WHITE LANGSHANS.—Cockerel, 1st 92, 2d 89, pullet, 1st 94, 2d 92½, 3d 91½, Olmstead.

SILVER WYANDOTTES.—Cock, 1st 90, Homer Kriebler, Ionia; 2d 88½, W. F. McNaughton, Sheridan. Hen, 1st 91½, 2d 91, McNaughton. Pullet, 1st 93, 2d 93, McNaughton; 3d 93, Kriebler.

BARRED PLYMOUTH ROCKS.—Cock, 2d 89, Shaw & Flanders, Lansing; 3d 88½, A. S. Bacon, Muir. Hen, 1st, 2d 93, Bacon; 3d 92½, Geo. W. Pickett, Caledonia. Cockerel, 1st 92, Pickett; 2d 91½, Wm. M. Carroll, Onondaga; 3d 89, Bacon. Pullet, 1st 94½, 2d 94, 3d 94, Carroll. Pen, 1st 185½, 3d 182, Pickett; 2d 183½, Carroll.

W. P. ROCKS.—Cock, 1st 94½, 2d 93½, A. R. Carron, Clarkston; 3d 93, Ionia Poultry Club. Hen, 1st 95½, 2d 95, Bacon; 3d 94, Carron. Cockerel, 1st 94, Ionia Poultry Club; 2d, 91, Wm. Metz, Ionia. Pullet, 1st 96, 2d 95½, 3d 95½, Bacon. Pen, 1st 188½, Ionia Poultry Club; 2d 188½, Carron.

BUFF P. ROCKS.—Cockerel, 3d 88½; pullet, 3d 88, Stellwagen, St. Ignace.

HOUDANS.—Cock, 1st 92½, Ralph Hoge, Hubbardston; 2d 92, 3d 91, Concord Poultry Club. Hen, 1st 95, Mason Poultry Farm, Grant; 2d 94½, Concord Poultry Club; 3d 94, Hoge. Cockerel, 2d 90½, 3d 89½, Mason Poultry Farm. Pullet, 1st 94½, Concord Poultry Club; 2d 93½, Howard Frace, Saranac; 3d 93½, Hoge. Pen, 1st 185½, 3d 182, Concord Poultry Club; 2d 185½, Hoge.

W. F. B. SPANISH.—Cockerel, 1st 2d, 94; pullet, 1st 95½, 2d 94½, 3d 94½; pen, 1st 188½, N. B. Grosvenor, Ionia.

S. C. BROWN LEGHORNS.—Cock, 1st 92, Mason's Poultry Farm. Hen, 1st 93½, 3d 93, Mason's Poultry Farm; 2d 93, Mrs. Rouse. Cockerel, 1st 94, 3d 93, Ed. A. Yacht, N. Detroit; 2d 94, Clark Seymour, Ionia. Pullet, 1st 94½, 2d 94, 3d 94, Yacht. Pen, 1st 188, Yacht; 2d 186½, W. H. Tyler, Stockbridge.

S. C. W. LEGHORNS.—Cock, 1st 91½, George Seabrook, Muir; 2d 91, A. C. Goodwin, Ionia; 3d 91, Mason's Poultry Farm. Hen, 1st 95½, Miller; 2d 93½, Goodwin. Cockerel, 1st 93½, C. P. Reynolds, Owosso; 2d 93½, Mason's Poultry Farm; 3d 93, Goodwin. Pullet, 1st 96½, 2d 96, 3d 95½, Miller. Pen, 1st 187½, Goodwin; 2d 187½, Reynolds; 3d 186½, Mrs. Rouse.

R. C. BROWN LEGHORNS.—Cock, 1st, 2d, 92½, Ionia Poultry Club; 3d 92½, Mason's Poultry Farm. Hen, 1st 93½, Ionia Poultry Club; 2d, 3d 92, Mason's Poultry Farm. Cockerel, 1st 93½, 2d 92½, Ionia Poultry Club; 3d 92, F. R. Cuttini, Waters. Pullet, 1st, 2d, 94, Ionia Poultry Club; 3d 93, Cuttini. Pen, 1st 184, 1-5, Ionia Poultry Club; 2d 184½, Mason's Poultry Farm.

R. C. W. LEGHORNS.—Cock, 1st 91½; hen, 1st 93, 2d 91½, 3d 90, Dell Goodell, Lowell. Cockerel, 1st 93½, Morse & Carpenter, Ionia; 2d 93½, 3d 93, Goodell. Pullet, 1st 96, 2d 95½, Goodell; 3d 95, Morse & Carpenter. Pen, 1st 188½, Goodell.

BUFF LEGHORNS.—Cock, 1st 90½, George S. Barnes, Battle Creek. Hen, 1st 92½, 2d 91½, Barnes; 3d 91½, D. G. Mange, Lowell. Cockerel, 1st 93½, 2d 91, 3d 90½; pullet, 1st 94½, 2d 3d 93, Barnes. Pen, 1st 186, 5-6, 2d 183, Barnes; 3d 173½, Geo. Seabrooke.

BLACK JAVAS.—Cockerel, 1st 92; hen, 1st 96, pullet 1st 92, Concord Poultry Club.

BLACK MINORCAS.—Cockerel, 1st 94, 3d 89, Stellwagen; 2d 91, Carron. Hen, 1st 95, 2d 94, 3d 92½, Stellwagen. Pullet, 1st 95, 2d 94, 3d 95, Ionia Poultry Club; 3d 94½, Carron. Pen, 1st 183½, Carron.

WHITE MINORCAS.—Cock, 1st 91; cockerel, 3d 89; pullet, 2d 91½, Stellwagen.

SILVER POLISH.—Hen, 1st 92; 2d, 3d, 90½; pullet, 3d 89, Ionia Poultry Club.

GOLDEN POLISH.—Cockerel, 2d 90½, pullet, 1st 93, 2d, 3d, 92, Ionia Poultry Club.

W. C. W. POLISH.—Cock, 1st 91½; pullet, 1st 93½, 2d 90, Ionia Poultry Club.

P. C. W. P. ROCKS.—Cockerel, 2d 90½; pullet, 1st 92½, Grosvenor.

BUFF LACED POLISH.—Hen, 1st 93; cockerel, 3d 88; pullet, 3d 88, Ionia Poultry Club.

W. C. BLACK POLISH.—Cock, 1st, 2d 96, Ionia Poultry Club; 3d 95, Carron. Hen, 1st 94½, 2d 93½, 3d 93, cockerel, 1st 93½, 2d 93, 3d 91½; pullet, 1st, 2d 93, 3d 91½; pen, 1st 189½, Ionia Poultry Club.

G. S. HAMBURG.—Cock, 1st 91; pullet, 2d 90, Bell Bros, Lansing.

S. S. HAMBURG.—Cock, 2d 89, Ionia Poultry Club. Hen, 1st 96, 3d 94, Mrs. Eli Haley, Detroit; 2d 85, Ionia Poultry Club. Cockerel, 1st 94, 2d 92, Ionia Poultry Club; 3d 93½, Bell Bros. Pullet, 1st 94, Bell Bros; 2d 93½, Ionia Poultry Club. Pen, 1st 188, Ionia Poultry Club; 2d 187½, Bell Bros; 3d 183½, Wm. Metz, Ionia.

G. P. HAMBURG.—Cockerel, 3d 87½; pullet, 2d 87, Metz.

INDIAN GAMES.—Cock, 1st 95½, 2d 93, Ionia Poultry Club. Hen, 1st 96, 2d 93, 3d 93, Stellwagen. Cockerel, 2d 91, Ionia Poultry Club; 3d 89½, Stellwagen. Pullet, 1st 93, 2d 93, 3d 92, Ionia Poultry Club. Pen, 1st 187½, Ionia Poultry Club.

R. PILE GAMES.—Cock, 2d 89½; hen, 1st 94½, 2d 94, Ionia Poultry Club.

S. S. BANTAMS.—Cock, 1st 94, C. H. Clement, Sheridan; 2d 90½, J. J. Houghton, Detroit. Hen, 1st 93½, Clement; 2d 92, Houghton; 3d 89½, Ionia Poultry Club. Cockerel, 1st 92, Ionia Poultry Club; 2d 91½, Clement. Pullet, 1st 94, Clement; 2d 88, Ionia Poultry Club.

R. PILE BANTAMS.—Cock, 1st 94; hen, 1st 92,

Mrs. Haley. Cockerel, 2d 91½, 3d 91, Ionia Poultry Club. Pullet, 1st 95, 2d 94, Mrs. Haley. 3d 93, Ionia Poultry Club.

B. B. R. GAMES.—Cock, 1st 92, 2d 91½, Ionia Poultry Club; 3d 89½, J. H. Kilbourne, Okemos. Hen, 1st, 2d 95½, 3d 94, Cockerel, 1st 91½, 2d 91, Ionia Poultry Club. Pullet, 1st 93, 2d 92, Kilbourne; 3d 92, Ionia Poultry Club. Pen, 1st 186½, Ionia Poultry Club; 2d 172, Kilbourne.

B. B. R. GAME BANTAMS.—Cock, 2d 88½, Concord Poultry Club. Hen, 1st 94, Eli Haley, Detroit; 2d 92, 3d 91, Concord Poultry Club. Cockerel, 1st 94½, 2d 92, Concord Poultry Club; 3d 91½, Haley. Pullet, 1st 94, 2d 93½, Haley; 3d 92, Concord Poultry Club. Pen, 1st 186½, Concord Poultry Club; 2d 184½, Haley.

G. S. BANTAMS.—Cock, 1st 92, 2d 87; hen, 1st 93, 2d 92, 3d 91½; cockerel, 1st 95, 2d 93, Ionia Poultry Club. Pullet, 1st 94, 2d 91½, Ionia Poultry Club; 3d 90, Houghton.

PIT GAMES.—All to S. C. Prosser, Onondaga.

WHITE CHINA GEES.—Pair, 1st, Hoge.

The highest Breeding Pen in American, Polish, Hamburg, Bantam, Game to Ionia Poultry Club; Mediterranean, Ed. A. Yacht; French, Concord Poultry Club; Asiatic, Mrs. L. N. Olmstead; Pit Games, S. C. Prosser; judges' trophy, Ionia Poultry Club.

Awards at Winfield, Kansas.

LIGHT BRAHMAS.—Cock, 1st 93, Mrs. Jennie Stratford, El Dorado; 2d 86, Hop Shivers, Winfield. Hen, 1st 92, J. F. Thomas, Maple City; 2d 91½, 3d 91, E. C. Wiley, Arkansas City. Cockerel, 1st 93, Mrs. Kate Wood, Oxford; 2d 90½, Shivers; 3d 90, Mrs. Stratford. Pullet, 1st 94, 2d 93, Mrs. Stratford; 3d 92½, Thomas. Pen, 1st 185½, Mrs. Stratford; 2d 184½, Mrs. Kate Wood, Oxford; 3d 179½, Shivers.

DARK BRAHMAS.—Hen, 2d 89, 3d 89, cockerel, 2d 88, Mrs. Stratford.

BUFF COCHINS.—Cock, 1st 92½, G. T. Huffman, Winfield; 2d 89½, Mrs. Stratford. Hen, 1st 89½, Mrs. Stratford. Cockerel, 1st 92½, Mrs. F. E. Moore, Tisdale; 2d 91½, 3d 91, Huffman. Pullet, 1st 94½, 2d 92½, Huffman; 3d 91½ (tie), Huffman and Mrs. Stratford. Pen, 1st 184½, Huffman; 2nd 181, Mrs. Moore.

WHITE COCHINS.—Cock, 2d 89, pullet, 1st 95, 2d 94, 3d 94, Mrs. Stratford.

PARTRIDGE COCHINS.—Cock, 1st 91, Huffman. Hen, 1st 94, Mrs. Stratford; 2d 92½, 3d 91½, J. W. Owen, Wellington. Cockerel, 1st 92 (tie), Owen and Mrs. Stratford; 2d 91½, D. F. Utz, Wellington; 3d 91, Mrs. Stratford. Pullet, 1st 92½, 2d 92, 3d 92, Huffman. Pen, 1st 183½, Owen; 2d 183, 3d 181½, Huffman.

BLACK LANGSHANS.—Hen, 1st 94½, 2d 93½, 3d 93½, M. L. Wortman, Winfield. Cockerel, 1st 94½, Wortman; 2d 94 (tie), D. A. Wise, Topeka, and Wortman; 3d 94, Wortman. Pullet, 1st 95, 2d 94, 3d 94, pen, 1st 188½, 2d 188, 3d 187½, Wortman.

S. WYANDOTTES.—Cock, 1st 90, Frank Hemrick, Arkansas City. Hen, 1st 92, Hemrick; 2d 90, Thomas; 3d 88½, Hemrick. Cockerel, 1st 93½ Thomas; 2d 92, Mrs. G. N. Hunt, Constant; 3d 91, Fred W. Stone, Arkansas City. Pullet, 1st 94 (tie), Stone and Hemrick; 2d 93 (tie), Stone, Thomas and Mrs. Hunt; 3d 93, Mrs. Hunt. Pen, 1st 185½, Thomas; 2d 184½, Mrs. Hunt; 3d 182½, Stone.

GOLDEN WYANDOTTES.—Cockerel, 1st 91½, Ashley A. Cone, Belle Plaine; 2d 90½, Mrs. A. B. Knight, New Salem; 3d 88, Hunt. Pullet, 1st 92½, 2d 92, Cone; 3d 91 (tie), Cone, and Mrs. Knight. Pen, 1st 182½, Cone; 2nd 179½, Mrs. Knight; 3d, Mrs. Hunt.

BARRED P. ROCKS.—Hen, 1st 90½, 2d 89½, 3d 89, Mrs. D. T. Bayless, Winfield. Cockerel, 1st 92½, Utz; 2d 92 (tie), Utz and Bayless; 3d 91½ (tie), J. M. Householder, Kellogg, and Mrs. E. B. Geiger, New Salem. Pullet, 1st 92½, Utz; 2d 92½, Householder; 3d, Utz. Pen, 1st 184½, Utz; 2d 183½, Householder; 3d 181½, Mrs. Bayless.

S. C. BROWN LEGHORNS.—Hen, 1st 92½, C. A. Sparks, North Topeka. Cockerel, 1st 93½, Sparks; 2d 93 (tie), Shivers and Mrs. Moore; 3d 92½ (tie), Shivers, Sharp and Mrs. Moore. Pullet, 1st 94 (tie), Shivers, Mrs. Moore and W. T. Lierman, Winfield; 2d 94 (tie), Lierman and Mrs. Moore; 3d 93½ (tie), Lierman and Shivers. Pen, 1st 186½, 2d 185½, Sparks; 3d 185½, Mrs. Moore.

R. C. BROWN LEGHORNS.—Hen, 1st 91½, Mrs. Moore. Cockerel, 1st 93, Mrs. Moore; 2d 92½, Mrs. Mary E. Steele, Burden. Pullet, 1st 94½, 2d 94, Mrs. Moore; 3d 92, Mrs. Steele. Pen, 1st 186½, Mrs. Moore; 2d 184½, Mrs. Steele.

S. C. W. LEGHORNS.—Hen, 1st 91½, Mrs. Moore. Cockerel, 1st 93½, Mrs. Moore; 2d 92½, Mrs. Steele. Pullet, 1st 94½, 2d 94, Mrs. Moore; 3d 93, Mrs. Steele. Pen, 1st 186½, Mrs. Moore; 2d 184½, Mrs. Steele.

S. C. W. LEGHORNS.—Cockerel, 1st 93, 2d 92½, 3d, pullet, 1st 95, 2d 94, 3d 94, pen, 1st 187½, 2d 185½, Lierman.

BLACK MINORCAS.—Cockerel, 1st 91½, 2d 91, pullet, 1st 94½, 2d 91½, 3d 91, pen 1st 183½, Mrs. Kate Wood, Oxford.

S. S. HAMBURG.—Cock, 1st 92, Mrs. Moore. Hen, 1st 93½, Mrs. Moore; 2d 93 (tie), Mrs. Moore and Clarence Tisdale, Arkansas City; 3d 92, Mrs. Moore. Cockerel, 1st 92, Mrs. Moore; 2d 91½, Tisdale. Pullet, 1st 94, 2d 93½, Mrs. Moore; 3d 93, Mrs. Moore and Tisdale. Pen, 1st 185½, 2d 184½, Mrs. Moore; 3d 184½, Tisdale.

G. POLISH.—Cockerel, 2d 88, pullet, 1st 92; 2d 91½, 3d 91, pen, 1st 179½, Hemrick.

W. C. BLACK POLISH.—Cockerel, 1st 92½ (tie), Hemrick and Utz. Pullet, 1st 93½ (tie), Hemrick and Utz; 2d 93, Utz; 3d 91, Hemrick.

C. I. GAMES.—Cockerel, 1st 93, 2d 92, pullet, 1st 91, 2d 90½, 3d 90½, pen, 1st 183½, 2d 180½, J. R. Statton, Udall.

G. S. BANTAMS.—Cockerel, 1st 91, Harry Light, Winfield; 2d 88½, H. C. Deats, Arkansas City. Pullet, 1st 93½, 2d 93½, Light; 3d 93½, Deats.

BUFF PEKIN BANTAMS.—Cockerel, 1st 93½, pullet, 1st 94, L. C. Ball.

TURKEYS.—Mammoth Bronze—Cock, 3d 84½, Mrs. Wood. Cockerel, 1st 93, Mrs. Moore; 2d 92, Mrs. Steele. Pullet, 1st 95, Mrs. Steele; 2d 94½, Mrs. Moore; 3d 93½, Mrs. Steele. Pen, 1st 185½, Mrs. Moore; 2d 185½, Mrs. Steele; 3d 183½, Mrs. Moore.

GEES.—Toulouse.—Old Gander, 1st 91½, old goose, 1st 91, E. C. Wiley, Arkansas City. Young gander, 3d 89½, young goose, 1st 90½, Householder.

DUCKS.—Pekin.—Drake, 1st 97, Wiley; 2d 92½, 3d 92, Mrs. Moore. Duck, 1st 97½, Wiley; 2d 93½, Mrs. Moore.

PIGEONS.—A. H. Doane, Winfield, 1st on display and all specials in that class.

Poultry at Roachdale, Ind.

The meeting of Indiana Fanciers' Association just closed at Roachdale, Indiana, was a "howling success," there being a very large number of birds on exhibition of a superior quality to those of their first annual show. The chief inducement held out to exhibitors was the score card and ribbons, although many valuable special premiums were contested for. Judge, F. J. Marshal, Middletown, Ohio, spent two days which were full of business to him in scoring the birds, and was assisted by Mr. Kurtz of the Indiana Farms, who did the marking for him.

Following are the awards:

B. P. ROCKS.—Cock, 1st 92, Sayhr Bros, New Market; 2d 87½, 3d 87½, F. A. Owen, Raccoon; 4th 87½, W. A. Craver, Fillmore. Hen, 1st 92½, 2d 92, Gentry & Son, Danville; 3d 91½, 4th 91½, Sayhr Bros. Cockerel, 1st 93½, 2d 92, Owen; 3d 92, Sayhr Bros; 4th 91, J. M. Hypes, Bainbridge. Pullet, 1st 92, Gentry & Son; 2d 92, Sayhr Bros; 3d 92, Owen; 4th 91, Craver. Pen, 1st 91, 3-16, 2d 91, 23-32, Sayhr Bros; 3d 91, 1-16, Gentry & Son; 4th 89, 13-16, Craver.

BLACK LANGSHANS.—Cock, 1st 90, Frank Thomason, Roachdale; 2d 90, Robert Glover, Roachdale; 3d 86½, J. A. Dean, Barnold. Hen, 1st 93, Craver; 2d 93, Dean; 3d 92½, 4th 92, Glover. Cockerel, 1st 91½, James Garrison, Brazil; 2d 91½, A. R. Allison, Bainbridge; 3d 91, Garrison; 4th 89½, Craver. Pullet, 1st 95½, Craver; 2d 94, Glover; 3d 94, Craver; 4th 94, Garrison. Pen, 1st 92, Garrison; 2d 91½, Craver; 3d 91, Glover.

SILVER WYANDOTTES.—Cock, 1st 87, hen, 1st 93, Collins & Bro. Cockerel, 1st 89, 2d 86, Collins & Bro; 3d 84, 4th 83½, M. Ballou, Bainbridge. Pullet, 1st 93, 2d 92, 3d 91½, Collins & Bro; 4th 89½, Hypes. Pen, 1st 90½, Collins & Bro.

WHITE WYANDOTTES.—Cock, 1st 89½, hen, 1st 94, 2d 92, 3d 92, 4th 89, A. R. Allison, Bainbridge.

LIGHT BRAHMAS.—Cock, 1st 90, Dean; 2d 88, Jno. Miller, North Salem; 3d 86, 4th 85, Sayhr Bros. Hen, 1st 90, Sayhr Bros; 2d 89½, 3d 86½, Glover; 4th 85, Dean. Cockerel, 1st 91½, Sayhr Bros; 2d 89½, 3d 89, Miller; 4th 88, Dean. Pullet, 1st 93½, Miller; 2d 90½, 3d 86½, Glover; 4th 86½, Dean. Pen, 1st 89, Sayhr Bros; 2d 88½, Miller.

BUFF COCHINS.—Cock, 1st 89, Sayhr Bros; 2d 87, Craver; 3d 84, Collins Bros. Hen, 1st 92½, 2d 92, Sayhr Bros; 3d 91½, 4th 91, Collins & Bro. Cockerel, 1st 90, Sayhr Bros. Pullet, 1st 92, Collins & Bro; 2d 89½, Sayhr Bros; 3d 89, 4th 87, 1-2, Craver. Pen, 1st 90½, Sayhr Bros; 2d 87½, Craver.

S. C. BROWN LEGHORNS.—Cockerel, 1st 92, 2d 91, Craver; 3d 88, 1-2, Collins & Bro. Pullet, 1st 94½, 2d 94, Craver; 3d 93½, 4th 93, Collins & Bro. Pen, 1st 92½, Craver; 2d 90, 5-16, Collins & Bro.

S. C. WHITE LEGHORNS.—Cockerel, 1st 93, Craver; 2d 92½, Allison. Pullet, 1st 93½, Dean; 2d 93, Allison; 3d 91½, Craver.

BUFF LEGHORNS.—Cockerel, 1st 83½, 2d 83½, 3d 79, Craver.

S. S. HAMBURG.—Cock, 1st 86½, Dean. Hen, 1st 94½, 2d 90½, Dean; 3d 90½, Thomason. Cockerel, 1st 92, Dean; 2d 91, Craver; 3d 90, Dean. Pullet, 1st 94, Craver; 2d 93, Dean; 3d 91½, Craver; 4th 91, Dean. Pen, 1st 92½, Dean; 2d 91, 3-16, Craver.

B. B. R. GAMES.—Cockerel, 1st 95, R. C. Collier, Roachdale; 2d 93, Collins & Bro. Pullet, 1st 96, 2d 95, 3d 93, Collier; 4th 92½, Collins & Bro. Pen, 1st 94½, Collier.

INDIAN GAMES.—Cock, 1st 91½, J. F. Edwards, Fincastle; 2d 90½, Allison. Hen, 1st 91½, Edwards; 2d 90½, Allison; 3d 90½, 4th 90, Edwards. Cockerel, 1st 93, John Mitchell, Ladoga. Pen, 1st 90, 15-32, Edwards; 2d 90, 3-16, Allison.

TURKEYS.—Mammoth Bronze.—Cock, 1st, Craver; 2d, Hamilton. Hen, 1st, Sayhr Bros; 2d, 3d, Hamilton; 4th, Hypes. Cockerel, 1st, Hamilton; 2d, Sayhr Bros. Pullet, 1st, Sayhr Bros; 2d, Hypes. White Holland.—Cock, 1st, Samuel Gardner, Fincastle; 2d, Craver. Hen, 1st, Gardner; 2d, Craver. Cockerel, 1st, Gardner; 2d, Craver. Pullet, 1st, Gardner; 2d, Craver.

DUCKS.—Muscovy.—Pair, 1st, 2d, Collins & Bro. Rouen.—Pair, 1st, 2d, Collins & Bro. Pekin.—Pair, 1st, 2d, Collins & Bro.

GEES.—Emden.—Pair, 1st, 2d, Sayhr Bros.

Awards at Northwestern Illinois Poultry Association, Lanark, Ill., Dec. 19th to 24th, 1894.

B. P. ROCKS.—Cock, 1st 90, Shaner; 2d 88½, Rapp; 3d 88½, Harnish. Hen, 1st 93, Harnish; 2d 91, Monnier; 3d 91½, Ott. Cockerel, 1st 92½, Ott; 2d 91½, Arnold; 3d 91½, Harnish. Pullet, 1st 93½, Ott; 2d 92½, Rapp; 3d 91½, Shaner. Pen, 1st 84, 3-16, Ott; 2d 183, 1-16, Harnish; 3d 182, 1-16, Arnold.

WHITE P. ROCKS.—Cock, 1st 93, Kentfield. Hen, 1st 91½, Shaner; 2d 91½, Kentfield; 3d 89½, Gants. Cockerel, 1st 92, Ketterman; 2d 91, Gants. Pullet, 1st 95½, 2d 94½, Kentfield; 3d 94, Miller. Pen, 1st 187½, Kentfield.

BLACK LANGSHANS.—Cock, 1st 90, Morris. Hen, 1st 95, Ketterman; 2d 94½, Bauder; 3d 93, Morris. Cockerel, 1st 94½, Ketterman; 2d 94½, Bauder; 3d 94, Dick. Pullet, 1st 94½, Root; 2d 94½, Dick; 3d 94½, Bauder. Pen, 1st 188, 9-16, Bauder; 2d 187½, Morris; 3d 186, 1-16, Root.

LIGHT BRAHMAS.—Cock, 1st 93½, Addie Sword; 2d 93, Ripley; 3d 89½, Bauder. Hen, 1st 94½, Eby; 2d 91, 3d 89½, Addie Sword. Cockerel, 1st 93, Miller; 2d 89½, Sword; 3d 89, Long. Pullet, 1st 93½, Miller; 2d 90½, 3d 90½, Sword. Pen, 1st 180, 1-16, Ripley.

DARK BRAHMAS.—Cockerel, 1st 90½, Shaner. Pullet, 1st 93½, Shaner; 2d 90½, Ripley.

BUFF COCHINS.—Cock, 1st 90, Shaner. Cockerel, 1st 94, Dreher; 2d 91½, Miller. Pullet, 1st 94½, Miller; 2d 94½, Dreher. Pen, 1st 186½, Miller; 2d 184, 1-16, Shaner.

PARTRIDGE COCHINS.—Hen, 1st 94, Miller; 2d 94, Bowers & Barr; 3d 90, Gants. Cockerel, 1st 93½, Bowers & Barr; 2d 93, 3d 93, Bauder. Pullet, 1st 94, Bowers & Barr; 2d 93½, 3d 93½, Miller. Pen, 1st 184½, Miller.

WHITE COCHINS.—Cockerel, 1st 92, Bowers & Barr. Pullet, 1st 92½, 2d 92, pen, 1st 183, Bowers & Barr.

GOLD SPANGLED HAMBURG.—Pullet, 1st 90, 2d 90, Gants.

S. S. HAMBURG.—Cockerel, 1st 92½, 2d 92, pullet, 1st 94, 2d 94, pen, 1st 186½, Clark.

S. C. BROWN LEGHORNS.—Cockerel, 1st 93, Eby. Pullet, 1st 93, Miller; 2d 90½, Eby.

BLACK LEGHORNS.—Hen, 1st 92½, 2d 93, cockerel, 1st 91½, pullet, 1st 94½, 2d 94, pen, 1st 185½, Bauder.

R. C. BROWN LEGHORNS.—Cockerel, 1st 95, 2d 94½, pullet, 1st 94, 2d 93½, Dreher. Pen, 1st 181½, Bowers & Barr.

R. C. WHITE LEGHORNS.—Cock, 1st 95, Bowers & Barr. Hen, 1st 94, 2d 93, Morris. Cockerel, 1st 94½, Bowers & Barr; 2d 90½, Morris. Pullet, 1st 95, Bowers & Barr; 2d 94, Morris. Pen, 1st 183½, Bowers & Barr; 2d 184½, Morris.

S. C. WHITE LEGHORNS.—Hen, 1st 95, 2d 95, Bowers & Barr. Cockerel, 1st 93½, Bauder. Pullet, 1st 94½, 2d 93½, Eby.

BUFF LEGHORNS.—Cock, 1st 91½, Shaner. Hen, 1st 90, Shaner. Cockerel, 1st 93, Gants; 2d 91, Shaner. Pullet, 1st 93, Shaner; 2d 92½, Gants. Pen, 1st 182½, Shaner.

INDIAN GAMES.—Cock, 2d 89½, Bowers & Barr. Hen, 2d 89½, Bowers & Barr. Cockerel, 1st 90½, Gants; 2d 89½, Miller. Pullet, 1st 91½, Miller.

BLACK MINORCAS.—Hen, 1st 92½, 2d 92½, Bowers & Barr. Cockerel, 1st 93, Bowers & Barr; 2d 89½, Eby. Pullet, 1st 94½, 2d 91½, Eby. Pen, 1st 184½, Bowers & Barr; 2d 182½, Eby.

SILVER LACED WYANDOTTES.—Hen, 2d 80½, Eby. Cockerel, 1st 93, Bowers & Barr; 2d 91½, Eby. Pullet, 1st 93, Bowers & Barr; 2d 91½, Hoeting. Pen, 1st 181, 1-16, Eby.

WHITE WYANDOTTES.—Cock, 1st 90, hen, 1st 92, pullet, 1st 95, 2d 93½, pen, 1st 182, 13-16, Eby.

GOLDEN WYANDOTTES.—Cock, 1st 90½, Eby; 2d 90, Corry. Hen, 1st 90½, Corry; 2d 88½, Eby. Cockerel, 1st 91½, Mason. Pullet, 1st 93½, Corry; 2d 92½, Eby. Pen, 1st 179½, Eby.

GOLDEN POLISH.—Cock, 1st 91½, hen, 1st 91½, Bowers & Barr.

W. C. W. POLISH.—Cock, 1st 93, hen, 1st 96½, 2d 96, Bowers & Barr.

W. C. BLACK POLISH.—Cock, 1st 93½, pullet, 1st 95½, Ripley.

RED CAPS.—Cockerel, 1st 92½, 2d 90½, Gants.

BUFF COCHIN BANTAMS.—Cockerel, 1st 94, Bowers & Barr; 2d 92, Shaner. Pullet, 1st 94½, Shaner; 2d 92½, Bowers & Barr. Pen, 1st 186, Bowers & Barr.

SILVER SEBRIGHT BANTAMS.—Hen, 1st 94, cockerel, 1st 93, pullet, 1st 94½, Bowers & Barr.

B. B. R. GAME BANTAMS.—Cock, 1st 90, Sword. Hen, 1st 91½, 2d 91½, Sword. Cockerel, 1st 93½, Bowers & Barr. Pullet, 1st 93, Bowers & Barr.

PEAFOWLS.—Cock, 1st, hen, 1st, Bowers & Barr.

WHITE GUINEAS.—Cockerel, 1st, pullet, 1st, Shaner.

TURKEYS.</

R. C. BROWN LEGHORNS.—All to Fowler.
 WHITE WYANDOTTES.—Cock, 1st, Fowler.
 Hen, 1st, Fowler; 2d, Hart. Pullet, 1st, 2d, Fowler.
 DARK BRAHMAS.—Cock, 1st, hen, 1st, 2d, J. H. Benton, Guilford. Cockerel, 1st, Benton; 2d, Pease. Pullet, 1st, Pease; 2d, Benton.
 DUCKS.—Rouen, 1st, Farnham; 2d, D. L. Davis, Guilford. Colored Muscovy, 1st, Farnham; 2d, Ives Bros. Crested White, Farnham. White Muscovy, 1st, Farnham. Pekin, 1st, 2d, Farnham. Aylesbury's, 1st, Farnham; 2d, Ives Bros.
 GEES.—Old Toulouse, 1st, Farnham. Young Toulouse, 1st, S. S. Carsen, Clinton. Old White Emden, 1st, Farnham; 2d, Carsen. White Chinese, 1st, Farnham.

Stoneham Fanciers' Club Show, Stoneham, Mass., January 1-4, 1895.

LIGHT BRAHMAS.—Cock, 1st 92½, H. Lufier, Stoneham, Mass.; 2d 92½, J. Hewett, Waltham, Mass.; 3d 92½, Rossmore Poultry Yards, Melrose, Mass. Hen, 1st 94, 3d 93, Hewett; 2d 93½, Rossmore Poultry Yards. Cockerel, 1st 93½, 2d 93, 3d 93, H. H. Burnford, Waltham, Mass. Pullet, 1st 94½, Burnford; 2d 93½, 3d 93, Lufier. Collection, 1st 466, Burnford; 2d 464, Lufier; 3d 463, Rossmore Poultry Yards.
 DARK BRAHMAS.—Cock, 1st 90, W. H. Eastman, Stoneham, Mass. Hen, 2d 89½, 3d 89½, W. D. Baxter, Stoneham, Mass. Cockerel, 1st 93, Baxter; 2d 90½, W. P. Hill, Stoneham, Mass. Pullet, 1st 90½, 2d 89½, 3d 89½, Baxter.
 DARK BRAHMAS (Full Feathered).—Cock, 1st 92½, hen, 1st 92, 2d 91½, 3d 91, cockerel, 1st 91½, 2d 90½, Rossmore Poultry Yards; cockerel, 3d 89½, Baxter. Pullet, 1st 90½, 2d 89½, Baxter; 3d 90½, Rossmore Poultry Yards. Collection, 1st 460, Rossmore Poultry Yards.
 BUFF COCHINS.—Cockerel, 1st 91, 2d 89, pullet, 1st 91, 2d 90½, 3d 90, collection, 1st 452½, C. J. Nesmith, Reading, Mass.
 PARTRIDGE COCHINS.—Cock, 2d 87½, hen, 1st 92½, 2d 92½, 3d 91½, cockerel, 1st 94½, 2d 92, pullet, 1st 93½, 2d 93½, 3d 92½, collection, 1st 462½, 2d 457½, N. A. Knapp, Winchester, Mass.
 BLACK LANGSHANS.—Cock, 1st 92½, 2d 90½, Nesmith. Hen, 1st 92½, Nesmith; 2d 92, A. B. Yeaton, Stoneham, Mass.; 3d 92, Miss C. Barrett, Malden, Mass. Cockerel, 1st 93, Yeaton; 2d 92½, Miss Barrett; 3d 92, F. E. Sprague, Stoneham, Mass. Pullet, 1st 93, Nesmith; 2d 93, Miss Barrett; 3d 92½, Willie Moore, Stoneham, Mass. Collection, 1st 462, Nesmith; 2d 459½, Miss Barrett; 3d 456½, Sprague.
 BARRED P. ROCKS.—Cock, 1st 90½, 2d 90, C. E. Cromack, Stoneham, Mass.; 3d 90, Nesmith. Hen, 1st 92½, Nesmith; 2d 92, 3d 91½, Cromack. Cockerel, 1st 92, 2d 92, Cromack; 3d 91½, Nesmith. Pullet, 1st 93, 2d 92, Geo. E. Fasset, Beverly, Mass.; 3d 91½, F. A. Quinby, East Rochester, New Hampshire. Collection, 1st 456½, 3d 451, Nesmith; 2d 456, Cromack.
 W. P. ROCKS.—Hen, 1st 93½, 2d 92½, 3d 91½, cockerel, 1st 93, pen, 1st 461½, Frank Peavey, Stoneham, Mass.
 BLACK LEGHORNS.—Cockerel, 1st 92, W. P. Hill, Stoneham, Mass.; 2d 91½, A. E. Davis, Reading, Mass. Pullet, 1st 94, 2d 93½, Hill; 3d 92½, Davis. Collection, 1st 462½, Hill.
 S. C. W. LEGHORNS.—Cock, 1st 91½, Davis. Hen, 1st 94, M. B. Baldwin, Stoneham, Mass.; 2d 93½, 3d 93½, Davis. Cockerel, 1st 92½, Baldwin; 2d 92, O. J. Haynes, Malden, Mass.; 3d 91, Davis. Pullet, 1st 94½, 2d 93, 3d 93, Haynes. Collection, 1st 464½, Haynes; 2d 463½, Baldwin.
 S. C. B. LEGHORNS.—Cockerel, 1st 91½, pullet, 1st 92, 2d 90½, 3d 90½, collection, 1st 453½, Haynes.
 HOUDANS.—Cock, 1st 90, hen, 1st 91½, Hill.
 W. F. B. SPANISH.—Hen, 1st 93½, 2d 91½, cockerel, 1st 90½, Davis.
 P. L. T. JAPANESE.—All to O. T. Phillips, Melrose, Mass.
 ENGLISH RED CAPS.—Hen, 3d 87½, R. C. Tuxbury, Amesbury, Mass.
 B. B. R. GAME BANTAMS.—Cock, 2d 87½, hen, 1st 91½, 2d 88, 3d 87½, cockerel, 2d 87½, pullet, 2d 89, 3d 89, W. A. Bartlett, Stoneham, Mass.
 BUFF COCHIN BANTAMS.—Cockerel, 1st 91, pullet, 1st 92, Clarence Wallace, Stoneham, Mass.
 INDIAN GAMES.—Cockerel, 1st 90, pullet, 1st 90½, 2d 90, 3d 88½, A. E. Snow, Melrose, Mass.

Awards at Nemaha Valley Poultry Show, held at Auburn, Neb., Dec. 18-21.

LIGHT BRAHMAS.—Cock, 3d 86½, E. C. Worden, Auburn, Neb. Cockerel, 1st 90, Geo. Masters, Auburn, Neb.; 2d 89, W. A. Irwin, Weumsch, Neb. Pullet, 2d 88½, Irwin; 3d 88, Masters. Pen, 1st 179½, Irwin; 2d 169½, F. Childs, Douglas, Neb.
 BUFF COCHINS.—Cock, 2d 88½, P. P. Davel, Auburn, Neb. Cockerel, 2d 88½, Irwin. Pullet, 1st 95, A. Gaiser, Weumsch, Neb.; 2d 90, Irwin. Pen, 1st 183, Gaiser; 2d 181½, Irwin.
 PARTRIDGE COCHINS.—Hen, 1st 92½, Gaiser; 2d 92½, Irwin. Cockerel, 1st 92, Irwin; 2d 91, Gaiser; 3d 86, Elton B. Stewart, Weumsch, Neb. Pullet, 1st 90½, Irwin; 2d 90, Gaiser; 3d 85½, Stewart. Pen, 1st 185½, Gaiser; 2d 183½, Irwin.
 WHITE COCHINS.—Hen, 2d 87½, cockerel, 1st 89½, pullet, 1st 90, R. Stewart, Bratton, Neb.
 BLACK LANGSHANS.—Hen, 1st 95, A. N. Defoe, Weumsch, Neb.; 2d 95, 3d 94½, G. Van Houten, Auburn, Neb. Cockerel, 1st 94½, Van Houten; 2d 92½, Defoe; 3d 92½, Van Houten. Pullet, 1st 96½, Ella Van Houten, Auburn, Neb.; 2d 94½, Don Denvare, Auburn, Neb.; 3d 94½, H. J. F. Wert, Auburn, Neb. Pen, 1st 187, Defoe; 2d 183½, Chas. Kite, Howe, Neb.
 WHITE LANGSHANS.—Cockerel, 2d 89, E. E. Mendenhall, Salem, Neb.; 3d 87½, O. P. Dovel, Auburn, Neb. Pullet, 2d 88½, Dovel; 3d 88, Mendenhall.
 BARRED P. ROCKS.—Hen, 2d 87½, T. J. Cummings, Howe, Neb. Cockerel, 1st 94, Gaiser; 2d 90, Irwin. Pullet, 1st 91, 2d 89, 3d 89, Cyrus Milam, Stella, Neb.; 3d 89, 1-2, Williams Bros., Stella, Neb. Pen, 1st 182, Irwin; 2d 181, Gaiser.

W. P. ROCKS.—Hen, 1st 93 1-2, Nancy Watson, Lincoln, Neb.; 2d 92 1-2, W. O. Southwick, Friend, Neb.; 3d 91, Mendenhall. Cockerel, 2d 88, Wert; 3d 88, August Seigneur, Auburn, Neb. Pullet, 1st 92, Wert; 2d 91 1-2, 3d 90 1-2, J. C. Zenney, Auburn, Neb. Pen, 1st 186 1-2, 2d 183½, Watson.
 S. WYANDOTTES.—Cockerel, 1st 90 1-2, W. B. Ward, Burr, Neb. Pullet, 1st 92 1-2, T. E. Wheeler, Bennett, Neb.; 2d 91 1-2, 3d 91, Ward. Pen, 1st 182½, Ward; 2d 180½, C. A. Cook, Salem, Mass.
 G. WYANDOTTES.—Cockerel, 2d 87 1-2, 3d 87, Cook. Pullet, 2d 86 1-2, M. H. Carman, Johnson, Neb. Pen, 1st 181½, Cook.
 W. WYANDOTTES.—Pullet, 1st 92, Wheeler; 2d 92, 3d 90 1-2, Gaiser. Pen, 1st 181½, Wheeler; 2d 177½, S. Feather, Parrama, Neb.
 S. C. B. LEGHORNS.—Pullet, 1st 94 1-2, E. E. Greer, Beatrice, Neb.; 2d 93 1-2, 3d 93, Standard Leghorn Company, Omaha, Neb. Pen, 1st 189½, Irwin; 2d 187 1-2, Standard Leghorn Company; 3d 184½, L. L. Alspaugh, Auburn, Neb.
 R. C. B. LEGHORNS.—Hen, 1st 92 1-2, Mrs. R. S. Wood, Auburn, Neb. Cockerel, 1st 95 1-2, pullet, 1st 95 1-2, 2d 95, E. C. Blowers, Edgar, Neb.
 S. C. W. LEGHORNS.—Hen, 1st 93 1-2, Amy Worden, Auburn, Neb.; 2d 93, E. C. Worden. Cockerel, 1st 95 1-2, 2d 93 1-2, E. C. Worden; 3d 88 1-2, pullet, 1st 95 1-2, 2d 94, 3d 93 1-2, pen, 1st 180, Amy Worden.
 BUFF LEGHORNS.—Hen, 1st 91, Geo. H. Lee, Exeter, Neb. Cockerel, 1st 93, Lee; 2d 92, Defoe. Pullet, 1st 93, 2d 90 1-2, Defoe. Pen, 1st 181½, Defoe; 2d 179½, Lee.
 C. I. GAMES.—Hen, 1st 92 1-2, Mendenhall. Cockerel, 1st 93 1-2, Irwin; 2d 89 1-2, Carman. Pullet, 1st 93 1-2, Carman; 2d 93 1-2, Irwin; 3d 87, Mendenhall. Pen, 1st 183½, Irwin.
 S. S. HAMBURGS.—Cock, 2d 89 1-2, Cook. Hen, 1st 93 1-2, Cook; 2d 89 1-2, Gadd & Andre, Lincoln, Neb. Cockerel, 2d 89, Gadd & Andre; 3d 87 1-2, D. D. Adams, Johnson, Neb. Pullet, 1st 93, Gadd & Andre; 2d 92 1-2, Cook. Pen, 1st 185, Gadd & Andre; 2d 182½, Feather.
 BLACK MINORCAS.—Cockerel, 1st 95, E. C. Blowers, Edgar, Neb.; 2d 94, Gadd & Andre. Pullet, 1st 93, 2d 92 1-2, J. K. Camden, Crete, Neb.; 3d 92 1-2, Gadd & Andre.
 W. F. B. SPANISH.—Hen, 1st 94 1-2, cockerel, 1st 94 1-2, pullet, 1st 95 1-2, Wm. Toggart, Omaha, Neb.
 WHITE WONDERS.—Cockerel, 2d 86, pullet, 1st 90 1-2, 2d 89 1-2, August Seigneur, Auburn, Neb.
 M. B. TURKEYS.—Cock, 1st 95, Cummings; 2d 92, Cook. Hen, 1st 91 1-2, Cook; 2d 86 1-2, Geo. Wager, Talmage, Neb. Cockerel, 1st 95, pullet, 1st 92, Cook.
 Daisy Bone Cutter, manufactured by Wilson Brothers, Easton, Pa., was awarded first premium in competition with three others.
 The Reliable Incubator and Brooder was awarded first premium, and was admired by all. Second premium to the "None Such," manufactured by the Forest Manufacturing Company, Forest, Ohio.

Awards at the New Mexico Poultry Show, held at Al- buquerque, Dec. 24-30.

BARRED P. ROCKS.—Cock, 1st 90, H. B. Furgesson, Albuquerque; 2d 85 1-2, A. F. Overmann, Albuquerque. Hen, 1st 90 1-2, 2d 89 1-2, 3d 86 1-2, Mrs. C. Lowenberg, Pena Blanca. Cockerel, 1st 93 1-2, 2d 91 1-2, J. W. Talcott, Denver, Colo.; 3d 90 1-2, Overmann. Pullet, 1st 93, Talcott; 2d 90 1-2, 3d 89 1-2, Mrs. Lowenberg. Pen, 1st 176 1-2, Furgesson; 2d 175½, Elmore Chase, Santa Fe; 3d 175, Overmann.
 W. P. ROCKS.—Cockerel, 1st 91 1-2, pullet, 1st 93, 2d 92, 3d 91, pen, 1st 183, all to Mrs. A. R. Lowe, Albuquerque.
 BLACK LANGSHANS.—Cock, 1st 92 1-2, J. L. McDowell, Denver, Colo.; 2d 92, Mrs. Hatch, Albuquerque. Hen, 1st 93, 2d 90 1-2, McDowell. Cockerel, 1st 91, F. L. Pearce, Albuquerque. Pullet, 1st 93 1-2, McDowell; 2d 89, Pearce.
 DARK BRAHMAS.—Hen, 1st 90 1-2, cockerel, 1st 89 1-2, Chas. Schroeder, Albuquerque.
 BUFF COCHINS.—Hen, 1st 96, 2d 93, cockerel, 1st 91 1-2, pullet, 1st 95, 2d 90, pen, 1st 185, all to F. C. Swartz, Gallup, New Mexico.
 S. C. B. LEGHORNS.—Cock, 1st 90½, J. W. Anderson, Albuquerque. Hen, 1st 91 1-2, Anderson and C. E. Winslow, Albuquerque, tie; 2d 90 1-2, Winslow; 3d 88, Anderson. Cockerel, 1st 95, 2d 94 1-2, 3d 94, pullet, 1st 95, 2d 94 1-2, 3d 94, pen, 1st 189½, 2d 187, Winslow; pen, 3d 179½, Anderson.
 BLACK MINORCAS.—Cockerel, 1st 91, E. H. Stagg, Albuquerque; 2d 88 1-2, E. K. Sulzer, Albuquerque. Pullet, 1st 93 1-2, Stagg.
 W. F. B. SPANISH.—Cock, 1st 92 1-2, pullet, 1st 92 1-2, Flora Otero, Albuquerque.
 HOUDANS.—Cock, 1st 94, hen, 1st 95 1-2, 2d 94 1-2, cockerel, 1st 94, 2d 92, pullet, 1st 92, 2d 91 1-2, pen, 1st 187 1-2, all to H. B. Hersey, Santa Fe, New Mexico.
 S. S. HAMBURGS.—Hen, 1st 91, 2d 90, A. E. Dennet, Albuquerque.
 B. B. R. GAMES.—Cockerel, 1st 91 1-2, pullet, 1st 95 1-2, 2d 94, J. P. Koster, Albuquerque.
 C. I. GAMES.—Cockerel, 1st 90, pullet, 1st 93, 2d 90 1-2, 3d 90, pen, 1st 180½, all to Dennet.

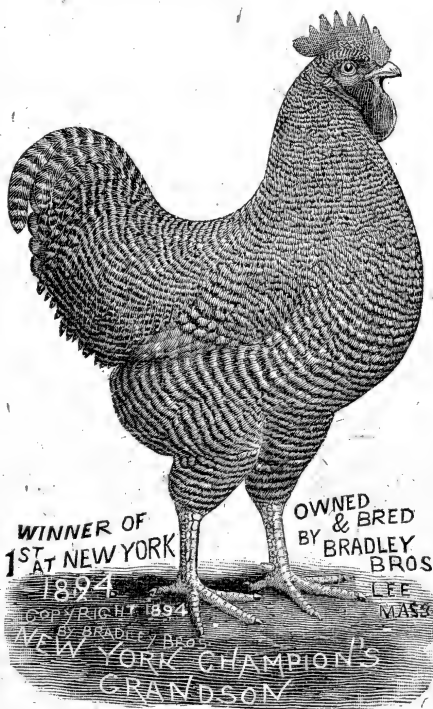
The Worcester Show

The Central Mass. Poultry Club will hold its annual show at Worcester, Mass., in Horticultural hall, Front street, January 22nd to 25th. We have one of the best halls in the State to hold a show in, and have engaged men of honor to do the judging. We shall pay \$2.00 first, \$1.00 second, on single birds of both fowls and chicks. Pen prizes are \$5.00 first, \$3.00 second. Also a grand combination special of \$5.00 on the best bird in each and all classes. The lists are now out. Send a card to C. A. Ballou, Worcester, Mass., and you will get a list.
 C. A. BALLOU, Cor. Sec'y.

Poultry at Sanatoga, Pa.

The Schuylkill Valley Poultry Association arranged a very pretty poultry show in the upper hall of the Kurtz building, and managed it so well that it came out of the affair with all premiums paid and a balance in the treasury, at least so Secretary Kurtz says. The coops were new and well arranged, the light fair, and the exhibit good. The judges, John E. Diehl and Jesse G. Darlington, began work in the morning, and all of the awards in the regular classes were known before sundown. The winners, as officially announced, are:

LIGHT BRAHMAS.—All to John Sellers, Pottstown, Pa.
 DARK BRAHMAS.—All to F. D. Blimline, Mohn's Store.
 BARRED P. ROCKS.—Cock, 1st, J. G. Werner, Mohn's Store. Hen, 1st, Mahlon R. Shaner, Pottstown. Cockerel, 1st, Sellers; 2d, Shaner. Pullet, 1st, 2d, Shaner. Pen, 1st, Shaner; 2d, W. W. Kulp, Pottstown.
 W. P. ROCKS.—Cock, 1st, Kulp; 2d, S. J. Kurtz. Hen, 1st, Kulp; 2d, Kurtz. Cockerel, 1st, Kulp; 2d, E. C. Espenship. Pen, 1st, Kurtz.
 PARTRIDGE COCHINS.—All to Blimline.
 BLACK LANGSHANS.—All to Miller Brothers, Douglasville.
 BLACK MINORCAS.—All firsts to E. C. Espenship, Worcester, seconds to J. B. Krouse, Sanatoga.
 G. WYANDOTTES.—All to Mrs. L. K. Drumheller, Sanatoga.
 S. WYANDOTTES.—All to E. M. R. Rhoads.
 R. C. B. LEGHORNS.—Cock, 1st, hen, 1st, 2d, Kulp. Cockerel, 1st, J. B. Kerlin, Schenkles. Pullet, 2d, Kulp.
 WHITE LEGHORNS.—Cock, 2d, hen, 1st, 2d, Kulp. Cockerel, 2d, pullet, 2d, Drumheller. Young pair, 1st, A. C. Nester, Pottstown. Pen, 1st, Kurtz; 2d, Kulp.
 S. C. B. LEGHORNS.—All firsts to Drumheller.
 BLACK LEGHORNS.—Fowls, 1st, 2d, Kurtz.
 PIT GAMES.—Cock, 1st, O. C. Grube, Sanatoga.
 G. S. BANTAMS.—All to S. J. Kurtz.
 S. S. HAMBURGS.—All to Arch L. Mayo, Pittston, Pa.
 RED CAPS.—All to J. H. Burley, Reading.
 SHERWOODS.—All to Carman & Donnelly, Doylestown.
 GUINEAS.—1st, J. G. Miller.
 TURKEYS.—Bronze, first for young, second for old male, first for old hen, second for young, E. M. Hahn, Cedarville. Gobbler, 1st, W. Oberholzer, Limerick. Buff, cock, 1st, hen, 2d, Kurtz. Largest gobbler, J. Newland, Sanatoga.
 GEES.—White, all to Kurtz.
 DUCKS.—Brazilian, 1st, 2d, Miller. Pekin, 1st, 2d, Henry Scheffley, Sanatoga.



BARRED PLYMOUTH ROCK COCKEREL.
 "New York Champion's Grandson,"
 winner of first at New York in 1894.

The above bird represents the third generation of a noted line of winners at the great New York show. He scored over 94 points and weighed over 9 lbs. at the show last winter, winning in a class of 41 cockerels. He is owned and was bred by Bradley Bros., of Lee, Mass., whose reputation as breeders of fine Plymouth Rocks is world famous.

Correction.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

In the Cleveland show report please correct: First prize S. C. Brown Leghorn pullet should read Gerald Clapp, Chatham Center, O., instead of Zerold Clapp, Lodi, O. Lodi was the express station shipped from.
 GERALD CLAPP.
 Chatham Center, O. Jan. 4, 1895.

Plan of Greenwood Poultry Yards

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

Oftentimes when looking over my nine different journals and as many more of sample copies, I can find many giving their plans of building poultry houses and a general description throughout of their plans which I think is a very good idea. I have been a breeder of thoroughbred fowls for several years and have never written anything for publication before, except by the way of advertisements. I, like some other breeders, have spent my leisure time in studying out where I could improve in breeding better points, and I find out that any honorable breeder can improve his stock very much by so doing. Now I will give the readers of your journal a brief sketch of the Sidney Greenwood Poultry Yards. I have a poultry house on a side hill facing the south, the building is sixteen by fifty feet and three stories high instead of one as most breeders have. I have yards all around the building. The front yards are used for breeding purposes, with a hall the entire length next to the back wall. I have a large sheet iron stove that will burn large chunks of wood, standing in the center of basement for warming it in very cold weather, or in case dampness gathers, I start a fire, but no more than is necessary. The second floor is well lighted, the hall running the entire length through the center and pens on each side of hall, nest boxes open into the hall and feed troughs under nest boxes and are fed from the hall on each side. On this floor I have a cooking kettle holding a barrel with steam pipe for carrying off the steam out of the building. The third floor is on the same plan as the second floor with hall through the center and pens on each side of hall. This floor is lighted by skylights and is kept comfortably warm from the heat below, so much so I do not have the large combs and wattles of my Leghorns and Minorcas freeze the least. The fowls from this floor go out on the ground from back side of building. The ventilator is a single tube at each end of basement, a 5 by 10 inch tube within about twenty inches of the ground. In this tube I have a shut-off slide to control the ventilation as I wish. On second floor is a double ventilator, and on third floor is a triple ventilator on same plan of the first one, all leading to cupolas on the roof of building. Have twenty-five rooms in the building for fowls, with folding roosts. The height of roosts is eighteen inches from the floor and are hung on hinges so they can be raised up and fastened to side of building while cleaning out. I also have a cook and feed room on second floor, and water on each floor. The partitions are of poultry netting. I have another basement 26 by 36 feet I use for fowls, also another small building three stories high, 14 by 16 feet in size. The basement is used for breeding Pekin ducks, the second and third floor is used for fowls. I also have another small building built of poultry netting, expressly for pet stock, such as rabbits and Guinea pigs. I have five hundred fowls at present time, but as usual thing when I sell off my surplus stock, I intend to keep three hundred fowls. I breed twenty-five varieties of fowls. I think very likely you will hear from me again in the future in regard to feeding and caring for poultry.

J. J. WATERS.

Golden Penciled Wyandottes.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

This subject has been written upon to considerable extent in the late issues of many of the poultry journals under both the name of "Golden Penciled" and that of "Partridge" Wyandottes, the latter being selected by Messrs. McKeen and Theim, and the former by Mr. Sarr and the writer. Mr. Sarr and I had both of these names under consideration at one time. Every time a meeting to compare notes occurred at either his home or mine, this question would come before us until a final decision was rendered in favor of "Golden Penciled" Wyandottes. Our reasons for thus deciding were, that a "Silver Penciled" counterpart could and most surely would be produced, and would here state that a few prelimi-

nary and experimental matings have been made to produce a foundation stock upon which to breed the penciling of the Dark Brahma. So the public may expect a Silver Penciled Wyandotte, for they can surely be produced. I would like very much to have some person assist me in producing them. Anyone so disposed will please write to me.

During the past few weeks several letters have been passed between Mr. McKeen and the writer regarding the name. It was deemed advisable that we unite upon either one or the other of these names. As a final result of this correspondence I have just received a letter from Mr. McKeen, stating that "In consideration of the facts, that a silver penciled counterpart of the variety under discussion is already projected, having the same markings as the Dark Brahma, and believing that both should have the same name with a prefix of 'Golden and 'Silver,' and also that there should be harmony among those who are interested in them, we will consent to call them Golden Penciled Wyandottes, the name you and Mr. Sarr first gave them."

Mr. McKeen and myself are both of the opinion that the publicity that has been given them as Partridge Wyandottes will do them no harm, but rather act as an educator as regards color and appearance of this variety. We wish it distinctly understood that while Mr. McKeen has finally rendered a decision favorable to the name selected by us, he is still one of the originators of Golden Penciled Wyandottes. The other gentlemen interested in their origin are Mr. E. O. Theim, Vail, Iowa, B. D. Sarr, Marcellus Falls, N. Y.

GEO. H. BRACKENBURY.

Auburn, N. Y.

Poultry Show Made Money.

The board of directors of the Mid-Continental Pet Stock and Poultry Association met at the Midland hotel last night to talk over the poultry show recently held in this city and to arrange plans and fix dates for the show next season. It was conceded by all that the show would have been more successful had it been held earlier or later in the season—any time but the holiday season—as business men were so engaged in their own affairs at this time. The show was a success financially, however, there being a neat sum in the treasury to begin the show next season.

The exhibition will be held nearly a month earlier next winter, opening November 27, and continue until December 2. Several local dog fanciers are making an effort to have a dog show in connection with the poultry show hereafter.

The directors do not all favor the Exposition building for the show, and it is probable that some building nearer the center of the city will be secured next season.

The treasurer and secretary have not yet reported the exact financial condition of the association since the show, but they give assurance that there remains in the treasury a very neat sum after all debts are paid.—The Kansas City Star, Jan. 3d, 1895.

Nebraska Fanciers Organize.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

The poultry fanciers of Wayne, Neb., and the surrounding country met at Wayne December 18th and organized an association. The association was named the North-East Nebraska Poultry Association, and the following officers were elected: President, W. H. Bradford, Wayne, Neb.; vice-president, C. D. Martin, Wayne, Neb.; secretary, H. Gregory, Wayne, Neb.; assistant secretary, B. Cook, Wayne, Neb.; treasurer, E. P. Olmsted, Wayne, Neb.; superintendent, Thos. J. S. Hughes, Wayne, Neb.; executive committee, C. D. Martin, F. Hood, A. Crue. The next show is to be held at Wayne, Neb., the third week in December, 1895. The judge has not been decided upon yet, but the idea is that L. P. Harris, of Lincoln, Neb., will be the man, as he gave splendid satisfaction during the last show.

WAYNE READER.

Re Cochins at Madison Square Garden.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

Please say that the American Cochin Club specials are for American Standard Cochins only, and the following should read:

Geo. E. Peer, Rochester, N. Y., offers the "Peer Crp," \$50 in gold or plate for the best collection of Buff Cochins, to consist of 2 cocks, 2 hens, 2 cockerels and 2 pullets.

A. E. Olshausen, of Los Angeles, Cal., offers the "Olshausen Cup," \$25 in gold or plate, for the two best Buff Cochins cockerels and pullets.

Theo. Sternberg, Ellsworth, Kas., offers \$5 in gold for the Buff Cochins with the best under color.

And not as in premium list.

H. V. CRAWFORD.

Montclair, N. J., Jan. 8, 1895.

Notice to Subscribers.

Owing to a large demand for the several show reports appearing in the issue of December 22nd and the inconvenience caused the mails during the recent heavy snowstorms, we have exhausted the issue of that date. To those of our readers who have written us owing to non-arrival of their paper, we make this explanation. If any have the issue of December 22 and do not file their copies, will they return same to us?

Pittston, Pa., Poultry Show.

Pittston, Pa., show claims January 22 to 25 as dates for holding their coming exhibition. It is expected 1,500 birds will be in the coops, many prominent breeders signifying their intention of exhibiting. Bicknell does the judging. W. R. Allen, Pittston, is secretary.

PIGEONS.

Pigeon Notes.

BY JOHN HOPEWELL.

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Continued from December 20th.

THE PRIEST.

This pigeon, although a great favorite in Germany and France, has never become a general favorite in this country, why, it is hard to account for, as it is a pretty and attractive variety and a good breeder. It derives its name from the peculiar marking of the head, it being white to a line passing from the corners of the mouth and so around the head. This suggests the shaven head of some Catholic priests. At the back of the head is a shell which also suggests the cowl or hood worn by such priests, and from it all the pigeon gets its name. The standard for it is:

Size.—About that of a stout common pigeon.

Carriage.—Upright but not bold.

Color.—Solid, or self-colored, with exception of the white head, and these colors Black, Blue, Red, Yellow and Silver, clear bright and glossy. There is also a sub-variety with the shoulders marked in spangles; these are known as Spangled Priests.

Head.—Medium in size, rather inclined to be long and narrow. The upper part from the corners of the mouth and on a line just below the eye passing around the back of the head should be white. Forehead, quite high.

Shell.—This is a tuft of feathers rising from the base of the skull, curving forward, and reaching in height just above the crown of the head, and from a point just back of the ears, the whole forming the arc of a circle. Color same as neck and body.

Tuft.—A group of feathers rising from the base of the back and curving from the center backwards and forwards. The back portion rather upright.

Beak.—Thin, upper mandible a trifle heavier than the lower. In color, flesh color.

Eyes.—Dark or Bull with very little cere.

Neck.—Medium in length and tapering neatly from body up.

Breast.—Narrow and not prominent.

Body.—Narrow and tapering to the tail.

Wings.—Medium. Flights carried on a level with the tail. A sub-variety of Priests have white wing bars, in other respects they are like the solid colored Priests.

Tail.—Medium and same color as the body and closely folded. There is also a sub-variety having white tails.

Legs.—Medium in length, and with the feet, should be covered with a growth of feathers, making them what is known as grouse feathered.

Common Defects.—Bad color, tuft turning wholly to the front, uneven shell, bars in the Barred varieties mixed with reddish tinge and irregular in shape, scantily feathered legs.

Disqualifications.—Absence of tuft, crested one sided and not well developed. In Barred variety, wing bars not well developed, bare legs and foul feathers in tail or any part of plumage. Deformity or disease of any kind.

Most Rank.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

Have noticed in Glasgow's comments on the Boston show that he says my birds were out of condition. Perhaps they were, and perhaps they were not, but as I am not a veteran fancier I am willing to learn, and would like to ask him, through the columns of this paper, what more I could have done to have put them in better condition, as I have as good authority and from better fanciers than he is or ever will be. I give my birds and fowls, at all times, my whole attention and the best of care. I also noticed in the same class as my birds were, there were birds from one of the best Carrier and Barb fanciers in the country. He also says his birds were out of condition. It seems very strange to me that such a fancier as Newell would send birds to a show when out of condition, thinking perhaps mine might have been, but perhaps there are others that know a good bird in condition as he does, and there are others that know a good bird as well as he does. If my birds were not in condition, why should they be awarded 1st premium in very good company. I also noticed the article in last week's number, written by E. J. Campbell, which I think drove the nail home, and in the right place. If Glasgow can throw any light on this subject, he will help a fancier willing to learn, if from the right source.

I think as long as the show was a success, and every one was pleased, and all had a good time, it would have been well to have left "good enough" alone without these rank comments, which some fellows are always looking after, and to see where they can find some fault, regardless of the best judge in the country.

G. S. BOLLER.

Cherry Creek, N. Y., Jan. 3, 1895.

Pets.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

This is not an unfamiliar subject to all fanciers, so I came to the conclusion that it was not right to miss an opportunity to refer to some of our friends—pets. First comes the Hon. John H. Kuhn, of Louisville, Ky., which he calls the home of southern pigeondom. Now, there never was a more jovial, bigger hearted man than John H., but somehow or other thieves took a dislike to him and at a single stroke bagged several hundred of his best pigeons, so John is short of pets. In this respect he is unlike Edward T. Hazeldine, the Pouter breeder, of Terre Haute, Ind., for "Hazel" has a pet. It transpires that "Hazel" is a mechanic of no little ability and operates an architectural ironworks. Recently he was superintending some forging, and received an unwelcome cinder in his eye; that was not enough, so he took a train immediately for the Peoria show, it being then in full blast, and he wishing to leave behind him no criticism or any intimation of a pugilistic reception. The train conveyed him as far as Danville, a transfer station, where he missed the Peoria train, and was

compelled to return home and nurse his pet.

Everybody that is a Fantail crank knows Saddleback Weiss, of Fred. C. Weiss, of Evansville, Ind. He also is a mechanic, and holds a responsible position as foreman for a contracting firm. A few days ago, just after his dissipation at the Peoria show, he having returned home, was building a castle in the air, when he fell severely injuring a leg and breaking his heart. He has written that his pet will set him back two months. That is a funny statement, and I have taken it that he is going to take in the Peoria, Nashville, and Kansas City shows again in his mind.

Word was received from Mr. Zinnemaker, of Chicago, that during his absence, when attending the Peoria Poultry and Pigeon Show, that a servant in his employ who was left in charge of his pigeon lofts just turned on the steam heating apparatus in the lofts, and neglected turning same off, and now Mr. Zinnemaker has no pets. Chas. W. Robinson, of Peoria, Ill., the Fantail crank has for a long time been laying for a cur dog with the hope of winging him with a rock. The day after Christmas, Charley as usual made a short cut for a street car, going directly by his friend, the dog's home, but previously collecting a few select stones to antagonize Mr. Dog. Mr. Dog started out upon first sight; after a warm reception he retired in hot haste. Charlie thought nothing more of it until he had sighted his car coming, and started upon a run for same, when to his surprise and amazement he received a bite from the dog upon the hand. This pet is somewhat painful, but is rapidly recovering.

Major Frank M. Gilbert, of Evansville, Ind., took a southern trip recently to Evergreen, Ala., all for his pet stomach. There he found no help for it, but after judging a grand lot of Fans at Nashville and Kansas City shows he finally recovered.

It would take too much space to mention all the fanciers' pets so I will saw off with one more.

Recently I met "Big George," sometimes called George Ewald, of Cincinnati, Ohio. He has a pet that is a pet. It is the largest pet of the season. To appreciate the magnitude of George's pet you should hear him tell about it; he simply tells it by the yard, with emphasis every half foot. At the Peoria show he took dinner with three friends; they allowed him to talk, and, if not reminded, he would have forgotten to eat, he was so wrapped up in the story of his pet, the Cincinnati show. Well he did good work as a judge at Peoria, and made many friends who promised to help him with his pet and enter their best in competition at the Ewald exhibition.

The Cincinnati show promises to be the best show given this season, outside of the Grand New York Show, and I feel convinced that in pigeons it will equal it in every respect. I. L. NOYSE.

Transfers.

From the loft of A. B. Hoskins, Glen Riddle, Pa., to that of L. D. Holmes, Syracuse, N. Y., the following well bred Jacobins: One pair of Reds, one pair of Blacks, one pair of Blues, and one Yellow and one White hen, all good birds, and should improve his stock very much.

From the lofts of Dr. J. J. Hanselman all my Short-Face Antwerps or Show Antwerps, including Boston prize winners, to G. R. Jones, Allentown, Pa.; all my Tail Owls, including Boston prize winners, to John Graves, Winfield, Long Island, N. Y.; one pair of White Fans to H. N. Holbrook, Avon, Mass.; one pair of Yellow Pouters and one pair of White Fans to Geo. H. Leh, Allentown, Pa.

Notice to Owl Fanciers.

Please state in the next issue of THE AMERICAN FANCIER that the Owl Club by a majority of votes will meet at New York during their coming show, and as this is the American Owl Club's first meeting, it is very desirable that as many of the members as possible attend. A full meeting is hoped for.

H. T. KLUSMEYER, JR., Sec.
Easton, Pa., Jan. 8, 1894.

An English Opinion.

"Pigeon Keeping—Hints to Beginners." (America—THE AMERICAN FANCIER'S Office, Johnstown, N. Y.) The third revised edition, with additional chapters, of this practical little work is just to hand, and is, we feel sure, one of the best of its kind that has ever been written in America. Major F. M. Gilbert, the author, is well-known in Pigeon circles as a breeder and fancier of Fantails, besides being a clever writer on pigeon topics. The book is capably gotten up, nicely printed and of a handy size, and is published for 50 cents. In the introduction the author states: "I want to say in closing that it is strictly an American work, as I am one of those who hoot at the idea that to get any good birds we must import them. I want to go on record as believing that we have better birds in America than they have in England, and a far better climate in which to breed them." We admire the gallant major's patriotic sentiment, but at the same time would remind him that American fanciers are greatly indebted to England for their original stock.

We are glad to learn that the author has recovered from his late serious indisposition.—*Poultry*, England.

Mr. Ingram Explains.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

I wish to correct the statement made by Mr. Campbell in last issue of your paper wherein he says I told him that I could have done better judging in Jacks without Mr. Glasgow's help. I never told him any such thing. I did say that Glasgow was too positive in his assertions referring to some of the other classes, notably Pouters and Owls. I asked Mr. Glasgow to help me judge the Jacks which he readily did and will at once admit that he was a great help to me and it shows on the face of Campbell's letter that Glasgow could not have rattled me very much when he says I made but few mistakes in such large classes. I did say that I considered the 2d prize White Pouter cock the best, but Campbell acted in such a manner round that Pouter that he would tax the patience of Job. The owner of 2d bird told him repeatedly to keep still and give the man a chance.

A. M. INGRAM.
Quincy, Mass., January 3d, 1895.

Magpie Club.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

The majority of members favor giving the following club specials at New York show: For best Black cock, \$2; hen, \$2. Red cock, \$2; hen, \$2. Yellow cock, \$2; hen, \$2. Any Other Color cock, \$2; hen, \$2. 1894 American bred cock, \$2; hen, \$2. Total, \$20.

In addition to above, our president, Wm. Ehinger, Jr., of Philadelphia, Pa., will give \$2.50 in gold for best collection. Geo. W. Spohn of Philadelphia, 1 pair Magpies for best display Black Magpies. As I could not get more than eight classes at New York show, we will give the best 1894 bred cock or hen \$2 each; but the young birds can not compete in same class with old birds. It has also been suggested that members try to arrange to meet either Friday or Saturday, Feb. 1st or 2d, to discuss matters for the benefit of the club at our annual meeting.

G. A. FICK, Sec'y.
Baltimore, Md.

His Birds Were Not at Boston

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

In looking over your report of the Boston Pigeon show, I see you give me 2d on Satinettes, '94. As my birds were not there it certainly is not me. Please give the honor where it belongs. My birds were ready to ship, but when I asked what time they would get there, I found they would be too late so unpacked them.

R. S. GROVES.
Prospect Park, Moore, Pa.

Correction.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

In your report of the late Boston show you fail to credit me with winning special

for best Long-faced Tumbler in the show, also special for best display of same.

FRANK W. GORSE.
Highlandville, Mass., Jan. 6th, 1895.

Pigeon Flying.

Philadelphia News of the Doves of the Members Flying under American Rules for Pigeon Flying.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

The interest with pigeon flyers to the close of the year is in the competition for the prize offered for best speed from one distance and the Bellview clock offered for four journeys, one to be from 540 miles. The one distance honors are held by "Blue Cloud" of Louis Mehler, Philadelphia, for 1,584.8 yards for the 100 miles distance, won from "Coxey" of the same loft early in November.

The four journey contest, in its condition that one shall be from 540 miles, has as fixed figures 996 yards for "Trainer," of Charles Hehler, and 1,057 yards by "F. L. Glosser," of Elwood Sanderling, the contest having narrowed to these two birds.

Up to November 14, "Trainer" held the record for the beginning of the year without the average being 1,321.9. But with the opening of the month "Glosser" was put upon the road and in the fortnight following made five journeys from 100 miles, the speeds being 1,347, 1,154.1, 1,299.6, 1,407.6. The best three of these with the 1,067 yards of the distance journey made the average for four, 1,366.5 yards.

On Thursday, December 13, the ball was opened again with the fly of "Trainer" from 100 miles, the speed 1,419 yards. This brought his average to 1,336.2 yards, the difference being lessened to 30.3 yards. Sent again to fly the same station on Friday, his speed was 1,439.1 yards, bringing the average up to 1,341.3 yards and lowering the margin 5.1 points.

On Saturday, "Glosser" was sent away for a trial on Sunday. The start was at 9:30 A. M., the bird in the loft at 11:41.40 A. M.; speed 1,377.1 yards. This being better speed than in a previous journey, brought the average for four up to 1,373.8 yards, widening the distance for "Trainer" even beyond the figures of Thursday. In the fly of Sunday there were also the two birds, "Miss Nancy" and "Daisy Bell." Neither was home at evening.

A new series was begun December 15, engaging the birds of W. H. Prawl, 153 Rittenhouse street, Germantown, and of John R. Hunsberger, Chestnut Hill. By reason of bad weather the birds were in the baskets for several days, but were so well cared for that they apparently lost nothing by it. Let go at 10:40 A. M., "Little Fritz," of John R. Hunsberger, was home at 1:18 P. M. The air line distance 123 1/2 miles, average speed 1,375.1 yards; giving the bird the record for the 123 mile distance in the world's flying for the year, previously held by "Bishop," of the Boman loft, with 1,314.4 yards. The first return to the Prawl loft was only a trifle later.

Imports—From the loft of Charles Duerinck, St. Gillis, Belgium, by A. J. Maper, Gordon, Pa., birds with record from Dax, 550 miles, from a lot of 70 birds making the distance in the day in 1892.

Transfers of stock reported for registry for the period ending December 31, are: From the American Lofts (Louis A. Mehler), Philadelphia, Pa., to Thos. J. Weissenberger, McKeesport, Pa., Reg. Nos. 99, 126, 137, 149, 150; to T. T. Mather, Philadelphia, Reg. Nos. 122, 136; to Peter Schamlein, Ashland, Pa., Reg. Nos. 147, 152, 161, 162.

From the Ellwood Sanderling Loft, Philadelphia, to Howard B. Lang, Philadelphia, Reg. Nos. 51, 56; to Geo. Linsenmaier, Philadelphia, Reg. No. 68.

From the Camac Cote (W. Thornton Innes), Philadelphia, to Cornelius Collins, Philadelphia, Reg. Nos. 7, 184, 7, 184; to Norman Longaker, Philadelphia, Reg. No. 7, 164; to P. Moore, Philadelphia, one pair unbanded youngsters.

From the Frank D. Read Loft, Fall River, Mass., to F. W. King, Ansonia, Conn., Reg. Nos. 2, 288, 353, 11, 708; to Jas. Waller, Sterling, Conn., Reg. Nos. 12, 70, 13, 16; to Wm. Meek, Fall River, Reg. No. 2; to Joseph Deshay, Fall River, Reg. Nos. 11, 701, 140.

From Henry G. Thurston Loft, Fall River, Mass., to Dr. Niver, Cambridge, Mass., Reg. Nos. 402, 422, 424, 357; to Dr. Aldrich, Fall River, Reg. Nos. 353, 354, 355, 361; to John Ousley, Pawtucket, R. I., Reg. Nos. 402, 405; to P. H. Schotshauer, San Francisco, Cal., Reg. Nos. 403, 413, 416; to H. S. Pierce, Wilmington, Del., Reg. Nos. 410, 417; to Thomas Calaghan, Valley Falls, R. I., Reg. Nos. 458, 464, 465; to W. H. Finney, Columbia, Pa., Reg. Nos. 372, 373, 374, 375, 489, 490; to Samuel Hunt, Fall River, Reg. Nos. 466, 467, 468, 469, 450, 473, 474, 467, 468, 469, 487, 488; to Frank D. Read, Fall River, Reg. Nos. 358, 362, 444, 457, 500; to Enoch Anderton, Fall River, Reg. Nos. 453, 454, 462, 463, 475, 366, 477, 482, 483, 486.

From the Mantua Lofts (Charles Mehler, Jr.), Philadelphia, Pa., to Wm. Maubury, Pittsburg, Pa., Reg. Nos. 32, 37, 14, 25, 36, 38; to J. J. Hurst, Toledo, Ohio, Reg. Nos. 77, 114; to Howard Balm, York, Pa., Reg. Nos. 21, 22; to Edward Wall, Phoenixville, Pa., Reg. Nos. 178, 198; to A. J. Mayer, Gordon, Pa., Reg. Nos. 28, 47; to H. A. Bridge, Columbus, Ohio, Reg. Nos. 29, 58, 64, 75, 51, 63; to Hon. James E. Romig, Philadelphia, Reg. Nos. 33, 50, 62, 76; to W. H. Llewellyn, Pittsburg, Pa., Reg. Nos. 60, 71, 77, 82, 83, 91; to A. M. Dunn, Columbus, Ohio, Reg. Nos. 16, 68, 12, 67, 182.

From the Suburban Lofts (Fred. Bowers), Fall River, Mass., to Queen City Homing Club, of Toronto, Reg. Nos. 708, 711, 709, 714, 703, 728, 731, 721, 740, 748, and open bands 34, 35, and 37; to Wm. R. Badger, Lynn, Mass., Reg. Nos. 715, 658, 738, 712, and 713; to H. A. Bridge, Columbus, Ohio, Reg. Nos. 737, 74; to H. W. Beck, Reg. No. 315.

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 2, 1894.

Fulton County Pigeon Flying Club.

The annual meeting of the No. 1 Fulton County Pigeon Flying club was held Wednesday evening, Jan. 2d, 1895, and elected the following officers: President, Mr. A. C. Saunders; vice-president, Hallock C. Alvord; secretary and treasurer, Chas. W. Clark. The club starts the season of 1895 in good condition, and we hope to be in it with the rest of the boys this season. We are glad to learn that the Troy boys are talking of forming a Flying club, and our wish to them is "good luck." CHAS. W. CLARK, Sec'y.
Gloversville, N. Y., Jan. 7th, 1895.

East Side Flying Club.

At the annual meeting of the East Side Flying Club of Newark, N. J., held January 2nd, 1895, at their rooms, No. 426 Walnut street, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Fred. Heiss, president; H. Kirsch, vice-president; Thos. Schroeck, secretary; Alb. Hartung, treasurer; Chas. Metzger, sergeant-at-arms.

THOS. SCHROECK, Secretary.
Newark, N. J., January 3, 1895.

The Band Killed It.

A resident of East avenue picked up a Carrier pigeon the other day which fell dead before him on the lawn. An examination showed the cause of death to be a small brass ring which had been put on the pigeon's leg when young. As the bird grey, the ring cut deep into the flesh, until finally the bone itself was too large for the ring and the poor bird died as the result of rupture of the blood vessels of the leg. The ring in question, which was taken from the bird, contained the inscription, "S. 16657," evidently the mark and registry number of some Carrier loft.—*Rochester Post-Express*, Dec. 28th, 1894.

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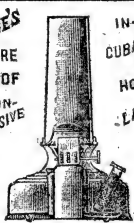
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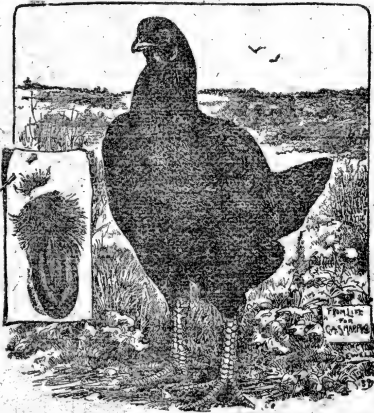
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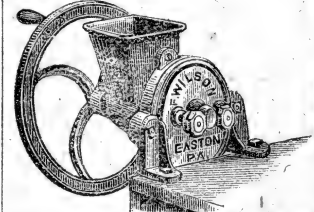
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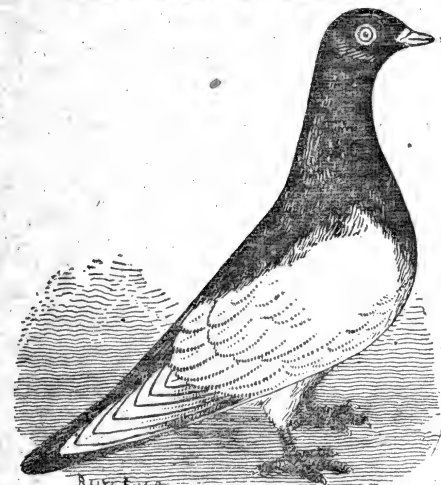
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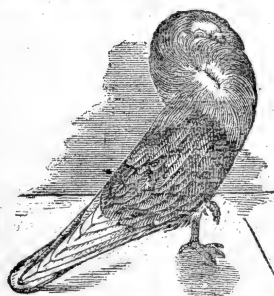


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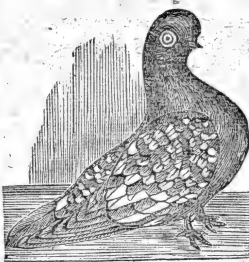
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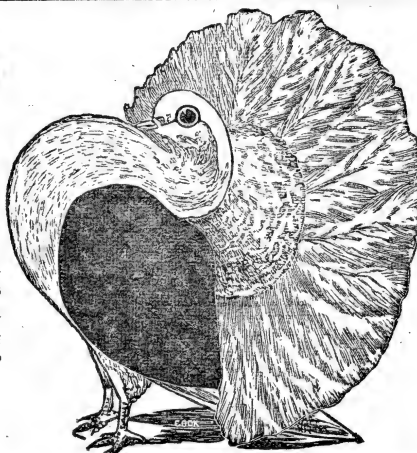
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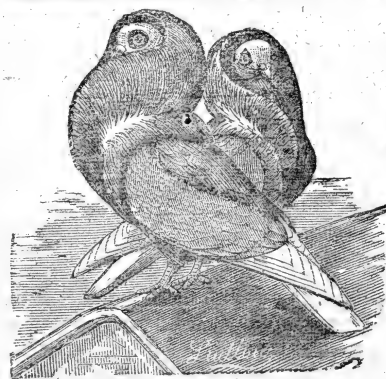
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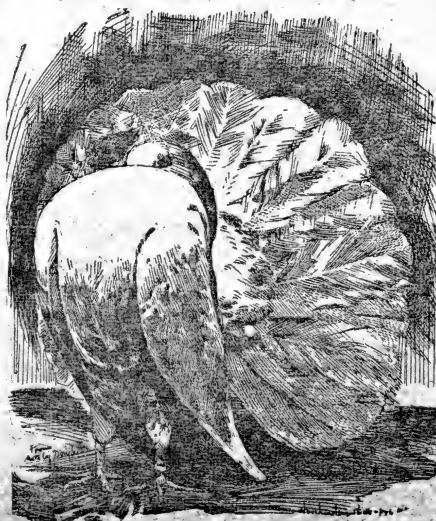
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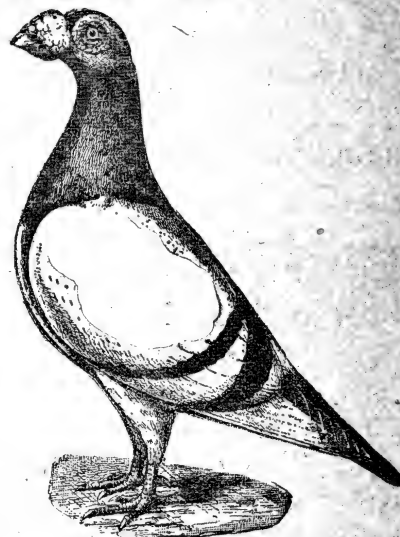


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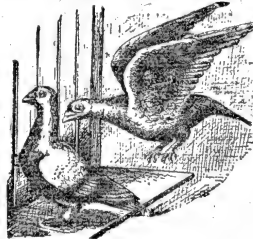
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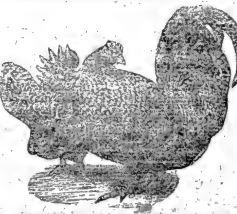
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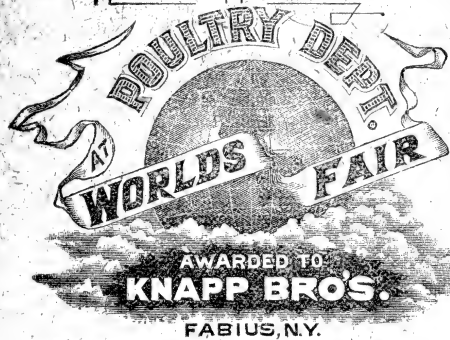
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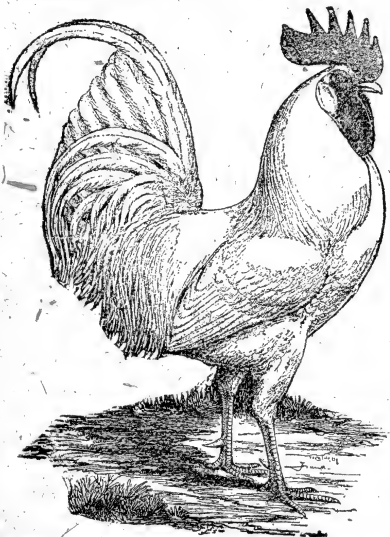
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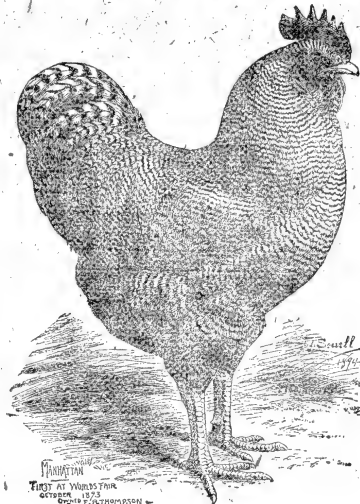
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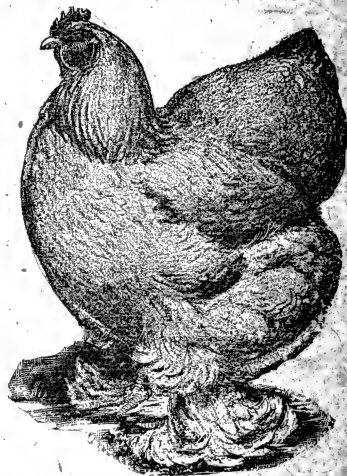
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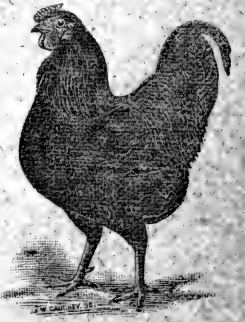
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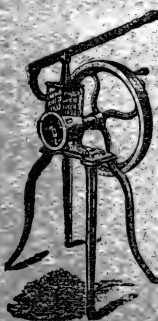
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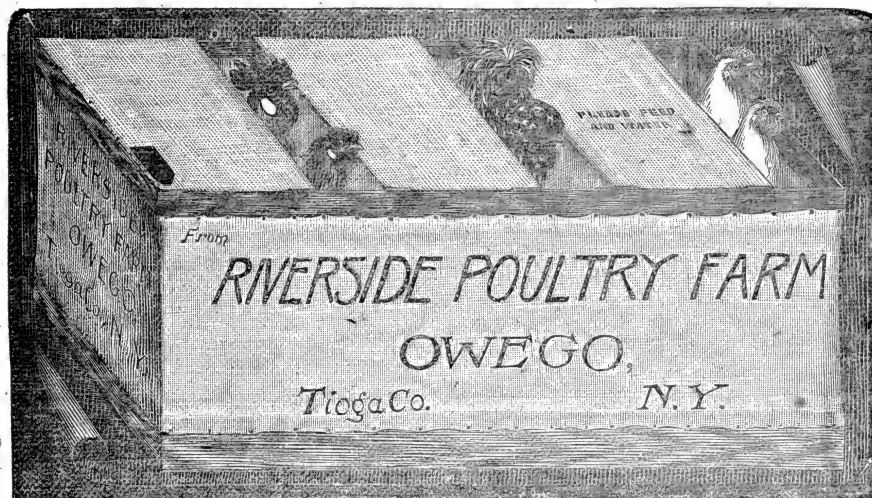
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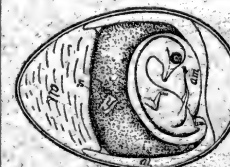
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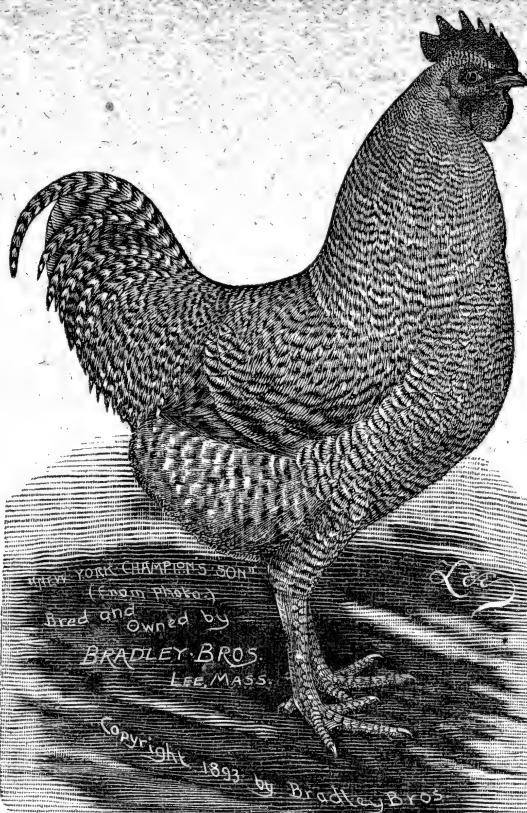
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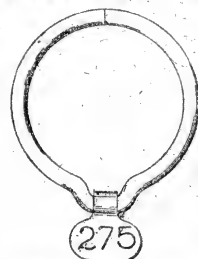
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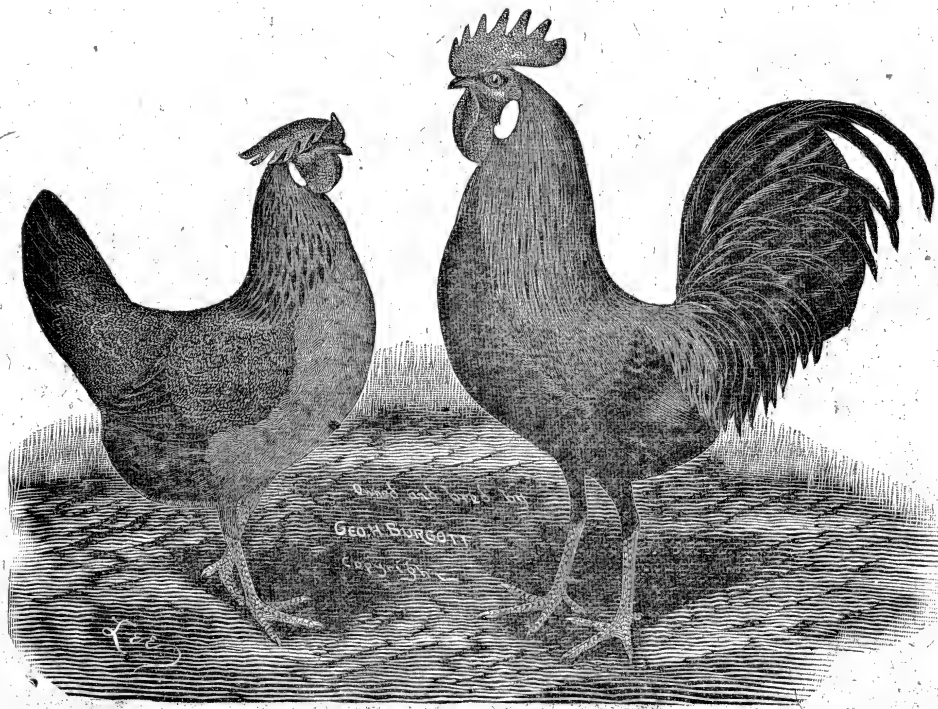
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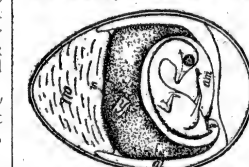
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A Talk On Wyandottes.

BY GEORGE E. HOWELL.

Several days since a prominent judge said to me: "If you Wyandotte breeders do not wake up, your breed will be more dead than a mackerel. The birds shown to-day are not a bit better than they were ten years ago."

This severe but none the less merited comment has caused me to do some tall thinking. I do not believe in blowing one's own horn too loudly, and have waited, hoping something would eventually turn up, but I have come to the conclusion that if we Wyandotte breeders want our horns blown we need not wait for others to do it. It is a common habit when a writer brags about his favorite breed, to yell free advertising.

I have modified my version of it to read in this case, "say all the good you can about your own breed, but don't run down some other fellows." To get right down to hard pan facts, there is enough Wyandotte breeders to form more than a passive body, and brother breeders it is time to wake up. I admire all Wyandottes, but I am an out and out admirer for all true Silver, and to them particularly will I confine much of my contemplated future articles on the breed, leaving the others to their admirers.

To return to the judges assertion, that the Wyandottes had not improved a particle in ten years, the Silvers to which he more particularly alluded have lost caste with many breeders, who became disgusted with their lack of uniformity of breeding and dropped them, but on the other hand, others have stood by them, they saw success in the distance, away off to be sure but visible not withstanding. They recognized the matchless beauty of the open centered female untarnished by smokiness or moss, and the silvery hackle and beautiful black and white breast of the best males, and hung on and labored to produce their ideal, and some day success will be theirs, they will have accomplished the great feat of rescuing from the depth of indifference a good and noble pioneer of a foremost American production.

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Symmetry Abstractly Considered.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

The able articles on this subject which you published last month over the well known signatures of F. W. Hitchcock and J. Y. Bicknell respectively, seemed to me to go deeper into it in the right direction than anything I had previously seen on the same question. Probably nothing but a personal acquaintance with both these judges and a good knowledge of their liberal views, would tempt me to try, and expand the subject a little, especially along the line taken by Mr. Bicknell.

It is not necessary to go outside of the word itself in order to get a clear idea of what "symmetry" really is. From its derivation ("sun," meaning "together," and "metron" meaning "a measure") perfect symmetry is essentially the result obtained when the parts of an object or the members of a collection of

in addition to those so effectively chosen by the judges already named. Suppose you have a Cochin absolutely perfect, except in having the wings of an equally perfect Cochin Bantam grafted on to him. Where would you cut him? Cut him on symmetry? Certainly, because the wings are parts out of proportion. Abolish the symmetry section, and where would you cut him? Echo must answer, because the wings are perfect in shape. Again, suppose you have a bird with shanks much too flat and a crooked keel bone, but in all other respects a model specimen? You would cut him of course on "shape of legs" and on "shape of body" without ever giving a thought to the perfect "symmetry" that is not disturbed by either of the defects named.

If this is decently good reasoning, it must be apparent that there need be no equalizing of cuts on symmetry and cuts in the shape sections, for the simple reason that there need be no connection whatever between the two. So, a bird may quite properly be cut three on sym-

the score card to give some such information, but imagine the perplexity of the absent exhibitor, under the present system if the card of his winner came home showing a cut of three on symmetry, one on shape of comb, one-half each on shape of wattles and earlobes, one for crooked keel, and one-half on shape of legs, nothing else. He might know that the birds wings were absurdly small, and that his tail was too large, but would he give the judge credit for having considered "size" and "shape" abstractly, i. e. independently, and for having punished the glaring "size" defects of both in a single cut (symmetry)? Or would he feel inclined to smile quietly as the thought struck him, that the judge, or his clerk, forgot the heavy cuts that were due on wings and tail? Or, lastly, would he make a downright kick and call the judge a gentleman in disguise, and argue that all the thumb-marked combs, creased wattles, round earlobes, crooked keels and flat shanks in the world, wouldn't justify a three point cut on symmetry? In most cases, such an exhibitor would simply be perplexed, would resolve to ask the judge about it, or would possibly write him, but in every case he would become a less ardent supporter, or a more bitter enemy of the present score card, and perhaps less friendly to the scoring system itself. Mr. Hitchcock alludes to this feeling of perplexity and uncertainty, and points out the extreme effect it tends to produce, though I think there is no one more loyal to the scoring system than himself. Above all, he lays the blame on the card, where it belongs.

From some little experience, both in the east and on the Pacific coast, I am led to believe that comparison judging has many warm supporters everywhere; score card judging also has thousands of advocates, but the great army of fanciers consists of those who don't like one system, and are not quite satisfied with the other. The remedy should not be slow in coming.

S. W. LOBB.

Toronto, Canada.

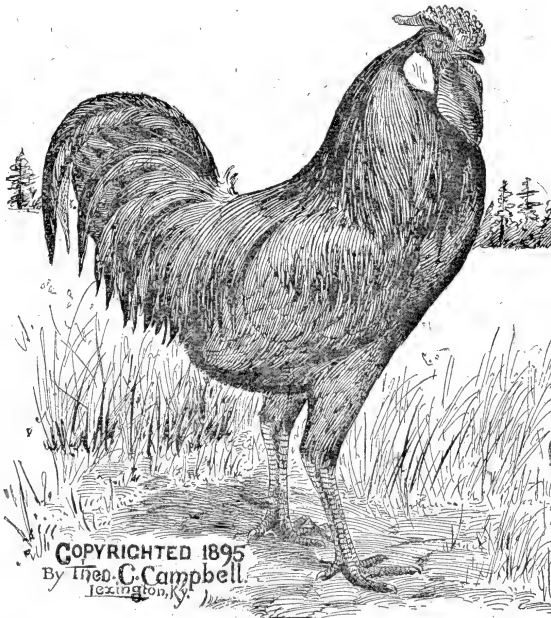
Southern Langshan Club.

At the meeting of the Southern Langshan Club, held at Augusta, Ga., it was decided to call for the vote of officers from each member by mail. The club also adopted a constitution and by-laws. The following are the officers elected: President, Dr. Stephen T. Lea, Cokesbury, S. C.; vice-president, W. T. Levering, Baltimore, Md.; secretary and treasurer, F. E. Hege, New Berne, N. C. Executive committee, J. R. Kirkpatrick, Knoxville, Tenn., E. C. Connor, Cokesbury, S. C., R. O. Campbell, Atlanta, Ga., J. C. Bissell, Charleston, S. C., I. I. Ambrose, Nashville, Tenn. Committee of Complaints and Standard, I. Alwyn Ball, Summerville, S. C., Dr. S. T. Lea, Cokesbury, S. C., C. B. Hodgkins, Knoxville, Tenn.

The annual dues will be two dollars payable on the first day of March each year. Members may be elected at any regular or special meeting, or proposals for membership may be made to the secretary at any time, and shall be submitted to the executive committee. The president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer will be ex-officio members of the executive committee. The club will offer as many liberal prizes as the funds will permit, at such leading southern shows as the executive committee may select, and that a notification of such shows be sent to each member.

Any Langshan breeder wishing to become a member and help to encourage the interest of breeding the Langshan fowl as first introduced from Langshan China into England in 1872 and from there into the U. S. in 1878 as well as to protect, by co-operation, the interests of the breeders of this most popular and useful fowl should send to the secretary, F. E. Hege, New Berne, N. C., for a copy of the constitution, by-laws, etc. The following are the members to date, and, as will be seen, comprise the cream of the southern Langshan breeders, and still they come. We expect to have 50 members before our first show. Send in your names brother Langshan breeders.

S. B. Cook, Chatanooga, Tenn., A. I. Smith, Atlanta, Ga., R. O. Campbell, Atlanta, Ga., A. T. Lea, Atlanta, Ga., Loring Brown, Bolingbroke, Ga., I. N.



Rose Comb Black Minorcas.

Owned and Bred by Theodore Campbell, Lexington, Ky.

objects, are found to be in correct proportion one to another when measured together. In other words the term "symmetry" as applied to a fowl, has regard, first of all, to the relative size of its various parts when taken collectively. Primarily, it has nothing to do with the shape of the wings, tail, or any other section, when the term is applied to the bird as a whole, and of course it is so applied when a general cut is made, as under the present system of scoring. True "symmetry" may apply to a badly shaped part, but in that case it applies to the symmetry of that part, and not to symmetry of the whole fowl, though the latter will suffer in a secondary way, if the proportionate size of the said part is seriously affected by its faulty shape. Just here consider the point at which symmetry merges into shape, pure and simple, and loses its collective force altogether.

Now, let us take an illustration, or two

metry, and either cut or left alone on shape sections, as circumstances may warrant, and he may be cut quite freely on shape (of parts) without any sufficient grounds being found for even the minimum cut on symmetry (of the whole bird.)

Mr. Bicknell's suggestion to substitute the term "carriage" for "symmetry" would meet the case if it did not, unfortunately, leave this "relative sizes of parts" unprovided for. He says, and proves by illustration, that one real defect in carriage need not be confused with another imaginary defect in shape if the two things are "abstractly considered." In those two words lies the key to the whole question.

At present, however, as Mr. Hitchcock clearly shows, judges are driven to the extremity of trying to indicate, in the shape column, what was the nature of the defects that called for a cut on symmetry. Exhibitors know this, and expect

Johnson, Martinez, Ga., J. C. Bissell, Charleston, S. C., J. Alwyn Ball, Summerville, S. C., Stephen T. Lea, Cokesbury, S. C., E. C. Connor, Cokesbury, S. C., J. J. Ambrose, Nashville, Tenn., W. T. Levering, Baltimore, Md., R. L. Simmons, Shelby, N. C., F. E. Hege, New Berne, N. C., W. D. Harrill, Ellenboro, N. C., J. R. Kirkpatrick, Knoxville, Tenn., Daniel Shirey, Knoxville, Tenn., G. W. Callahan, Knoxville, Tenn., C. B. Hodgkins, Knoxville, Tenn., R. H. Bell, Knoxville, Tenn.

From Ole Virginny.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

Have you missed anything up your way? We have been having for the last fifty days some weather that we think has either strayed or been stolen from your section, and if you will send and get it home you will put joy in the hearts of our hens as well as the owners. The mercury has no hesitation about getting down to 8, 10, or 15 degrees below zero, but seems to have the greatest antipathy to the other end of the tube.

My hens have only been out of the house three or four days since the 26th December, and at that time the ground was partially covered with snow. I understand the local trade is now paying 25 cents per dozen for eggs. Of course, only hens that have the run of large horse or cattle barns in this section are laying, as we do not contemplate having more than eight or ten days in the season that fowls cannot be out of their houses. Those who have houses have them more for protection from thieves and varmints than anything else. The larger portion of the poultry in this country either roost in the barns and stables or in the trees. Of course, some are lost by owls, hawks, &c., but I am almost inclined to the belief that the fowls are healthier than if kept in very close houses. Of one thing I am sure, that roup is rarely ever known. My own practice is, to let my fowls roost out until the first snow, and then get them in the house, but the houses are all open slats on south side. I must acknowledge the corn, however. I believe they would lay better in warm houses if properly fed. I have never cared much for winter eggs from my breeding stock, as I use all the eggs for hatching, and would prefer that the hens do not lay until about 13th of February.

That was a well deserved compliment the Indian Game Club paid my old friend and neighbor, A. M. Bowman, of Salem, Va., when they elected him president of the club. He was one of the few men in the south who had the nerve to pay \$1 each for eggs of an untried breed, and take them in four setting lots at that. He has stood by them, too, ever since, and writes me in the last few days "that the honor was totally unexpected, but that as it has been conferred I shall do my best to push the Indian Game Club to the front. I intend to work up the club, so that by next year it will be heard from in the way of handsome specials at some of the shows."

Good. Drevenstedt is going to have some more chickens. He can call on me for the best pair of Indian Games I have if he decides on that variety.

The turkey trade was pretty heavy, but birds only realized 5 to 5½ cents live weight for the stock. I think about all have been shipped. "BUCK."

Delay in Mailing Standards.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

The delay of transfer of Standards and subsequent delay of editors in filling their orders has been caused by the severe illness and final death of a railway superintendent, to whom I referred the bonded company for reference. I was not aware of this matter until to-day, and at once straightened out the kink so that the transfer can be made, and all orders can be filled, likely, by March 1. The superintendent, above referred to, was not able to give the matter his personal attention; thus delay. Please give this space in your first issue, as many are wondering what to make of the way business is being transacted.

THEO. HEWES, Sec'y A. P. A.
Trenton, Mo., Feb. 14, 1895.

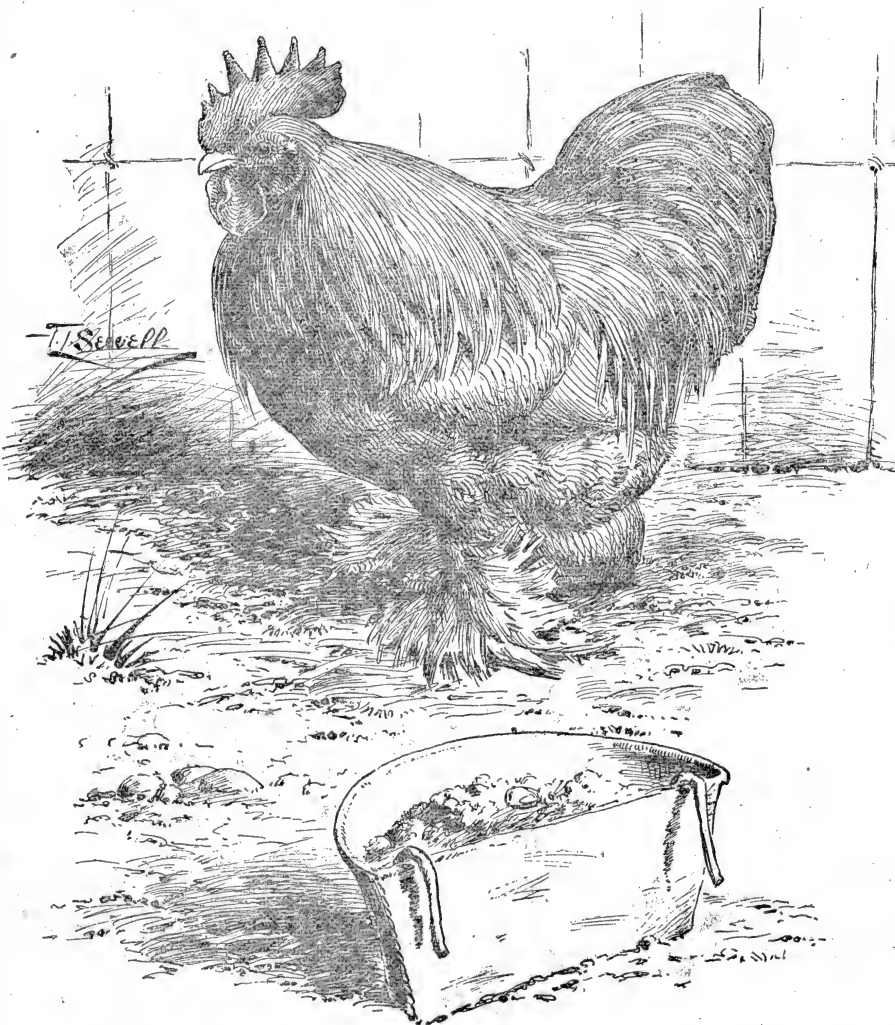
Game Notes.

[Written for THE AMERICAN FANCIER.]

Considering the evident general information of authors of poultry books regarding other breeds, it is somewhat singular that so many inaccuracies regarding Game fowls find place in the average "treatise on poultry." The majority of poultry authors don't seem to have discovered but that the Show Game and Pit Game are one and the same. I was just reading a chapter on Games in C. B. Thorne's "New and Complete Poultry Book," published as late as 1891. He says, "There are two races of Game fowls, the English and the East Indian, both having originally been bred for the purpose of cock fighting, and that in fowls bred for such a purpose we should expect to find compactness of form and great courage." Following this piece of startling information, Mr. Thorne goes on to say that there are many sub-varieties of the English Game based upon size or color of plumage, but all these have a generally recognized and uniform type of form and carriage. Then follows descriptions of the Black and Brown Breasted Reds, Ginger Reds,

wishes to appear very wise. There are too many "sages" in the poultry fraternity for its welfare.

Malays are going to be more plentiful, I believe. I know of a number of breeders who have lately taken up the variety. At one time Malays had nearly disappeared in England, until the number of breeders there "could be counted on the fingers," according to English authority. After the Cornish Indian boom, Malays seemed to get a fresh start, so to speak, and now respectable numbers of them are seen at nearly all the largest English shows. In Australia, too, this breed has quite a foothold on popular favor. The breed has been comparatively unknown at American shows, and though a description—more or less inaccurate—of the fowl has always occupied a place in the American Standard, the average judge had never the pleasure of passing upon it. Now, not only Malays, but Malay Bantams, both red and white, are sometimes exhibited here, and I have faith that both the large breed and its miniature counterparts will become popular. The Malay is really an excellent meat



Buff Cochon Bantam Cock, "Ned,"

Winner of 1st at NEW YORK, 1895, also winner of first as cockerel in New York, 1894. Owned and bred by R. A. HOMEYER, Middle Village, L. I., New York.

Yellow and Silver Duckwings, Red and White Piles, White, Black, Blue, Gray, Spangled and Henny Games. In his "preface," Mr. Thorne remarks that "of English and American poultry books little can be said. They are often mere compilations from Tegetmeier's work, only departing from his text to admit gross inaccuracies and to advertise the compiler's egotism." With the number of "works" like Mr. Thorne's that constitute the entire "library" of hundreds of American fanciers, it is not particularly surprising that breeders of Show Games receive orders for fighting cocks and Pit breeders are called upon for birds that "score 97½ points."

Wonder what has happened to Uncle Felch's Utility nondescripts? The poultry fraternity, and especially the Game boys, don't seem to take kindly to this latest scheme evolved by the "Sage." The Game journals, big and little, advise Game breeders to have nothing to do with the Utility folder-rol, as there is nothing in it except for Felch, who

fowl and very interesting from a fancier's standpoint. They go as far toward making variety at the poultry show as any breed I know. I have bred them "off and on" for many years, and consider them entitled to as much consideration as any other fowls. Next season I have a mind to experiment on producing some Black Malays. I have some very large Black Jap hens (the pure Jap is almost identical with the Malay, except in gameness, which the former possess and the Malay lacks), and from these and a very dark Malay cock I hope to get the color for the foundation stock. Some of the Japs have even longer necks and heavier "brows" than most Malays, and it is in these points that many of our Malays are deficient. In Japs black is one of the common colors, and I have wondered that some of the Malay breeders didn't resort to these to produce a Black variety. Of course, the Standard recognizes only the Black Reds, but that don't prevent a Black Malay from being a pretty fowl. A black fowl of the Malay build, size, gloss and closeness of feather

can't help but be attractive. There was a strain of Black Malays out in California a few years ago, but I don't know what became of them. They were of an importation from Australia. I have understood.

The January number of the *Game Fowl Monthly* contains an interesting contribution on "Spanish cocks and cocking." The contributor states that the Spanish Game cock is a cross between English and the Canary Island birds, and range in weight from 2-8 to four pounds, seldom the latter. When as large as four pounds the Spaniards make sneering remarks about them. They call such birds "English" and bet heavily against them. The Spaniards breed alone for the pit, regardless of color, and always, if possible, from spurred hens. They have a saying that "English cocks have fluid blood; Spanish cocks blood of fire." All Spain goes into rhapsody over cocking. The Spanish cock is a marvellously game, quick and skilful fighter. They are also more martial looking than English or American cocks, and possess that "raging pride" which few other cocks have.

The Cuban Game fowls are, as a rule, a mixture of Spanish and American blood. They are also small fowls, full feathered, handsome, very active and very game. In Cuba cocks are usually fought in naked spurs, though sometimes with knife blades called "slashers."

F. H. GRAVES.

American White Wonder Club.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

An enthusiastic meeting of members of the American White Wonder Club was held January 17th, 1895, in the parlor of the Avenue hotel, St. Johnsbury, Vermont, William N. French, president, presiding. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Wm. N. French, New Haven, Vt.; vice-presidents, A. C. Bennett, Farmer, N. Y.; J. S. Mason, Medina, Ohio; H. T. Corning, Hartford, Conn.; directors, H. W. Heath, Piermont, N. H.; Henry E. Voigt, Hansan, Wis.; S. J. Andrus, Canada; A. E. Manmor, Bristol, Vt.; Geo. F. Hewett, Saluda, Va.; Wm. Stellwagen, Garden, Mich.; D. J. Butler, Springvale, Me.; Wm. Walker, Upton, Mass.; E. F. Starkey, Lyndonville, Vt.

A very able and interesting letter was read from the secretary, W. G. Smith, expressing regrets at being unable to attend the meeting, but declaring his hearty sympathy with any actions taken by the members to promote the best interests of the club, and in which he also said the White Wonders were no longer an experiment, but had proven themselves to be a most noble and meritorious breed.

His official report shows the club to be in a flourishing condition, with 50 members and \$50 in the treasury. No expenditures were reported.

A resolution was offered, and unanimously passed, thanking the secretary for services rendered.

It was gratifying to those present when the names of the two judges, H. B. May, a prominent New England judge and breeder of B. P. Rocks, who has thoroughly tested the White Wonders, and E. F. Starkey, also a White Wonder breeder, were added to the list of members, making 52 in all.

Several letters were read from White Wonder breeders in the western states, also from breeders in Canada, New York, Connecticut and Massachusetts, expressing their determination to do all in their power to promote the best interests of the breed. Considerable discussion was had and plans were adopted in regard to the constitution and by-laws of the club, which are to be submitted to the members for their approval and adoption.

It was also decided to have a small ideal cut made, suitable for envelopes and letter heads, which should be for the use of club members only. It will be for the advantage of every breeder of White Wonders to join the club and assist in perfecting one of the best breeds ever introduced, and in every honorable way to work for their advancement. To enable all to join, the admittance fee has

been placed low; membership fee \$1, yearly dues 50 cents. Those wishing to join may do so by sending their names with initiation fee to A. V. Roscoe, treasurer, New Haven, Vermont.

W. G. SMITH, Sec'y.
Mansfield, Ohio, Feb. 16th, 1895.

Cheap Poultry Farms.

While the south offers great chances for the man with more or less money, the same chances prevail in many parts of the north. In the southern counties of Ohio are improved farms, near railroads and towns, to be had at eight to twelve dollars per acre, that are finely adapted to poultry farming, combined with tobacco raising and general farming. Of course, such farms are often "hard run." They need clovering and manuring. Yet for poultry culture this rolling limestone land is superbly adapted. While I would not decry the cheap lands and great opportunities of the south in certain sections, yet these northern localities afford a splendid opportunity for the man of small means without changing the society and customs to which he is used.

While speaking of the opportunities of the south, I cannot refrain from speaking of a region in western North Carolina which I recently visited, and which impressed me with the possibilities it offered for the young man of push and a little capital. Look in the map and find Cranberry, near the border of Tennessee, and in western North Carolina. Cranberry is a strictly mining town, but the northern men, who practically own it and the railroad running to Johnson City, have begun to wake up to the possibilities of their section for farming and fruit and stock growing. This section is about the highest altitude in the south, and yet the mountain sides and tops possess a soil equal to the best land in Ohio. This most remarkable soil is peculiar to a limited section, and must prove very valuable in the future. It is mostly covered with fine timber, with small cleared farms to be occasionally seen. A ranch of 1,600 acres, which would be a grand stock farm, all the land being finely adapted to grass and grain, can be bought at \$6 per acre. Four hundred acres of this ranch has been "deadened," and at once was covered with a splendid growth of grass which grows in wonderful quantity and quality. For a stock farm such land is superb, and needs only the blood and brain of the north to develop it.

The native population has no energy or talent for business. They make good day laborers under proper direction, and hold their labor very low. I saw men working hard at clearing up land and burning logs at 60 cents a day. They consider such wages a bonanza.

One young college bred man from the north has gone into sheep raising and farming, and is making it pay. He keeps an accurate account of expenses and receipts. The crops of potatoes he raises on this land would startle the average northern farmer. This region is becoming a great resort for northern people, and especially for those suffering with lung and throat troubles. Many of these will settle permanently there when they discover the possibilities of the country. For poultry raising small farms already cleared can be purchased near the towns and railroads for what looks like a mere song. Five dollars an acre for a farm half cleared is not uncommon. This region is not far from the poultry markets of the east, and it offers cheap lands on which the necessary poultry supplies can be grown, a climate healthy for both the poultryman and the poultry and an opportunity for the immigrant to increase his profits by the natural increase in the value of the land which is sure to come. If the young man of energy does not succeed amid the boundless opportunities afforded in the various sections of north and south, he should not lay the blame of his failure on Uncle Sam or join the "industrial army." We have a country full of undeveloped resources, and we may flatter ourselves that an industrial awakening is at hand. Such an awakening must follow a depression such as we have recently experienced. The poultry industry must and will profit by this awakening.

F. M. CLEMANS, JR.

Awards at Minnesota State Poultry Association Show, Held Jan. 15th-22d.

BARRED P. ROCKS.—Cock, 2d 90, Thos. Slater, St. Paul; 2d 80, Franklin Benner, Minneapolis. Hen, 1st 92½, Benner; 2d 92, W. H. Avery; 3d 92, W. A. Gordon. Cockerel, 1st 92½, F. E. Pierce, Minneapolis; 2d 92½, Thos. Slater, St. Paul; 3d 92, N. S. Beardsley. Pullet, 1st 92½, Pierce; 2d 92½, Beardsley; 3d 92, Frank W. Breed, Minneapolis. Pen, 1st 184½, Pierce; 2d 183½, Beardsley; 3d 182½, Pierce.

WHITE P. ROCKS.—Cock, 1st 92, 2d 90, 3d 90, hen, 1st 93, 2d 92½, 3d 92½, cockerel, 1st 92, 2d 91½, 3d 91, A. J. Vanduesen, Winona. Pullet, 1st 94, 2d 94, 3d 92½, George Dame, Sank Rapids. Pen, 1st 184½, Vanduesen; 2d 183½, Dame; 3d 183½, Vanduesen.

SILVER WYANDOTTES.—Cock, 1st 92½, 2d 90, E. L. Everett, Minneapolis; 3d 88, B. W. Burdick, Minneapolis. Hen, 1st 93, 2d 93, 3d 92½, cockerel, 1st 93½, 2d 93, 3d 92½, pullet, 1st 95, 2d 94½, 3d 94½, pen, 1st 188, 2d 186, 3d 185, Everett. **GOLDEN WYANDOTTES.**—Cock, 1st 92½, 2d 91, Geo. C. Sherman, Minneapolis; 3d 90, William Shultz, St. Paul. Hen, 1st 91, 2d 90, cockerel, 1st 95, 2d 94, 3d 94, pullet, 1st 95½, 2d 95½, 3d 95, pen, 1st 190½, 2d 187½, 3d 187½, Sherman.

WHITE WYANDOTTES.—Cock, 1st 92½, F. W. Prouse, Minneapolis. Hen, 1st 94½, Geatte & Schroeder, St. Paul; 2d 91½, 3d 89½, Shultz. Cockerel, 1st 93, pullet, 1st 95½, 2d 94½, 3d 93½, pen, 1st 187½, Geatte & Schroeder.

BUFF WYANDOTTES.—Cockerel, 2d 90 1-2, pullet, 2d 90, Bean.

BLACK JAVAS.—Hen, 1st 92½, 2d 91½, cockerel, 3d 80, pullet, 1st 94, 2d 91, 3d 91, pen, 2d 181½, I. K. Bowman, Minneapolis.

LIGHT BRAHMAS.—Cock, 1st 93, J. G. Osmundson, Nerstrand; 2d 90, J. A. Hogan, Minneapolis; 3d 88½, Osmundson. Hen, 1st 92½, Benner; 2d 92½, J. F. Block & Son, Blue Earth City; 3d 91½, Benner. Cockerel, 1st 92, 2d 91½, C. H. Miller, Minneapolis; 3d 91½, Hogan. Pullet, 1st 94, 2d 92½, 3d 92 1-2, Miller. Pen, 1st 184½, Miller; 2d 183½, Osmundson; 3d 182, Hogan.

DARK BRAHMAS.—Hen, 3d 89 1-2, cockerel, 2d 91 1-2, Frank L. Phelps, Minneapolis.

BUFF COCHINS.—Cock, 1st 92, Leslie Parlin, St. Paul; 3d 89 1-2, Foster & Co., St. Paul. Hen, 1st 94, 2d 93 1-2, Parlin; 3d 92 1-2, W. M. Bean, Anoka. Cockerel, 1st 94, Parlin; 2d 92, Hogan; 3d 91, Parlin. Pullet, 1st 96, 2d 94 1-2, 3d 94, Parlin. Pen, 1st 188½, 2d 186, Parlin; 3d 184½, Hogan.

PARTRIDGE COCHINS.—Pullet, 3d 89, J. P. Peterson, St. Paul.

BLACK LANGSHANS.—Cock, 1st 93 1-2, 2d 93, 3d 91 1-2, Benner. Hen, 1st 95, 2d 94, Benner; 3d 93 1-2, F. W. Smith, Minneapolis. Cockerel, 1st 93, Benner; 2d 91 1-2, E. H. Cook, Union, Ill.; 3d 92 1-2, Benner. Pullet, 1st 95, 2d 95, Cook; 3d 91 1-2, W. A. Gordon, Grand Forks, North Dakota. Pen, 1st 186½, 2d 183 1-2, Benner.

S. C. BROWN LEGHORNS.—Cock, 2d 91 1-2, C. F. Lang, La Crosse, Wis.; 3d 90 1-2, H. S. Elliott, Minneapolis. Hen, 1st 92, Lang; 2d 92, 3d 91 1-2, Turner & Prouse. Cockerel, 1st 92, Turner & Prouse; 2d 91 1-2, Elliott; 3d 91 1-2, Wm. Apelt, Minneapolis. Pullet, 1st 92, Lang; 2d 91, R. C. Haynes, Minneapolis; 3d 90 1-2, Lang. Pen, 2d 183½, Turner & Prouse; 3d 182½, Lang.

R. C. BROWN LEGHORNS.—Cock, 2d 90, hen, 3d 89 1-2, B. S. Griffin, St. Paul. Cockerel, 1st 93 1-2, Griffin; 2d 90 1-2, W. O. Cook, Minneapolis; 3d 90, Griffin. Pullet, 1st 92 1-2, 2d 92, Griffin; 3d 90 1-2, Cook. Pen, 1st 184½, Griffin; 3d 170, Cook.

S. C. WHITE LEGHORNS.—Cock, 2d 91 1-2, Geatte & Schroeder; 3d 91, Turner & Prouse. Hen, 1st 92, 2d 91 1-2, R. Meili, St. Paul; 3d 91 1-2, Lough. Cockerel, 1st 92, 2d 91, B. E. Nye, St. Paul; 3d 90 1-2, Geatte & Schroeder. Pullet, 1st 93, Lough; 2d 92 1-2, 3d 92, Gordon. Pen, 2d 183½, Nye; 3d 182 1-2, Geatte & Schroeder.

R. C. WHITE LEGHORNS.—Cock, 3d 88, hen, 1st 92, 2d 91 1-2, 3d 91 1-2, cockerel, 1st 92 1-2, pullet, 1st 93, 2d 92 1-2, 3d 91 1-2, pen, 1st 184 1-2, 2d 181½, Ed. Lynch, St. Paul.

S. C. BLACK LEGHORNS.—Cock, 2d 90 1-2, 3d 88, hen, 1st 92, 2d 91, 3d 90, cockerel, 3d 89 1-2, C. Helland, St. Paul. Pullet, 1st 93, W. E. Dark, Minneapolis; 2d 93, 3d 92, Helland. Pen, 2d 182½, Helland; 3d 170½, Dark.

S. C. BUFF LEGHORNS.—Cockerel, 2d 90 1-2, pullet, 2d 91, 3d 90, pen, 2d 180 1-2, Bean.

R. C. BUFF LEGHORNS.—Cockerel, 1st 2d, N. S. Beardsley, St. Paul. Pullet, 1st 2d, Beardsley. Pullet, 1st 2d, Beardsley; 3d, Bean. Pen, 1st, Beardsley; 2d, Bean.

BLACK MINORCAS.—Hen, 1st 93 1-2, 2d 93, 3d 91, G. H. Brooks, Minneapolis. Cockerel, 1st 93 1-2, R. A. Keopke, Minneapolis; 2d 90, A. H. Blackett, Long Lake; 3d 89 1-2, Keopke. Pullet, 1st 94, Brooks; 2d 94, 3d 92 1-2, Keopke. Pen, 1st 186 1-2, Keopke; 2d 180½, Brooks; 3d 180½, Blackett.

BLUE ANDALUSIANS.—Hen, 1st 93, Cook Union, Ill. Cockerel, 2d 90 1-2, Cook; 3d 89, A. M. Pawlinson, Hunter, North Dakota. Pullet, 1st 93, 2d 92 1-2, Cook; 3d 92 1-2, Pawlinson. Pen, 2d 183, Cook.

W. F. BLACK SPANISH.—Hen, 2d 90 1-2, Cook. Pullet, 1st 92, 2d 91 1-2, W. M. Brown, St. Paul; 3d 89, Cook.

W. C. WHITE POLISH.—Cock, 1st 94 1-2, Meili. Hen, 1st 95, 2d 94 1-2, Meili; 3d 93, Cook. Cockerel, 1st 93 1-2, Meili; 2d 92, Cook. Pullet, 1st 95 1-2, 2d 95, 3d 94, Meili. Pen, 1st 189 1-2, Meili; 2d 185, Cook.

W. C. BLACK POLISH.—Cock, 1st 93, hen, 1st 95 1-2, 2d 93, 3d 93, cockerel, 2d 90, pullet, 1st 92 1-2, pen, 1st 186½, Davis.

SILVER BEARDED POLISH.—Hen, 1st 93 1-2, 2d 90 1-2, M. Kollmanon, Faribault.

S. S. HAMBURGS.—Cock, 3d 88 1-2, M. L. Forth, South Anthony Park. Hen, 1st 93, 2d 93, Geatte & Schroeder; 3d 92, Forth. Cockerel, 3d 89, Geatte & Schroeder. Pen, 2d 181½, Geatte & Schroeder; 3d 179 1-2, Forth.

RED CAPS.—Cockerel, 2d 91, W. J. Barber, Minneapolis.

HOUDANS.—Cock, 3d 89, hen, 1st 93 1-2, 2d 93 1-2, 3d 93, pen, 2d 182, Forth.

B. B. RED GAMES.—Cock, 1st 93 1-2, L. A. Lameriaux, Prospect Park; 3d 89, H. H. Krier, Owatona. Hen, 1st 94, Lameriaux; 2d 93 1-2, 3d 92, Krier. Cockerel, 1st 92 1-2, 2d 91 1-2, pullet, 1st 95, 2d 94, 3d 94, Krier.

RED PYLE GAMES.—Hen, 1st 93 1-2, 2d 92, 3d 91 1-2, cockerel, 1st 92 1-2, 2d 91, pullet, 1st 94 1-2, 2d 94, 3d 93 1-2, Krier.

B. B. RED GAME BANTAMS.—Cock, 1st 92 1-2, hen, 2d 90 1-2, cockerel, 2d 91 1-2, pullet, 3d 88 1-2, Krier.

YELLOW DUCKWING BANTAMS.—Cock, 3d 89 1-2, hen, 1st 94, Krier.

GOLDEN SEBRIGHT BANTAMS.—Hen, 2d 90, 3d 89 1-2, pullet, 2d 91, 3d 90, W. M. Bean, Anoka.

BUFF PEKIN BANTAMS.—Cock, 1st 93, 2d 92 1-2, 3d 90, hen, 2d 91 1-2, 3d 90 1-2, cockerel, 1st 92 1-2, 2d 92, 3d 91 1-2, Parlin. Pullet, 1st 93, Parlin; 2d 92 1-2, Foster & Co; 3d 92, Parlin. Pen, 1st 185, 2d 183½, Parlin.

INDIAN GAMES.—Cock, 1st 92, G. A. Loth, Minneapolis; 2d 90, A. K. Siebert, Minneapolis; 3d 88 1-2, Blackett. Hen, 1st 93 1-2, Loth; 2d 93, Siebert; 3d 93, Blackett. Cockerel, 1st 93, 2d 92 1-2, 3d 92 1-2, Loth. Pullet, 1st 93, Blackett; 2d 91, 3d 91, Loth. Pen, 1st 185, Loth; 2d 180½, Blackett; 3d 180½, Siebert.

PIT GAMES.—Cock, 1st, Kollmanon; 2d, Barber; 3d, Frank W. Breed, Minneapolis. Hen, 1st, 2d, 3d, Breed. Pullet, 1st, 2d, 3d, Kollmanon. Pen, 1st, Breed; 2d, Kollmanon.

PEARL GUINEAS.—Pair, 1st, Schultz.

TURKEYS.—Bronze, cock, 1st 98, hen, 1st 97 1-2, 2d 97, cockerel, 1st 98, 2d 96 1-2, 3d 96, pullet, 1st 96 1-2, 2d 96 1-2, 3d 95 1-2, Osmundson.

DUCKS.—Cock, 1st 94, Gordon; 2d 93, Schultz. Hen, 1st 95, Schultz; 2d 94, Gordon. Cockerel, 1st 95 1-2, Schultz; 2d 95, Gordon. Pullet, 1st 96 1-2, Schultz; 2d 95 1-2, Gordon. Rouen, cockerel, 1st 92 1-2, Gordon. Pullet, 1st 92, Gordon.

BEST DISPLAY, 1st, Bedard Bros., Minneapolis; 2d, Blackett; 3d, J. Blum, Minneapolis.

RABBITS.—Lop-eared, 1st, Blum.

Bone Cutter, 1st, Drinking Fountain, 1st, Clover Cutter, 1st, Parlin. Incubator, 1st, Brooder, 1st, W. W. Albro, Minneapolis.

Awards at Ottawa, Canada.

To THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

The eleventh annual exhibition of the Eastern Ontario Poultry Association, was held in Ottawa, Jan. 22d to 25th. Mr. Sharp Butterfield judged the poultry and W. R. E. McKinstry of Ottawa the pigeons. Both gave general satisfaction. The entry was not quite as large as last year, but the quality on the whole was better. On Thursday evening, a number of fanciers from Almonte presented Mr. E. A. Connell of Ottawa, with a gold headed cane, as a mark of appreciation for his kindness in judging their show held January 1st last.

Following is the list of winners:

C. J. DANIELS.

Toronto, Canada.

LIGHT BRAHMAS.—Cock, 1st 90 1-2, Thomas A. Hearn, Ottawa; 2d 89 1-2, Kent & Oldreive, Kingston. Hen, 1st 93, Kent & Oldreive; 2d 92 1-2, Hearn. Cockerel, 1st 93, Kent & Oldreive. Pullet, 1st 94 1-2, Kent & Oldreive.

DARK BRAHMAS.—Hen, 1st 90 1-2, W. Bownville, Danville. Cockerel, 2d 87 1-2, pullet, 1st 90, Bownville.

BUFF COCHINS.—Hen, 2d 87, cockerel, 2d 88 1-2, 3d 87, pullet, 2d 89, 3d 87 1-2, J. Jardin, Almonte.

PARTRIDGE COCHINS.—Cock, 2d 88, Keyes & McGregor; 3d 87, Bedlow & Dowsley, Brockville. Hen, 3d 86 1-2, Keyes & McGregor. Cockerel, 1st 91, Bedlow & Dowsley; 2d 89, Bownville. Pullet, 1st 91, Bedlow & Dowsley; 2d 90 1-2, F. J. Ficke, Almonte.

BLACK LANGSHANS.—Cock, 1st 92 1-2, Kent & Oldreive; 2d 89, F. Anclair, Ottawa; 3d 92 1-2, A. F. Shearn, Almonte. Cockerel, 1st 92, Kent & Oldreive; 2d 91, A. F. Shearn; 3d 90 1-2, Anclair. Pullet, 1st 93 1-2, Kent & Oldreive; 2d 92 1-2, Anclair; 3d 92, Shearn.

JAVAS.—Cock, 1st 91 1-2, A. Noden, Toronto; 2d 93, Kent & Oldreive. Hen, 91 1-2, Noden; 2d 89 1-2, Kent & Oldreive. Cockerel, 2d 89 1-2, pullet, 1st 91, Kent & Oldreive.

DORKINGS.—Cock, 1st 90 1-2, Noden. Hen, 1st 90, Noden; 2d 92, Bedlow & Dowsley. Cockerel, 1st 91, Bedlow & Dowsley. Pullet, 1st 93, Noden; 2d 90 1-2, Bedlow & Dowsley.

BARRED P. ROCKS.—Cock, 1st 91, Kent & Oldreive; 2d 88, S. Short, Ottawa. Hen, 1st 93, Kent & Oldreive; 2d 90, C. I. Devlin, Ottawa; 3d 87 1-2, Jas. Jacques, Ottawa. Cockerel, 1st 92 1-2, Kent & Oldreive; 2d 91 1-2, C. I. Deopin, Ottawa; 3d 90 1-2, F. E. Foster, Greenbush. Pullet, 1st 93 1-2, E. L. Taylor, Ottawa; 2d 92 1-2, Kent & Oldreive; 3d 92, Taylor.

WHITE P. ROCKS.—Cock, 2d 89 1-2, Kent & Oldreive. Hen, 1st 93, Mason & Son, Ottawa; 2d 90, Kent & Oldreive. Cockerel, 1st 93, Kent & Oldreive; 2d 90, A. Thompson, Allan's Corners; 3d 90, Mason & Son. Pullet, 1st 92, Mason & Son; 2d 91 1-2, Kent & Oldreive; 3d 91 1-2, Mason & Son.

SILVER WYANDOTTES.—Hen, 2d 89, F. J. Flake, Almonte. Cockerel, 1st 92, Flake; 2d 91, Keyes & McGregor. Pullet, 1st 92, Kent & Oldreive; 2d 92, 3d 91, Keyes & McGregor.

WHITE WYANDOTTES.—Cock, 1st 91 1-2, F. H. Gisborne; 2d 90, Kent & Oldreive; 3d 88 1-2, Short. Hen, 1st 93, G. Higman, Ottawa; 2d 92, Kent & Oldreive; 3d 91, Gisborne. Cockerel, 1st 90 1-2, Higman; 2d 90, 3d 88 1-2, Gisborne. Pullet, 1st 94, Kent & Oldreive; 2d 92, Higman; 3d 91 1-2, Gisborne.

GOLDEN WYANDOTTES.—Cock, 2d 89 1-2, Kent & Oldreive. Hen, 2d 89 1-2, Kent & Oldreive. Cockerel, 1st 91 1-2, Higman; 2d 91 1-2, Blake; 3d 88, Kent & Oldreive. Pullet, 1st 91, Higman; 2d 92 1-2, Higman; 3d 91, Blake.

BLACK SPANISH.—Hen, 1st 91 1-2, 2d 91, Bedlow & Dowsley; 3d 87, Grimes & Allan, Ottawa. Cockerel, 1st 90, 2d 88 1-2, pullet, 1st 91 1-2, 2d 91, Bedlow & Dowsley.

ANDALUSIANS.—Cock, 1st 92 1-2, Noden. Hen, 1st 93, Noden; 2d 89, Osborne. Cockerel, 1st 91, Noden. Pullet, 1st 94, 2d 93 1-2, Noden; 3d 93 1-2, Osborne.

BLACK MINORCAS.—Cock, 2d 88, Noden. Hen, 1st 90, Keyes & McGregor. Pullet, 1st 91 1-2, 2d 90, Keyes & McGregor.

WHITE MINORCAS.—Cock, 2d 87, hen, 1st 90, cockerel, 1st 90, pullet, 1st 90, Osborne.

S. C. WHITE LEGHORNS.—Cock, 1st 90, Grimes & Allan; 2d 86 1-2, Osborne. Hen, 1st 92, Grimes & Allan. Cockerel, 1st 92, Osborne; 2d 91 1-2,

Short; 3d 90 1-2, Grimes & Allan. Pullet, 1st 91 1-2, Grimes & Allan; 2d 93, Osborne; 3d 92 1-2, Kent & Oldreive.

S. C. BROWN LEGHORNS.—Cock, 2d 89 1-2, John I. Gill, 2d 88 1-2, Ottawa; 3d 80, Connell. Hen, 1st 90, Gill; 2d 89, Noden; 3d 88 1-2, Connell. Cockerel, 2d 89 1-2, Bedlow & Dowsley; 3d 89 1-2, Noden. Pullet, 1st 90 1-2, Bedlow & Dowsley; 2d 92, Kent & Oldreive; 3d 89 1-2, Gill.

S. C. BLACK LEGHORNS.—Hen, 1st 93, 2d 93, cockerel, 1st 93 1-2, 2d 92, pullet, 1st 91, Osborne.

S. C. BUFF LEGHORNS.—Hen, 2d 89 1-2, pullet, 2d 88, Bennett.

R. C. BUFF LEGHORNS.—Cock, 1st 91 1-2, Kent & Oldreive; 2d 88, Osborne. Hen, 1st 93, Kent & Oldreive; 2d 89 1-2, Osborne. Cockerel, 1st 90 1-2, Kent & Oldreive; 2d 89 1-2, Osborne. Pullet, 1st 94, Kent & Oldreive; 2d 91, Osborne.

BLACK RED GAMES.—Cock, 1st 91, Kent & Oldreive; 2d 91, George Kelly, Ottawa. Hen, 1st 93 1-2, Kent & Oldreive; 2d 90 1-2, Kelly; 3d 88 1-2, Bownville. Cockerel, 1st 93 1-2, Kent & Oldreive; 2d 93 1-2, 3d 88 1-2, Kelly. Pullet, 1st 92, Kent & Oldreive; 2d 92, Bownville; 3d 91, Kelly.

BROWN RED GAME.—Cock, 1st 92 1-2, hen, 1st 94 1-2, cockerel, 1st 90 1-2, pullet, 1st 93, Kent & Oldreive.

SILVER DUCKWING GAMES.—Cock, 2d 89, hen, 1st 91 1-2, Evan Edwards, Ottawa. Cockerel, 2d 87, Bownville. Pullet, 1st 92, Bownville; 2d 90 1-2, Henry Gironard, Ottawa.

GOLDEN DUCKWING GAMES.—Cock, 1st 92 1-2, Kent & Oldreive. Hen, 1st 93, 2d 92, Edwards; 3d 91, Kent & Oldreive. Cockerel, 1st 90, pullet, 1st 93, 2d 92 1-2, Gironard.

PILE GAMES.—Cock, 1st 92 1-2, Kent & Oldreive; 2d 91 1-2, Mason & Son. Hen, 1st 92 1-2, Kent & Oldreive. Pullet, 1st 94 1-2, Bownville; 2d 93, Kent & Oldreive; 3d 91 1-2, Bownville.

INDIAN GAMES.—All to Kent & Oldreive.

ANY OTHER STANDARD VARIETY.—All to Bedlow & Dowsley.

BLACK HAMBURGS.—Cock, 1st 94 1-2, Kent & Oldreive; 2d 90 1-2, Foster. Hen, 1st 94 1-2, Kent & Oldreive; 2d 89 1-2, Foster. Pullet, 1st 90, Kent & Oldreive.

G. S. HAMBURGS.—Cock, 1st 92, hen, 2d 88, cockerel, 1st 92 1-2, pullet, 1st 93, Foster.

S. S. HAMBURGS.—Cock, 1st 93, hen, 1st 92 1-2, Osborne. Cockerel, 1st 93, 2d 92 1-2, 3d 87, W. S. Odell, Ottawa. Pullet, 1st 92 1-2, Odell; 2d 91 1-2, Osborne.

GOLDEN POLISH.—Hen, 1st 91 1-2, cockerel, 2d 89 1-2, pullet, 3d 86, Foster.

1st, Mason & Son. Blue or Black, cock, 1st, Mason & Son. Hen, 1st, Mason & Son; 2d, Geddes. Checkered, cock, 1st, Geddes; 2d, Mason & Son. Hen, 1st, 2d, Geddes; 3d, Mason & Son. A. O. V. Pigeons.—Cock, 1st, Plantz; 2d, Burroughs. Hen, 1st, Plantz. Doves, 1st, Devlin; 2d, Grimes & Allen.

Awards at the Northampton, Mass., Poultry Show.

LIGHT BRAHMAS.—Cock, 1st 94½, Eugene Randall, Belchertown, Mass.; 3d 85, W. C. & F. S. Pomeroy, Northampton, Mass. Hen, 2d 89, 3d 89, Roy B. Clark, Chatham, N. Y. Cockerel, 1st 94½, C. L. Fisher, South Deerfield, Mass.; 2d 89, 3d 88½, Randall. Pullet, 1st 94½, Randall; 2d 92, Fisher; 3d 91½, Randall. Pen, 2d 179½, Randall; 3d 176½, Clark.

DARK BRAHMAS.—Cock, 2d 87½, Geo. Henry Clark, Northampton, Mass. Hen, 1st 91½, 3d 87½, G. H. Clark; 2d 88, H. C. Haskell, South Deerfield, Mass. Cockerel, 1st 92, pullet, 2d 93, 3d 93, pen, 1st 183½, Clark.

BUFF COCHINS.—All 1st to A. D. Norcross, Munson, Mass.

WHITE COCHINS.—All 1st to Norcross.

BLACK COCHINS.—All 1st to Norcross.

PARTRIDGE COCHINS.—All 1st to Norcross.

BLACK LANGSHANS.—Hen, 1st 95½, 2d 94, E. S. Williams, East Hartford, Conn.; 3d 89, E. M. Fish, Greenfield, Mass. Cockerel, 1st 95½, Williams; 2d 93, S. L. Farrar, Bath, Maine; 3d 93, Pomeroy. Pullet, 1st 95½, 2d 94½, Williams; 3d 94, C. C. Montagne. Pen, 1st 190½, Williams.

BARRED P. ROCKS.—Cock, 2d 87, J. F. Willis, Northampton, Mass.; 3d 85½, E. Riedell, Easthampton, Mass. Hen, 1st 91, C. C. Montagne, Amherst, Mass.; 2d 90, Riedell; 3d 88½, Geo. G. Burnham, Greenfield, Mass. Cockerel, 1st 91½, E. H. Drury, Northampton, Mass.; 2d 90½, B. Ross, Florence, Mass.; 3d 90½, Montagne. Pullet, 1st 94, 2d 93, 3d 92½, J. L. Hanchett, Westfield, Mass. Pen, 1st 183, Hanchett; 2d 180½, Drury; 3d 177½, R. W. Burt, Easthampton, Mass.

W. P. ROCKS.—Cock, 2d 88, Fish. Hen, 1st 95½, 2d 95, Faber Bros., Seymour, Conn.; 3d 93, Riedell. Cockerel, 1st 94½, 2d 93½, Faber Bros.; 3d 91½, Riedell. Pullet, 1st 95½, Faber Bros.; 2d 94, Fish; 3d 94, Riedell. Pen, 1st 188½, Faber Bros.

S. WYANDOTTES.—Hen, 3d 86½, H. C. Haskell, South Deerfield, Mass. Cockerel, 2d 88½, A. A. Lyman, Northampton, Mass.; 3d 87½, Montagne. Pullet, 1st 93, 2d 92½, 3d 92½, John C. Jodney, Danvers, Mass. Pen, 2d 178½, Jodney; 3d 173½, A. C. Chesney, Mount Tom, Mass.

S. D. LEGHORNS.—Cock, 1st 92, hen, 1st 93, cockerel, 1st 92, pullet, 1st 94, 2d 93½, 3d 92½, pen, 1st 185½, all to Hanchett.

R. C. B. LEGHORNS.—Cock, 1st 91, Roy B. Clark. Hen, 1st 92½, Clark; 2d 92, 3d 91½, Montagne. Cockerel, 1st 92½, Clark; 2d 92, 3d 92, Montagne. Pullet, 1st 93½, Clark; 2d 93, 3d 93, pen, 1st 184½, Montagne.

S. C. B. LEGHORNS.—Cock, 1st 94, George Cartledge, New Britain, Conn. Hen, 1st 94½, 2d 94½, 3d 94½, Cartledge. Cockerel, 1st 94½, 2d 94, Cartledge; 3d 91½, George Burdick, Northampton, Mass. Pullet, 1st 95, 2d 94, 3d 94, pen, 1st 183½, 2d 183½, Cartledge.

S. C. W. LEGHORNS.—Cock, 1st 93, Roy B. Clark; 2d 91, Whiting Farm, Holyoke, Mass. Hen, 1st 93½, Clark; 2d 91½, Whiting Farm. Cockerel, 1st 94, 2d 93½, Warren Hayden, East Hayden, Conn.; 3d 92½, James Brewer, Haydenville, Mass. Pullet, 1st 93, 3d 93, Clark; 2d 93, Clark.

BUFF LEGHORNS.—Cockerel, 1st 91½, 2d 90½, Geo. E. Howe, Northampton, Mass. Pullet, 1st 93, Kate L. Clark, Auburn, Mass.; 2d 92, A. L. Kingsbury, Northampton, Mass.; 3d 92, Howe. Pen, 1st 182, Kingsbury.

G. POLISH (Bearded).—Cock, 2d 89, hen, 2d 87½, pullet, 1st 91½, pen, 2d 176½, Mrs. Smith, Williamsbury, Mass.

G. POLISH.—Cock, 1st 90, W. A. Bristol, Holyoke, Mass. Hen, 1st 93½, Bristol; 2d 88, Mrs. Smith. Cockerel, 1st 89½, Mrs. Smith; 3d 89½, L. B. Gunn, Lanesboro, Mass. Pen, 1st 181, J. G. Johnson, Greenfield, Mass.; 2d 180½, Tuft & Miller, Unionville, Conn.; 3d 180½, Johnson.

W. POLISH.—All 1st to W. A. Bristol, Holyoke, Mass.

W. POLISH (Bearded).—All 1st to Bristol.

BUFF LACED POLISH.—All 1st to Bristol.

S. POLISH (Bearded).—All 1st to Bristol.

ANDALUSIANS.—Hen, 1st, Kate L. Clark, Auburn, Mass. Cockerel, 1st 94, Kate Clark; 2d 91, Wm. J. La Fleur, Northampton, Mass. Pullet, 1st, 2d, Kate Clark.

BLACK MINORCAS.—Cockerel, 2d 89½, pullet, 1st 93, J. H. Jackson, Hudson, Mass.

G. P. HAMBURGS.—Cockerel, 1st 92, 2d 91½, pullet, 1st 92, 2d 92, Simpson Bros., Northampton, Mass.

S. S. HAMBURGS.—Cock, 2d 88½, hen, 1st 91½, H. W. Hemenway, Northampton, Mass.

C. DORKINGS.—Cockerel, 1st 91½, pullet, 1st 92, Mrs. L. W. Goodell, Canastota, N. Y.

HOUDANS.—Cock, 1st 91½, pullet, 1st 92, Daniel Love, Auburn, Mass.

WHITE GAMES.—Cockerel, 1st 90, pullet, 1st 92, J. A. Spraker, Sprakers, N. Y.

B. B. R. GAMES.—Cock, 1st 93, hen, 1st 94, pullet, 1st 92½, Marsh & Reed, Westport, N. H.

S. D. GAMES.—Cock, 2d 89, hen, 1st 94, 2d 92, cockerel, 2d 90, A. W. Hale, Withersfield, Conn.

G. D. GAMES.—Hen, 1st 90½, cockerel, 1st 94, pullet, 1st 92, Hale.

W. C. BANTAMS.—Hen, 1st 96, cockerel, 1st 95, pullet, 1st 95, 2d 95, 3d 94, Harry R. Bailey, Hartford, Conn.

BUFF C. BANTAMS.—Cock, 2d 87, hen, 1st 91½, Daniel Lord, Auburn, Mass.

B. T. JAPANESE BANTAMS.—Cockerel, 1st 93½, pullet, 1st 95, 2d 94½, Hendrick & Reynolds, Shelton, Conn.

BLACK C. BANTAMS.—Cockerel, 1st 93½, pullet, 1st 94½, 2d 94½, 3d 94, W. M. Hughes, Newport, R. I.

G. S. BANTAMS.—Hen, 1st 91, cockerel, 1st 93, 2d 90, pullet, 1st 93, 2d 92, 3d 92, pen, 1st 185, S. D. Drury, Northampton, Mass.

GENERAL UTILITY FOWLS.—1st and special, John C. Dillon, Amherst, Mass.

Awards at West Chester, Pa.

LIGHT BRAHMAS.—Cock, 1st, Walter R. Hibberd; 2d, John T. White; 3d, Charles C. Townsend; 4th, H. M. Thomas. Hen, 1st, Townsend; 2d, 3d, Hibberd; 4th, Wynkoop. Cockerel, 1st, White; 2d, Thomas; 3d, Hibberd; 4th, Townsend. Pullet, 1st, Hibberd; 2d, White; 3d, Edgar J. Parker; 4th, Wynkoop. Pen, 1st, 3d, White; 2d, Wynkoop; 4th, Thomas.

DARK BRAHMAS.—Cock, 1st, 3d, Townsend; 2d, Thomas. Hen, 1st, 3d, Townsend; 2d, Thomas. Cockerel, 1st, L. H. Miller; 2d, Thomas; 3d, Townsend. Pullet, 1st, Thomas; 2d, Townsend; 3d, Miller.

BUFF COCHINS.—Cock, 1st, Townsend; 2d, Thomas; 3d, J. R. & E. H. Hedley; 4th, Nathan Rambo. Hen, 1st, Thomas; 2d, Hedley; 3d, Townsend; 4th, Rambo. Cockerel, 1st, 2d, Townsend; 3d, H. J. Clouser; 4th, Norris G. Temple. Pullet, 1st, Temple; 2d, Townsend; 3d, Hedley; 4th, John Grosh. Pen, 1st, Thomas; 2d, Temple; 3d, C. M. Fell; 4th, A. P. Ingram, Jr.

PARTRIDGE COCHINS.—Cock, 1st, Thomas; 2d, Dr. Chas. F. Oat; 3d, Townsend. Hen, 1st, 2d, Townsend; 3d, Thomas; 4th, Dr. Oat. Cockerel, 1st, 4th, Townsend; 2d, Thomas; 3d, Dr. Oat. Pullet, 1st, Townsend; 2d, Thomas; 3d, Dr. Oat. Pen, 1st, Dr. Oat.

WHITE COCHINS.—Hen, 1st, Thomas; 2d, Temple. Cockerel, 1st, Temple; 2d, Thomas; 3d, Rambo. Pullet, 1st, Thomas; 2d, Rambo. Pen, 1st, Temple.

BLACK COCHINS.—Cock, 1st, Thomas; 2d, Townsend. Hen, 1st, Townsend; 2d, Thomas. Cockerel, 1st, Thomas; 2d, Townsend. Pullet, 1st, Townsend; 2d, Thomas.

BLACK LANGSHANS.—Cock, 1st, Townsend; 2d, Thomas. Hen, 1st, Townsend; 2d, 3d, Chas. I. Paxson; 4th, Thomas. Cockerel, 1st, Townsend; 2d, Thomas; 3d, 4th, Paxson. Pullet, 1st, Paxson; 2d, Townsend; 3d, Thomas.

AMERICAN DOMINQUES.—Cock, 1st, E. J. Chandler; 2d, Townsend. Hen, 1st, Chandler; 2d, Townsend. Cockerel, 1st, 2d, Townsend. Pullet, 1st, Chandler; 2d, 3d, Townsend.

BARRED P. ROCKS.—Cock, 1st, John Ridgely; 2d, J. G. Werner; 3d, Edward S. Hickman; 4th, C. M. Tell. Hen, 1st, Hickman; 2d, 4th, G. M. Woods & Bro.; 3d, J. G. Werner. Cockerel, 1st, 2d, Ridgely; 3d, Geo. R. Park; 4th, Woods & Bro. Pullet, 1st, 2d, Ridgely; 4th, Johnson & Stokes. Pen, 1st, 3d, Hickman; 2d, 4th, Ridgely.

W. P. ROCKS.—Cock, 1st, Townsend; 2d, Thomas; 3d, Hedley; 4th, T. H. Hibberd. Hen, 1st, Townsend; 2d, E. E. Rodenboh; 3d, Hibberd. Cockerel, 1st, 3d, Rodenboh; 2d, Hedley; 4th, Edgar J. Parker. Pullet, 1st, 2d, Rodenboh; 3d, Thomas; 4th, Geo. R. Foulke. Pen, 1st, Rodenboh; 2d, Oat; 3d, Fred. D. Reid.

BUFF P. ROCKS.—Cock, 1st, Reid; 2d, Rodenboh. Hen, 1st, 2d, 3d, Reid. Cockerel, 1st, Davis Bros.; 2d, 3d, Ingram; 4th, Reid. Pullet, 1st, 2d, 4th, Ingram; 3d, Davis Bros. Pen, 1st, Rodenboh; 2d, Reid.

S. WYANDOTTES.—Cock, 1st, W. H. Child; 2d, Townsend; 3d, W. H. Ashbridge; 4th, Hibberd. Hen, 1st, Hibberd; 2d, 4th, Townsend; 3d, Ashbridge. Cockerel, 1st, 2d, Ashbridge; 3d, Townsend; 4th, H. S. Mouser. Pullet, 1st, Mouser; 2d, Johnson & Stokes; 3d, Townsend; 4th, Ashbridge. Pen, 1st, Ashbridge.

G. WYANDOTTES.—Cock, 1st, 2d, Child; 3d, Townsend. Hen, 1st, Townsend; 2d, Chandler. Cockerel, 1st, Townsend; 2d, 3d, Chandler. Pullet, 1st, Townsend; 2d, Chandler.

BUFF WYANDOTTES.—Cock, 1st, Townsend; 2d, F. W. Temple. Hen, 1st, Townsend. Cockerel, 1st, Davis Bros.; 2d, Johnson & Stokes; 3d, Townsend. Pullet, 1st, Davis Bros.; 2d, Townsend; 3d, Temple; 4th, Johnson & Stokes.

WHITE WYANDOTTES.—Cock, 1st, Temple; 2d, Townsend. Hen, 1st, Townsend; 2d, Temple. Cockerel, 1st, Townsend; 3d, Temple; 4th, Frank J. Pierce. Pullet, 1st, 2d, Townsend; 3d, Temple; 4th, Pierce.

BLACK WYANDOTTES.—Cock, 1st, Townsend. Hen, 1st, Chandler; 2d, Townsend. Cockerel, 1st, pullet, 1st, Townsend; pullet, 2d, Chandler. Special on display of Wyandottes, Townsend.

BLACK JAVAS.—Cock, 1st, hen, 1st, Townsend. W. F. B. SPANISH.—Hen, 1st, John Grosh. Cockerel, 1st, 4th, Hickman; 2d, Thomas; 3d, Grosh. Pullet, 1st, Thomas; 2d, 3d, Hickman. Pen, 1st, Hickman.

ANDALUSIANS.—Cock, 1st, hen, 1st, pullet, 1st, Thomas.

S. C. B. LEGHORNS.—Cockerel, 1st, pullet, 1st, Henry C. Temple.

S. C. W. LEGHORNS.—Cock, 1st, G. A. Geyer. Hen, 1st, Geyer. Cockerel, 1st, 3d, W. Hickman, Jr.; 2d, Dr. Oat; 4th, H. J. Clouser. Pullet, 1st, Clouser; 2d, 3d, 4th, C. M. Tell. Pen, 1st, E. J. Ingram; 2d, Pierce.

S. C. BUFF LEGHORNS.—Cockerel, 1st, Wm. J. Conner; 2d, Davis Bros.; 3d, Hibberd; 4th, Chandler. Pullet, 1st, 4th, Hibberd; 2d, Conner; 3d, Davis Bros.

R. C. BUFF LEGHORNS.—Cockerel, 1st, pullet, 1st, Pierce.

S. C. BLACK LEGHORNS.—All to Dr. Oat.

R. C. BROWN LEGHORNS.—Cock, 1st, Townsend. Hen, 1st, 2d, Dr. Oat; 3d, Townsend. Cockerel, 1st, Dr. Oat; 2d, Townsend; 3d, H. C. Temple. Pullet, 1st, Oat; 2d, 3d, Temple.

R. C. WHITE LEGHORNS.—Cock, 1st, hen, 1st, Thomas. Cockerel, 1st, pullet, 1st, 3d, Oat.

BLACK MINORCAS.—Cock, 1st, hen, 1st, Thomas. Cockerel, 1st, Hibberd; 2d, H. G. Mourer; 3d, Thomas. Pullet, 1st, 2d, 3d, Hibberd; 4th, Thomas.

WHITE MINORCAS.—All to J. L. Hibberd.

W. C. B. POLISH.—All to Thomas.

W. C. W. POLISH.—All to Thomas.

W. C. W. BEARDED POLISH.—All to Thomas.

G. POLISH (Plain).—All to Thomas.

G. POLISH (Bearded).—All to Thomas.

S. POLISH (Bearded).—All to Thomas.

BUFF LACED POLISH.—Cock, 1st, hen, 1st, Thomas. Cockerel, 2d, hen, 2d, Chandler.

S. S. HAMBURGS.—All to Thomas.

G. S. HAMBURGS.—Cock, 1st, Miller; 2d, Thomas. Hen, 1st, Thomas; 2d, Miller.

G. P. HAMBURGS.—All to Thomas.

S. P. HAMBURGS.—All to Thomas.

WHITE HAMBURGS.—All to Thomas.

BLACK HAMBURGS.—All to Townsend.

RED CAPS.—Hen, 1st, 2d, Chandler. Cockerel, 1st, pullet, 1st, Townsend.

S. G. DORKINGS.—Cock, 1st, hen, 1st, Thomas. Cockerel, 1st, Ingram; 2d, Grosh. Pullet, 1st, Ingram; 2d, Grosh.

COLOR DORKINGS.—All to Thomas.

WHITE DORKINGS.—All to Thomas.

FRIZZLES.—Cock, 1st, hen, 1st, Thomas. Cockerel, 1st, pullet, 1st, Chandler.

CREVE COEURS.—Pullet, 1st, Thomas.

HOUDANS.—Cock, 1st, Thomas; 2d, Temple. Hen, 1st, Thomas; 2d, Temple. Pullet, 1st, 2d, Temple.

INDIAN GAMES.—Cock, 1st, Fred. D. Reid; 2d, W. R. Hibberd. Hen, 1st, Reid; 2d, 3d, E. E. Rodenboh; 4th, Hibberd. Cockerel, 1st, 3d, Rodenboh; 2d, Miss Morris; 4th, S. L. Hibberd. Pullet, 1st, 4th, Rodenboh; 2d, Miss Morris; 3d, S. L. Hibberd. Pen, 1st, Rodenboh; 2d, Reid; 3d, Woods & Bro.

WHITE I. GAMES.—All to E. B. McNair.

B. B. R. GAMES.—Cock, 1st, H. G. Waddell; 2d, H. T. Archer; 3d, A. J. Taylor. Hen, 1st, Waddell; 2d, Archer; 3d, Taylor. Cockerel, 1st, pullet, 4th, Taylor.

B. R. GAMES.—All to Archer.

S. D. GAMES.—Hen, 1st, 2d, J. Howard Taylor; 3d, A. J. Taylor. Cockerel, 1st, A. J. Taylor.

R. P. GAMES.—Cock, 1st, McNair. Cockerel, 2d, A. J. Taylor. Pullet, 1st, McNair; 2d, A. J. Taylor.

WHITE GAMES.—Cock, 1st, hen, 1st, Hibberd. Cockerel, 1st, pullet, 1st, Waddell.

PIT GAMES.—Cock, 1st, Dr. Oat; 3d, A. J. Taylor; 4th, Geo. Crosley. Hen, 2d, Crosley; 3d, Chas. Wonderland; 4th, J. Howard Taylor. Cockerel, 1st, A. J. Taylor; 2d, Dr. Oat; 3d, Edward Davis; 4th, Archer. Pullet, 1st, Dr. Oat; 2d, A. J. Taylor; 3d, Archer; 4th, Davis. Pen, 1st, Taylor & Schofield; 2d, Hickman, Jr.

S. D. GAME BANTAMS.—All to W. R. Hibberd.

G. D. GAME BANTAMS.—All to John Stone.

W. GAME BANTAMS.—Cock, 1st, hen, 1st, Louis P. Graham.

S. S. BANTAMS.—All to A. E. Treichler.

W. C. BANTAMS.—Cock, 1st, hen, 1st, Dr. E. H. Witmer. Cockerel, 1st, Frank P. Rogers; 2d, Dr. Witmer. Pullet, 1st, 3d, 4th, Rogers; 2d, Dr. Witmer.

B. C. BANTAMS.—All to Dr. Witmer.

B. AFRICAN BANTAMS.—All to Townsend.

BUFF COCHIN BANTAMS.—Cock, 1st, Louis P. Graham. Hen, 1st, 2d, N. G. Temple; 3d, 4th, Graham. Cockerel, 1st, pullet, 1st, Dr. Witmer; pullet, 2d, 3d, Graham.

SOLID WHITE JAPANESE BANTAMS.—All to Dr. Witmer.

R. C. B. BANTAMS.—All to Graham.

W. C. W. POLISH BANTAMS.—All to Dr. Witmer.

WHITE GUINEA FOWLS.—All to N. G. Temple.

TURKEYS.—Bronze, old, 1st, W. R. Hibberd; 2d, A. E. Strode. Young, 1st, Hibberd; 2d, Strode. White Holland, young, 1st, A. J. Taylor.

DUCKS.—Pekin, old, 1st, Grosh; 2d, Hibberd. Young, 1st, Hibberd. Rouen, old, 1st, Mrs. Sharpless; 2d, Townsend. Young, 1st, Mrs. Sharpless. Aylesbury, old, 1st, Thomas. Black Cayuga, young drakes, 1st, 2d, Chandler.

Heaviest brown eggs, 1st, Fred. D. Reid.

Awards of the Vermont Poultry and Pet Stock Association.

BARRED P. ROCKS.—Pair fowls, 1st, 3 specials, Geo. P. Moore; 2d, C. F. Boynton; 3d, Moore. Pair chicks, 1st, 3d, 4th, Boynton; 2d, A. Adsit, Burlington. Pen fowls, 4th, Robt Donaghy. Pen chicks, 1st, 3 specials, Boynton; 3d, Moore; 4th Speedwell Farms, Lyndon Centre.

W. P. ROCKS.—Pair chicks, 1st, 4th, 3 specials, Moore; 2d, 3d, E. E. Barrett, 2 specials.

W. WYANDOTTES.—Pair fowls, 1st, M. J. Leach, Wolcott; 2d, 4th, J. C. & A. C. Underwood; 3d, W. B. Eastman. Pair chicks, 1st, S. K. Gill, Concord, N. H.; 2d, L. Pickering, Concord, N. H.; 3d, 9 specials, Eastman; 4th, W. E. Mack, Woodstock. Pen chicks, 1st, 2 specials, White; 2d, Leach; 3d, 4th, Eastman.

GOLDEN WYANDOTTES.—All to Adsit.

SILVER WYANDOTTES.—Pair chicks, 1st, 1 special, J. C. & A. C. Underwood. Pen chicks, 2 specials, Brackett.

BLACK JAVAS.—All to H. B. Daniels.

AMERICAN DOMINQUES.—All to Graves.

LIGHT BRAHMAS.—Pair fowls, 1st, Geo. Davis, Montpelier; 2d, Graves; 3d, H. W. Heath, Pierpont, N. H.; 4th, J. W. Jones, Burlington. Pair chicks, 1st, 2d, Davis; 3d, 4th, Jones. Pen fowls, 2d Graves; 3d, A. A. Miles; 4th, Valley View Poultry Yards, Lyndonville. Pen chicks, 1st, 3 specials, E. S. Goward, Mansfield, Mass.

PARTRIDGE COCHINS.—All to Adsit.

BLACK LANGSHANS.—All to Speedwell Farms.

S. C. BROWN LEGHORNS.—Pair fowls, 1st, John Couchin, Lyndon. Pair chicks, 1st, Couchin. Pen chicks, 1st, 1 special, Guy C. Wright; 2d, 3 specials, Couchin; 3d, E. H. Hallet.

S. C. W. LEGHORNS.—Pair fowls, 1st, Mrs. B. K. Graves. Pair chicks, 1st, 2 specials, H. W. Wakefield, Tully, Mass. Pen fowls, 1st, 1 special, D. A. Langmaid, North Danville.

94½, 2d 92, 3d 91½, pullet, 1st 94½, 2d 93½, 3d 93½, 4th 92, Beach.

G. POLISH.—Cock, 1st 92½, pullet 1st 93½, 2d 93, 3d 92½, 4th 92, pen, 1st, all to Albion Poultry Yards.

S. S. HAMBURG.—Cock, 2d 91, hen, 1st 94, Miller; 2d 92, Ray Meade, Danville; 2d 93, 1st 93½, 2d 90½, Miller; 2d 92½, 4th 90½, Meade. Pullet, 1st 96, 2d 94, 4th 92½, Miller; 3d 94, Meade. Pen, 1st 187½, Miller.

W. F. B. SPANISH.—Cock, 1st 93½, 2d 91½, all to Albion Poultry Yards.

SILKIES.—Cockerel, 1st 96½, 2d 95½, pullet, 1st 97, 2d 91½, Albion Poultry Yards.

GRAY DORKINGS.—Cockerel, 4th 87½, pullet, 1st 92½, Albion Poultry Yards.

C. I. GAMES.—Cock, 1st 94, Holden; 2d 92½, Miller. Hen 1st 94, 2d 93 1-2, 3d 93 1-2, 4th 93, cockerel, 1st 95, 3d 92, 1-2, 4th 92, Holden; 2d 92 1-2, Albion Poultry Yards. Pullet, 1st 94, 4th 92, Albion Poultry Yards; 2d 93, 3d 93, Holden. Pen, 1st 188 1-2, 2d 188½, Holden; 3d 184½, Albion Poultry Yards.

B. B. R. GAMES.—Cock, 1st 95, Miller; 2d 94, Albion Poultry Yards. Hen, 1st 95, 2d 93 1-2, 4th 91 1-2, Albion Poultry Yards; 3d 93, Miller. Pullet, 1st 95, 2d 92, pen, 1st, Albion Poultry Yards.

G. S. BANTAMS.—Cock, 2d 91 1-2, Copeland; 3d 90, Albion Poultry Yards. Hen, 1st 94, Albion Poultry Yards; 2d 90 1-2, Copeland. Cockerel, 1st 93, 2d 92, pullet, 1st 94, Albion Poultry Yards.

B. B. R. GAME BANTAMS.—Cock 1st 94, 3d 91 1-2, Earl Greenwalt, Danville; 2d 93 1-2, Miller. Hen 1st 96, 2d 95 1-2, Miller; 3d 93, 4th 91, Greenwalt; Cockerel, 1st 96 1-2, Albion Poultry Yards; 2d 94 1-2, Greenwalt. Pullet, 1st 95, 1-2, Albion Poultry Yards; 2d 95 1-2, 3d 95, Miller; 4th 95, Greenwald. Pen, 1st 189 1-2, 2d 187 1-2, Greenwald.

R. C. B. BANTAMS.—Hen, 1st 96 1-2, cockerel, 1st 95, Albion Poultry Yards.

TURKEYS.—Bronze.—1st 96 1-2, John Goodwine, Jr.; 2d 95, Miller. Hen, 1st 95, Goodwine; 3d 88, Miller. White Folland, cock, 1st 95, Miller; 2d 94 1-2, Hillard. Hen, 1st 96 1-2, Miller; 4th 86, Hillard. Cockerel, 1st 95, pullet, 1st 96, 2d 94 1-2, Copeland. Narragansett, cock, 2d 91, pullet, 2d 91, Foster.

GEES.—Canada.—Pair, 1st Goodwine. Emb-ben, all to C. F. Byerly, Catlin.

MALLARD DUCKS.—All to L. D. Gass.

GUINEAS.—White.—All to Copeland.

COLLECTIONS.—1st, Albion Poultry Yards; 2d, Miller; 3d, Myers; 4th, Mrs. Osborne.

BONE CUTTERS.—1st, Mann & Co.; 2d, Webster & Hannum.

The Pittston, Pa., Show.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

Pittston's great poultry show held Jan. 22d to 25th was an all around success. The number of entries was not so large as was expected owing to the severe weather previous to the time stated that the entries closed, but the quality of stock entered more than compensated for the lack in numbers.

The members of the association got possession of the hall Monday night at 9 o'clock and by 5 o'clock Tuesday morning the hall was ready for the reception of birds. Judge Bicknell was on hand and by the lively way in which he handled the birds showed that he was an expert hand at the business. The few complaints made against his decisions prove his work to have been very satisfactory to exhibitors and to the association. President A. O. Farnham was at his post superintending the arrangement of the show room, and although he had been sick the week previous, stuck to his post until the show closed. Secretary Allan was handicapped by a felon on his right hand, and although not a green hand at the work, this made the placing of awards slower than it would otherwise have been.

The association will pay all premiums in full as it has heretofore done, to deserving exhibitors, and promises that the next show will far eclipse the past in arrangement. The Pittston Breeders' Association is now a stock company and is the owner of a large number of folding coops well adapted for the show room.

The largest entry was in the B. P. Rock class and some fine specimens were shown. H. S. Bandow was the largest exhibitor. Second in number was the Buff Cochins class. In this some crack birds were shown. Third in number came the W. P. Rocks. Noticeable among these was a pair of chicks shown by Francis A. Buck, of Meridian, N. Y., which received highest honors in this class. In Silver Wyandottes although few entries were made, some excellent birds were exhibited. Among these a fine cockerel shown by W. E. Samson & Son, was declared by Judge Bicknell to be a model specimen.

The Golden Wyandottes were fairly represented and some fine specimens were shown. The White Wyandotte class was very good, some fine birds being exhibited. Miss Kate Geddis, the only lady exhibitor, showed three fine birds with scores ranging from 91½ to

93, yet with these high scoring birds she failed to receive a prize. This goes to show that it required high scoring birds to take first honors in this class.

Buff and Black Wyandotte classes were not large in numbers, but the quality was fine. Some high scoring birds were displayed by C. S. Davis. S. C. W. Leghorns a fine class of high scoring birds. Miss Kate Geddis showed a fine cockerel and pullet. The gem in this class was a pen exhibited by S. K. Wilcox, which was the highest scoring pen in the hall, and was the chief attraction of the show room. Crowds of visitors stood around this coop, filled with admiration. The S. C. B. Leghorn class was not as well represented as it should have been. Is this grand old breed of birds losing ground? I think not. This is too valuable a breed to fall off. The R. C. Black and Brown Leghorn classes made a good display, some fine birds being shown, which proves that the R. Combs are gaining in popularity here, as the combs are not so apt to get frozen.

There was a nice display of Black and White Minorcas with the Blacks leading in point of numbers. The S. S. Hamburg class was out in full force and a large number of fine birds were shown. James Hazard had some fine birds on exhibition, but his pen was debarred owing to the fact that the cock was sick. James Mayo, Otto Budweskye and W. R. Allan showed some handsome birds in this class. The Black Hamburg class was not so large in numbers but excellent in quality. In Houdans, J. J. Bryden had a large and handsome display. Geo. A. Hobart's entry, though not large, contained some fine birds. The B. B. R. Games were fairly represented, R. E. Westlake of Scranton, exhibiting a select lot of birds. Indian Game classes made a good showing. The largest entry was made by M. E. Walker & Son, of Shick-shinny. The Bantams made up a very interesting class, and some high scoring little birds were to be found.

The Pittston show is gaining in popularity every year and will soon rank with the largest shows in the country, as the number and quality or stock exhibited is equal to any to be found, so says Judge Bicknell. A number of sales were made at good prices, and a large number of eggs engaged for hatching.

LIGHT BRAHMAS.—Cockerel, 1st 97, 2d 88 1-2, John Callaghan, Pittston, Pa. Pullet, 1st 92, E. F. Tiffany, Brooklyn, Pa.; 2d 88, R. E. Westlake, Scranton. Pen, 1st 175½, Callaghan.

DARK BRAHMAS.—Cock, 2d 85, Wallace Griswold, Montrose. Hen, 2d 88, Tiffany; 3d 87, Griswold. Cockerel, 2d 89 1-2, pullet, 2d 86 1-2, Tiffany.

BUFF COCHINS.—Cock, 1st 90, S. J. Tidd, Rendham; 2d 86½, N. S. Davis, Clark's Green. Hen, 1st 92, R. Presser, West Barre; 2d 91, Tidd. Cockerel, 1st 93, Tidd; 2d 91, Presser. Pullet, 1st 91, Wm. Wucher, Scranton; 2d 91, Presser. Pen, 2d 176, Wucher.

PARTRIDGE COCHINS.—Cock, 1st 90, hen, 2d 89 1-2, cockerel, 2d 87, pullet, 2d 89, Tidd.

BLACK LANGSHANS.—Cockerel, 1st, Peter Kaschenbach, Wilkes Barre.

BARRED P. ROCKS.—Cock, 2d, Farnham. Hen 1st 90 1-2, Brandon; 2d 90 1-2, F. G. Werner, Cockerel, 1st 90 1-2, Brandon; 2d 89 1-2, Werner. Pullet, 1st 90, Werner; 2d 88, Alfred Gingell, Pittston. Pen, 2d 171½, F. P. Casper, Pittston.

BUFF P. ROCKS.—Cockerel, 2d 89 1-2, Wm. Howe, Loflin. Pullet, 1st 91 1-2, 2d 90 1-2, Chas. Hurt, Loflin.

WHITE P. ROCKS.—Hen, 1st 95½, F. L. Rodgers, Whitney's Point, N. Y.; 2d 94, C. W. Brockway, Scranton. Cockerel, 1st 95, F. A. Buck, Meridian, N. Y.; 2d 92½, Tiffany. Pullet, 1st 96, Buck; 2d 95, Rodgers. Pen chicks, 1st 186½, F. L. Rodgers; 2d 181½, Brandon. Fowls, 1st 183½, Brandon; 2d 177½, Kite.

SILVER WYANDOTTES.—Cock, 2d 86, Presser. Hen, 2d 88, Griswold. Cockerel, 1st 91, 2d 90, pullet, 1st 90, W. E. Samson & Son, Pleasant Mount, Pa.

GOLDEN WYANDOTTES.—Cock, 1st 90½, hen, 2d 86½, M. K. Kresge, Pittston. Cockerel, 2d 89½, Griswold. Pullet, 1st 92, Kresge; 2d 89½, Griswold. Pen, 1st 180, Alden; 2d 176½, Oliver Herron, Pittston.

WHITE WYANDOTTES.—Cock, 1st 92½, Kate Geddis, Pittston; 2d 90½, M. E. Walker & Son, Shickshinny. Hen, 1st 94 1-2, 2d 94, Walker & Son. Cockerel, 1st 92, Walker & Son. Pullet, 1st 94, Ruhs; 2d 93, Walker & Son.

BLACK WYANDOTTES.—Cockerel, 1st 93 1-2, 2d 92, pullet, 1st 94, 2d 91 1-2, Davis.

BUFF WYANDOTTES.—Hen, 1st 91, cockerel, 2d 88 1-2, pullet, 2d 89, Farnham.

AMERICAN DOMINIQUE.—Hen, 2d 87, C. S. Davis, Allis Hollow, Pa.

W. F. B. SPANISH.—Cock, 1st 91; hen, 1st 93, 2d 92½, all to W. R. Allan, Pittston, Pa.

S. C. W. LEGHORNS.—Cock, 2d 88½, Chas. Hurt, Loflin, Pa. Hen, 1st 91, F. P. Cosper, Pittston, Pa. Cockerel, 1st 93½, Kate Geddes, Pittston; 2d 93 and 3d 93, Hurt. Pullet, 1st 96, Miss Geddes. Pen chicks, 1st 190, S. K. Wilcox, Smyrna, N. Y.; pen fowls, 1st 184½, Cosper.

S. C. BROWN LEGHORNS.—Cock, 2d 85, Allan. Hen, 1st 90, Otto Budwesky, Pittston. Cockerel, 1st 91½, W. Howe, Loflin, Pa.; 2d 89, Chas. Ruhs, Harding, Pa. Pullet, 1st 92, Ruhs. Pen, 1st 182, Budwesky.

BLACK LEGHORNS.—Cockerel, 1st 92½, 2d 92½;

pullet, 1st 94, 2d 92; pen, 2d 179½, all to Chas. Fritsch, Pittston.

R. C. W. LEGHORNS.—Cockerel, 1st 91; hen, 1st 91½, all to Wallace E. Griswold, Montrose, Pa.

R. C. BROWN LEGHORNS.—Cock, 1st 90, 2d 86½, hen, 1st 91½, 2d 86, Geo. Neilson, Pittston. Cockerel, 1st 91, pullet, 1st 91½, Ruhs. Pen, 1st 184½, Ruhs; 2d 182½, Neilson; pen chicks, 1st 182½, Neilson.

BUFF LEGHORNS.—Cock, 2d 86½, Cosper. Cockerel, 2d 85½, Cosper; 3d 85½, B. Downing, Pittston. Pullet, 1st 90, Downing; 2d 87, Cosper. Pen chicks, 2d 177½, R. F. Alden, Montrose, Pa.; 3d 173½, Cosper.

DOMINIQUE LEGHORNS.—Pullet, 2d 85, Sanford Geddes, Pittston.

ANDALUSIANS.—Cockerel, 1st 90½, pullet, 1st 94½, 2d 93, all to Griswold.

W. MINORCAS.—Cock, 2d 86, hen, 1st 90, 2d 88, pullet, 2d 89½, M. E. Walker, Shickshinny, Pa.

B. MINORCAS.—Cock, 1st 91½, Arthur Trethaway, Wilkes Barre, Pa.; 2d 89½, C. W. Brockway, Scranton. Hen, 1st 92½, J. W. Wilcox, Wilkes Barre; 2d 90½, Brockway. Cockerel, 1st 92, Wilcox; 2d 92½, pullet, 1st 94, 2d 92½, Brockway. Pen chicks, 2d 177½, N. S. Davis, Clarks Green.

S. S. HAMBURG.—Cock, 2d 89½, James E. Hazard, Elmira, N. Y.; 3d 89½, W. R. Allen, Pittston. Hen, 1st 92½, Hazard; 2d 91½, Allen. Cockerel, 1st 90, James Mayo, Pittston. Pullet, 1st 93, Hazard; 2d 90½, Mayo. Pen, 1st 180½, Mayo; 2d 176½-16, Chicks, 2d, Mayo.

G. S. HAMBURG.—Hen, 2d 89½, Pullet, 2d 89½, Wallace E. Griswold, Montrose.

B. HAMBURG.—Cock, 1st 93½, E. D. Kite, Pittston. Hen, 1st 95, Griswold. Cockerel, 1st 91½, Kite. Pullet, 1st 95, Griswold; 2d 91½, Kite.

HOUDANS.—Cock, 1st 91½, J. J. Bryden, Pittston; 2d 90½, Geo. A. Hobart, Chitenango. Hen, 1st 95, 2d 92, cockerel, 1st 92½, 2d 91½, pullet, 1st 91, 2d 86, pen, 2d 178, Bryden.

BUFF LACED POLISH.—Cock, 2d 87½, hen, 2d 89½, pullet, 2d 88½, Griswold.

RED CAPS.—Cockerel, 1st 90, pullet, 1st 92, Geo. Rowley.

B. B. R. GAMES.—Cock, 1st 91½, Geo. Newitt, Dorrantown, Pa. Hen, 1st 93, 2d 93, cockerel, 1st 91, pullet, 1st 92½, 2d 91½, pen, 1st 184, R. E. Westlake, Scranton, Pa.

INDIAN GAMES.—Cock, 1st 90½, 3d 89½, Walker; 2d 89½, E. D. Kite, Pittston, Pa. Hen, 1st 94½, 2d 93½, Walker. Cockerel, 1st 92½, Walker; 2d 87, Wm. Ross, Miner's Mills, Pa.

Pullet, 1st 93, 2d 92½, Walker. Pen chicks, 2d 177, pen fowls, 1st 182, Walker.

B. B. R. GAME BANTAMS.—Cockerel, 1st 93, pen chicks, 1st 188, Westlake.

W. PEKIN BANTAMS.—Cock, 2d 89½, hen, 2d 89, cockerel, 1st 92½, pullet, 1st 94½, Walker.

BUFF COCHIN BANTAMS.—Cock, 1st 92, Tom C. Hill, Shickshinny, Pa. Hen, 1st 94, Hill; 2d 89, Walker. Cockerel, 1st 93, 2d 91½, Walker.

Pullet, 1st 92, 2d 91½, Hill.

BLACK COCHIN BANTAMS.—Cockerel, 1st 94, 3d 91, pullet, 1st 93, Walker.

TURKEYS.—All to Tiffany, Brooklyn, Pa.

GEES.—All to Griswold, Montrose, Pa.

DUCKS.—All to Griswold, Montrose, Pa.

WHITE GUINEAS.—1st, Tiffany; 2d, N. S. Davis, Allis Hollow, Pa.

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I find THE AMERICAN FANCIER very interesting. E. A. WESCOTT, Malcolm, Neb., Feb. 20, 1895.

The Sanatoga and Skuykil Valley Poultry and Pigeon Association.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

At our last regular meeting the above association chose the following dates for their show of 1895: Dec. 31 and Jan. 1st, 2d, 3d, 4th, 1896. The association was organized last fall, held its first fair Dec. 18 to 22nd 1894, and with its many friends and exhibitors, feels highly pleased, and has already determined to far eclipse its first show in holding the second on the above dates. Readers, breeders and fanciers remember these dates.

S. J. KURTZ, Sec'y.
Sanatoga, Pa., Feb. 11th, 1895.

Corrections.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

In looking over the report of the New York show in your paper we see you have made the report read, on Buff P. Rocks, Forsyth, 1st and 3d. We took 1st on Buff P. cockerel, and Forsyth 2d. No 3d prize being given. Please correct.

SANTÉE & CUNNINGHAM,
Chenango Bridge, N. Y., Feb. 14, '95.

In your report of the Mid-Continental show you gave the score of my pen at 186½, when it should be 188½. I won pen by two whole points, quite a margin. If you can consistently do so, I wish you would correct this. E. H. HASLET, Atchison, Kansas.

PIGEONS.

Queries and Answers.

Query.—Will you please answer through your paper the following questions: 1. What is the best remedy for growing light and for colds in pigeons? 2. What is the address of the *Homing Exchange*? I think your pigeon department is worth all other papers together. D. D.

Hollidaysburg, Blair Co., Pa.

Answer.—This affliction of pigeons termed growing light arises from various causes. It may be from lung disease or consumption, from worms, from lack of exercise, from insufficient food, and from a disordered condition of the digestive organs in which the food is not properly prepared for assimilation by the general system. The first thing I should recommend would be to pluck out all the feathers of the tail. This sometimes affects a cure alone. If consumption is suspected give small cod liver oil capsules once a day, or the homoeopathic remedy, calcaraca carbonica, six globules dissolved in a cup of water for them to drink from. For worms give a piece of garlic the size of a pea once or twice a day till worms are removed. For a disordered condition of the liver a Carter's liver pill or six pellets of Hom. remedy Podaphylum in a cup of water letting them drink at will. Colds should be treated with Hom. Remedy Spongia in same manner as prescribed in other cases. 2. The *Homing Exchange* is published at Germantown, Pa.

J. C. LONG.

Barbs at New York.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

In the special report of the award of prizes at the late New York show, your correspondent has misplaced the premiums in several Barb classes. In the class for cocks, bred in 1893, I had no entry, but in the class for hens, bred in 1893, I had two entries, taking 1st and 2d prizes in that class. In the class for cocks, bred in 1894, I had three entries, taking 1st, 2d, and 3d prizes. In the class for hens, bred in 1894, I had three entries, taking 1st, 2d, and 3d prizes. This class was reported correctly. I also won the special prize of ten dollars in gold for the best display of Barbs. By making the correction you will oblige, WALTER W. WHITE, Baltimore, Md., Feb. 11, 1895.

Norwich Croppers.

Our editor has asked me to give my views of that happy little pet the Norwich Cropper, and I had better commence by stating that I am quite aware that my ideas of the perfect Norwich Cropper will not meet with unanimous approval from the fanciers of this variety; at the same time I believe they will be endorsed by the majority. One hears an endless variety of opinions from fanciers or this bird, and, although agreed pretty well on the main points, when we come to the final settlement we all seem to agree to differ only. I fully expect to draw a hornet's nest around my ears by stating my views fairly and as clearly as possible, and can only plead as justification that I have kept a large stock of these birds for several years and with a fair amount of success when exhibiting, and I believe I can honestly say there are few who have devoted so much time and attention to the variety as I have.

The Cropper is a small pouting variety of pigeon which was, from what we can trace, first brought to this country by those persecuted Protestants who brought us a great portion of the woollen trade from the Continent, and proved themselves good citizens, and, what is just now more to our purpose, good fanciers, as there is no doubt to these people and their descendants we owe a great measure of progress towards perfection in many branches of the fancy. There seems to be some confusion in the minds of some fanciers about this bird and the Pigmy Pouter, some looking on the Norwich Cropper as a poor imitation of the Pigmy. This I certainly do not agree with, as the two birds are vastly different in shape, make and carriage.

When describing the shape of the perfect Norwich Cropper one must bear in mind the bird is often kept quite at liberty, and should be made so that it is likely to be able to fly well, the proper flight being a great point with many fanciers, and as I myself keep some at liberty I must say their flight is a pleasure to watch, not only to those who are fanciers of the variety, but to fanciers of all alike. I have ever found a Runt fancier admiring their graceful motions in the air, for they are really graceful, and I would suggest to all, not only fanciers, but others, if you have a place where you can safely turn a few pigeons loose, try some Norwich Croppers, and I can assure you it will be worth your while spending a few minutes each day watching them.

The head is of the common or House Dove shape, with a bright fearless look in the eyes. The crop should be large in proportion to the bird, although not so large as to prove unmanageable to the bird itself, which it very seldom is, they being able, in spite of their size, to carry a crop that would be an adornment to many of the slack-winded Pouters we see in the show pen at the present day. In shape it should be as nearly as possible a perfect globe, showing the least bit of fulness at the back of the neck; many have in the front of the crop a gentle break just below the beak, something in size like the break in the top of an apple. This I rather prefer myself. Body not too narrow across the breast, and flight feathers which should finish about an inch from the end of the tail, should never be crossed at the tips; these feathers I prefer to be broad and powerful, the wings being tightly clipped up to the sides, the tail just long enough to carry it clear of the ground when the bird is standing perfectly upright; the legs nicely covered with feathers down to the hocks; then (here a vital difference of opinion comes in) some prefer them perfectly clean, others prefer a slight fringe of feathers down the outside of the shank, extending down to the end of the outer toes, the feathers on the feet to be extremely small. This is a point on which it seems impossible to get fanciers of the variety to agree, as I find it almost the invariable rule for those who prefer one type to consider it rank heresy to admit the other into the prize list at all. For myself I certainly prefer the slight fringe, which seems to me to give a kind of finish to a bird, and I believe was originally considered correct by the old fanciers, although under the present circumstances I should certainly put a clear-

legged bird on even competition with the others. The legs should be almost straight, not showing so much bend at the hocks as the Pouter; feet rather small and when playing up the ball of the foot to be almost off the ground, the bird putting the greater part of the weight on the toes. I have purposely not given my idea of the correct measurements of a Cropper, as there are so many different sizes, some preferring a small bird, others a larger one. I prefer myself a medium-sized bird, but would infinitely rather see a small specimen win than one large enough (and I have seen some shown) to give one the idea the bird is after all only a half-bred Pouter. The colors are (and I prefer the first four in the order named) black, yellow, cinnamon, and blue. The cinnamon is the same color as red in Pouters; yellows and cinnamons are hardly ever seen at all, and when seen seem to fail in shape. Beside these there are whites and white birds with black tails. Here, if I had my way, I should like to stop and say these are the standard colors, and these only; but so many will include duns, called mouse color, silvers, which are called cloth colored, and mealies, which are divided in shade still further by calling them red-duns—not red mealies, or even cinnamon duns, which seems rather a contradiction to me—or miller duns. Then there are creams which are a kind of pale yellow mealy, with a white tail and a cream cloth (which is a color hardly darker,) with a colored tail, I had almost forgotten the cloth tails, which, in spite of being in my eyes not a standard color, are, when in good form, a really pretty color for a bird. Each and all these colors seem to get their turn at the head of the prize list, and I regret to say I fear most fanciers have for a long time paired together the two best shaped birds they had without respect to color at all. I believe this is greatly different now, but it was, and I regret to say still is, an aggravation to breed blues from pairs of blacks, and pure whites from reds, and really there was some time ago hardly a color that would breed true but cloths, and there was no need to breed for them, as one got quite enough cloths from other birds without breeding especially for them. Those who have kept these for long will remember how scarce blue hens were a short time since, and at the present time there are few good ones to be seen; these were produced in a comparatively short time because there was a demand for them, and I do ask fanciers to set to work like fanciers and see if good yellows and cinnamons cannot be produced. I feel sure it is possible, and am doing all I can towards it myself, but don't let them think they will succeed in one or even two years, in getting a good stud of either of these two colors together. It will require some patience and perseverance, and what better school for patience and perseverance is there than the pigeon fancy, which will, with its little worries, disappointments and trials give us many a lesson of how to be patient and persevere when everything does not go just straight with us.

I remember also another variety which I have seen, which I believe is kept a good deal in Scotland, that is a whole-colored bird. I saw some blues once and must admit they seemed to me to be, without exception, the ugliest pigeon I ever saw. What can be the idea of breeding these birds without the markings I do not know. By-the-bye, I find I quite forgot to say the colored birds were pied as in Pouters, with a small white crescent in front of the crop and (I quote the Pouter standard drawn up by the National Peristeric society; as these birds are the same in marking I do not think a better description could possibly be drawn up) the horns of which reach to about an inch from each eye; a few white feathers, about a dozen, on the shoulders in the shape of a rose, and white primary flights; white on all the body behind a line encircling the centre of the waist, the color otherwise to cover the whole of the bird except in blacks and blues, the tails of which are colored, and blues must have black wing-bars. With respect to the marking the difficulty has been to get birds not swallow-throated, as almost all birds have a tendency to this, which detracts immensely from a bird's appearance.

I fear there is much more could be said about this pretty little bird and that this will be taken as a rather rambling statement. Such, however, are a few of my views on the subject, and I can only say in conclusion, if you want recreation turn "Cropper fancier," have patience and persevere, and you will find you will be well rewarded.—Tom Simonds, in *The Feathered World*.

Pigeons at Cincinnati.

(Continued from February 16.)

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

TURBITS.

Black Wing cocks, 1st, John G. Orr, short thick bullfinch beak, good skull, fine eye, good gullet, fair color, well marked and clean thighs, is low in beak; 2d, Tanner, very short beak, good gaps, large, well shaped skull, fine gullet and frill, grand build and carriage, little shelly in peak and slatey in color; 3d, Levering, good beak and skull, fine peak and mane, clean thighs and excellent color, lacks gullet, has foul white feathers in shoulders and shows his Oriental breeding by feathers down the legs; 4th, Tanner, a fine Turbit, 2d Boston and New York, well finished all over but not so stout in head as winners.

Black Wing hens, 1st, Levering, fine front and down face, beautiful peak and mane, grand eye, rich color, thin beak and hollow face, very foul in right thigh and has too much white in wings; 2d, Orr, good stout beak, little straight, good peak and mane, fine eye, good gullet, fails in frill and weak in face; 3d, Levering, a sweet little well trained Turbit, grand color, good skull, peak and mane, full gullet and nice frill, is weak in beak, pinched in face and foul on rump; 4th, Tanner, should have been an easy winner, grand color, perfect markings, thick beak and good skull, magnificent gullet and frill, fine peak and mane; 5th, Tanner, grand beak, eye and skull, good color and markings, lacks gullet.

Black Wing cock, '94, 1st, Orr, an easy win, a grand Turbit for his age and well marked, has a wonderful stout beak and front, lacks gullet; 2d, Orr, another same type, is bishoped on wings and foul on thighs; 3d, Levering, beautiful color, grand frill, good beak, face and skull, lacks gullet and is very foul underneath.

Black Wing hens, '94, 1st, Levering, good skull and eye, weak in beak and face, rich color, correct size and good shape; 2d, Tanner, a grand little hen, is out of condition; 3d and 4th, Orr, both very much alike, stout beaks, but long, not so good in skull as winners and fail in gullet.

Blue Wing cocks, 4 grand ones all very close, 1st, Orr, should have been beaten on account of size as he is a regular Jumbo and very long in feather, is otherwise a grand bird, wonderful short thick downfaced beak, good mouth and cheeks, good skull but not so broad or large as his competitors, fine gullet and frill, good peak and mane and is well marked; 2d, Levering, an old stager, has won many victories, wonderful beak, short thick face and stout neck, good gape of mouth, fine peak and mane, fails in markings, excellent gullet and frill and fine frontal; 3d, Levering, a grand styled bird, short face but weak in mouth, fine skull, excellent peak and mane, nice gullet and fair frill, good color and bars, very foul on thighs; 4th, Tanner, the best head in the class, very short, thick beak, grand eye, lacks gullet, fine frill, excellent shape and carriage.

Blue Wing hens, 1st, Levering, a little gem, very short, downfaced beak, beautiful front, grand eye, frill, color, size and shape, lacks gullet and a bit shelly in peak; 2d, Levering, another grand Turbit, bolting eye, beautiful front and down face, fine peak and mane, nice gullet and frill, lacks markings and beak shows signs of manipulation; 3d, Orr, grand skull and beak, little straight in face, fine gullet and frill, well marked and clean thighs, is shelly in peak; 4th, Tanner, stout beak, good skull, nice peak, mane gullet and frill, fails in front to winners.

Blue Wing cocks, '94, bred, 1st, Orr, short, thick beak and good skull, fair frill, fails in gullet, is hollow in cheeks and decidedly too long in feather, is a bit shelly in peak; 2d, Orr, same type,

has nice gullet and frill, good eye, kitey bars; 3d, Levering, where disqualification was not the penalty for grouse boot-ed limbs, this bird should have been an easy winner, the most perfect head I ever saw on a Turbit, grand front and downface, full in cheeks, fine, bolting eye, nice gullet and correct body formation, grand color and well marked, short face but weak in beak; barring the latter fault and the feathered legs is the best Turbit for its age I ever saw and miles ahead of the winners in general quality; would love to own him.

Blue Wing hens, '94, 1st, Levering, the best head in the class, wonderful beak, grand gullet and frill, shelly peak, foul in left wing and colored thighs; 2d and 3d, Orr, nice Turbits, but not so short in face or so broad in skull as winner; 4th, Tanner, only ordinary.

Red Wing Turbit cocks, 1st, Levering, a fine shaped little bird, but color too dead, approaching the strawberry order, has short, thick face and good front, fails in peak and is thin at point of beak; 2d, Tanner, grand skull, thick beak, bolting eye, beautiful frill, fine rich color, fails in gullet and is shelly in peak, but should have won; 3d, Levering, a mean one, should not have been in it, is oversized, sunken in eye, shelly peak, poor color, coarse in wattle, has only 3 points to commend him, down face, fine gullet and frill; 4th, Tanner, a much better one, grand in all points except length of face and breadth of skull.

Red Wing hens, 1st and 2d, Levering, 1st is a gem, beautiful down face and wonderful profile, rich color, fine gullet and frill, excellent peak and mane; 2d is too thin in beak and face.

Red Wing Turbit cocks, '94, 1st, Levering, beautiful profile, full gullet and good frill, bolting eye, needle peak and fine mane, rich color, very weak in beak; 2d and 3d, Orr; 2d is a nice Turbit, thick beak, good skull, full cheeks, grand eye, is poor in color and might have more gullet, peak a little wry; 4th, Tanner, a very fine one for the color, but has no peak.

Red Wing hens, '94, 1st, Levering, very rich color, fine front, good gullet and frill, very weak in beak and face; 2d, Orr, I preferred to winner, grand beak, stout in head, fine gullet and frill, poor in color; 3d, Orr, rather indifferent quality, not in it with the winners.

Yellow Wing cocks, (6) 1st, Levering, beautiful front and down face, grand bolting eye, rich color, nice gullet and frill, fails in markings and is weak in beak; 2d, Tanner, thick bullfinch beak, tremendous gull-t, fine frill, good skull, nice peak and mane, fair color, over-flighted; 3d, Orr, the best head in the class, also possesses a good stout beak, nice frill, fair color, bit shelly in peak and straight in face, but in need of more gullet; 4th, Levering, nice front and head, fair color, good markings, is weak in beak and fails in gullet; 5th, Orr, thick beak, nice peak and mane, fair color, pinched face and sunken eye.

Yellow Wing hens, 7, rank judgment here. 1st, Levering, good color, nice marking, excellent front, fine gullet and frill, but is hollow cheeked and very weak in beak; 2d, Levering, same type, good short downface, foul on thighs and rump and deficient in wing markings; 3d and 4th, Farmer, miles ahead of the winners; 3d in particular is the best Yellow Turbit hen I ever saw, very short thick downfaced beak, grand skull, fine peak and mane, rich color, beautiful frill, bolting eye, a model in size, shape and carriage, had she a little more gullet she would be a gem; 4th is also a grand Turbit, though not so chubby and stout as 3rd, has good color, fine gullet and wonderful frill, and also is perfection itself in peak and mane; 5th, Orr, might have been higher, has good stout beak, short face, full cheeks, good head, nice gullet and frill, is light in color.

Yellow Wing cocks, '94, 1st, Orr, stout beak, good skull, thick face for a yellow, good bolting eye, nice peak and mane, but lacks gullet and is foul on breast; 2d, Orr, nice little Turbit, not so stout faced as winner, lacks gullet and might have given way to 3d, Levering, beautiful front, nice color and marking, though weak in beak.

Yellow Wing hens, '94, 1st, Orr, good stout beak, fine skull, good eye, nice gullet and frill, fair in color, hollow in

cheeks; 2d, Levering, nice shape, good profile, fine eye, sound color, very weak in beak and cheeks; 3d, Orr, only fair.

Any other color cock, 1st, Tanner, a grand little Strawberry, very short face and fine gape, grand skull, full gullet and fine frill, wonderful build and grand style, fine bolting eye, needle peak and full mane; 2d, Orr, another corker, a Blue Chequer, grand Bullfinch beak, short broad skull, fine eye, fails a little in gullet, has fine frill and possesses grand style and nice peak and mane; 3d, Levering, a Strawberry, grand beak and downface, a little flat in cheeks, fails in gullet and peak.

Any other color hens, 1st, Tanner, a Strawberry, a sweet little bird, very short thick downfaced beak, fine gullet and frill, beautiful front, grand eye, nice peak and mane, good shape and style; 2d, Tanner, a Chequer, grand shape, fine beak and skull, good peak and mane; 3d, Orr, a Dun, nice frill and gullet, good eye, too long in face and narrow in skull.

Any other color cock, '94, 1st, Tanner, a Blue Chequer and a corker, 1st, Boston, special, Peoria, etc., has good Bullfinch beak, grand front, bolting eye, fine peak and mane, correct body build; 2d, Levering, a grand little Strawberry, excellent skull, good thick neck, fine peak and mane, beautiful frill, short beak, but weak and is bishoped on wing; 3d, Rommel, a Red Chequer, nice skull and good eye.

Any other color hen, '94, 1st, Orr, a sweet little Dun.

Solid Turbit cocks, 1st, Buttles, "Frost King," the New York winner of last year, in fine show form, a wonderful skulled bird with a very massive beak; 2d, Rapien, inferior quality.

Tail Turbits, 1st, Buttles, a Blue Tail, a nice bird of the variety.

To Pouter Fanciers.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

Now that the Pouter Club has been organized, I wish to beg of those who are not members to join us, and help to make this America's specialty club, not alone in point of membership, but activity also.

The annual dues being one dollar should enable all fanciers to join, and it will surely benefit the breeders of the Pouter. If we can get the membership away up, it may be possible to offer cups at other recognized shows, besides those offered at the annual club meet. It shall give me much pleasure to put before the public the affairs of the club that they may keep posted on its doings.

The membership now numbers 15, among them some of America's foremost Pouter breeders and exhibitors, consisting of Andrew Muehlig, Ann Arbor, Mich., E. J. Campbell, Centredale, R. I., Chas. Hosey, Lick Run, Cin., O., Chas. Rinke, Lick Run, Cin., O., G. M. Martin, Middletown, O., E. T. Hazeldine, Terre Haute, Ind., J. M. Wall, Atlanta, Ga., Frederick Tudor, Boston, Mass., Geo. Ewald, Ed. Ward, Cincinnati, O., Chris. Wagner, Detroit, Mich., F. Erdelmeyer, Indianapolis, Ind., J. W. Acton, Eaton, O., F. E. Shippen, E. B. Page, Louisville, Ky.

We want all the Pouter men we can get, and I am anxious to hear from John H. Kuhn, McClure, Ingram, Hanselman, Taubert, Erede, McMahon, Fred Sauer, Waldron, Chas. Wagner, Reid, Snyder, Budde, Pearson, L. Korb, Scoville, Myer and all those I cannot now recall their names.

All those who have not paid their annual dues will please do so as early as possible. All those wishing to join will please send application and one dollar for a years membership. I assure them a hearty welcome, and trust the club may be a source of benefit to the member and to the fancy.

EDWARD B. PAGE, Sec'y.

2125 Preston St., Louisville, Ky.

WAY ON TOP.

THE AMERICAN FANCIER, with New York show report is a corker. It is way on top.

GEORGE H. BURGOTT,
Lawton's Station, N. Y., Feb. 13, 1895.

THE BEST.

THE AMERICAN FANCIER is the best paper I ever advertised in, receive enquiries from all over the United States.

A. P. GROVES,
Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 19, 1895.

Turbit Illustrations.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

Some months ago I criticised a cut of a Turbit which you published as a frontispiece, and the artist, in defense of the portrait, published a letter which he had received from the owner of the bird expressing satisfaction with the work. I do not consider myself competent to judge Turbits in opposition to Mr. Tanner, and if he considers that an accurate portrait of the best headed Turbit he ever owned, why I will have to discard all my present stock of Turbits and begin again. All the fault I found with the picture was that it represented a bird *down in the mouth* as well as *down faced*. I have looked at all my best Turbits, or those I call my best, and in each of them a line drawn from the tip of the beak through the angle of the mouth bisects the eye, but in the picture referred to such a line would come out low down on the back of the neck. The *beak wattle* on all the good Turbits I have seen reaches to, and sometimes, in old birds, overhangs, the angle of the mouth, while in the picture it reaches just about half-way down to the angle of the mouth, and still the wattle came low enough in my opinion. If the bird was built that way, of course he should be so depicted. I should not have mentioned the subject again had not Mr. Gavin, in the first number of *Pigeon News*, referred (presumably) to this same picture as representing a bird worth \$50 to any breeder of Owls of a certain variety. I will sketch from memory the features of the portrait that I think objectionable and also a similar head conforming to my idea of symmetry, and if you can set me straight as to which is right, or whether the point is "immaterial, irrelevant, and incompetent," I shall be obliged to you.

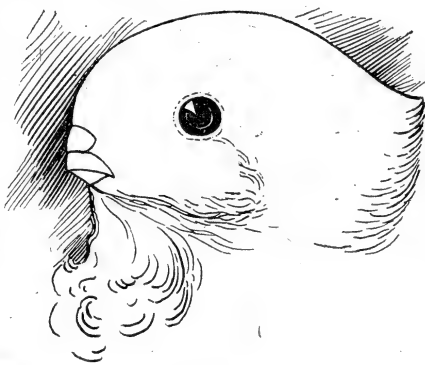


FIGURE 1.

Figure 1 shows the mouth to which I object, perhaps slightly exaggerated.

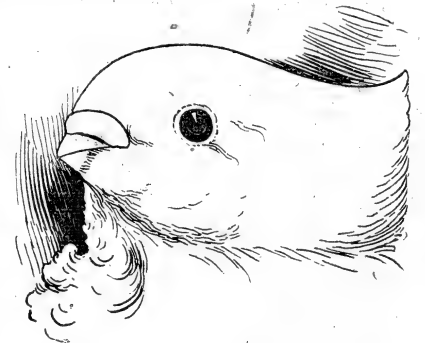


FIGURE 2.

Figure 2 preserves the relative position of the three points in a straight line.

CHAS. L. LANG, M. D.

A Pouter Club.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

A notice in THE AMERICAN FANCIER of January 26th heralds the news to the Pouter Fanciers of the United States that such a club was formed at the Cincinnati show. If such is the fact, keep the ball rolling, let every fancier join, exchange ideas as to rules, regulations and by-laws of the club, get into good working order this next season, and when the next Cincinnati show comes off, in Nov. 1895, there will surely be an array of fine Pouters that will surpass even the elegant display of the show just passed. Pouter fanciers wake up.

J. H. BREDE.

Middletown, O.

Mr. Campbell's Answer.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

I did not mean to have any more to say about Glasgow, but he has made so many mistatements that I will have to answer him. He says I tried to influence him in his judging Pouters, well, I did give him to understand which I knew was the best bird, but I did it publicly before a good many others. As I said before, he gave 1st to a white cock that I sold for just one-fifth for what I got for the 2d premium bird. I knew I bred four out of the five white cocks in the show, and the other four premiums were bred from my stock, but he says I told him afterwards that I was satisfied. What I was satisfied of was, that he was no judge. He says I interfered in several of the Pouter classes. He knows I never spoke to him about any others except the Black hens. He called me to him and asked me which was the best but I would not tell him. He says I interfered also in the Jacobin classes. I saw him helping Ingram judge, and went over to find what right he had to do so, and while there Ingram asked me to pick out any bird I cared to and he would award it the prize. Talk about being rattled, he did not know what to do, but I refused to do any such thing. Well it took them just 30 minutes to judge the Jacobin class, but after all I did not see many mistakes. I would like to know right here, who gave Glasgow permission to help judge the Jacobins? I never heard or saw such a thing before. I will speak of the article Ingram had in your paper a week or two ago, denying that he told me he was rattled with Glasgow hurrying him. He did say so, and I have two witnesses who heard him. He says I dare not make affidavit that I did not have a catalogue in my hand when I judged Fans, I can do that very easily, for when I consented to judge the Fans, secretary Twombly agreed to help carry the birds from their cages to the judging pen, and he was with me all the time, and he knows I did not have a catalogue and that I did not know the birds either, for I made it a point to keep away from them until they were judged by someone. I made a mistake in judging the young bird class, I ought to have thrown out the whole lot as not being worthy of anything. Maybe the White cock was not wry tailed, only badly crooked, as a good many saw besides myself, let Glasgow ask Mr. Twombly. I am still willing to make a match with anyone on Pouters, and will also back up the statement that I bred 75 per cent of all the Pouters at the shows in this country for the last 10 years, and about Pouter breeders not breeding so much for themselves, I would like to know what he has ever bred with the big chance he has, that ever won anything in close competition, especially in White S. H. Fans? It is easy enough to win in classes without competition. I see the White cock that was 2d at Boston, was 1st at New York, and the one that was 1st was 2d, and I think that bears me out in good shape. I never said that Mr. Waldron's cock was the best, for I have six at my coops that can easily beat him. Now, brother fanciers, I will leave it to you what kind of a man Glasgow is, and what I am? I never care much for showing these late years, but may make a few entries next year just to show what I have, but would rather make a match for a cup or for money, as it will allow of three judges passing on the birds, and not so much chance of mistakes. Now some fanciers out west say they would rather have George Ure's stock, little short birds instead of fine, long, slender, upright birds. But I will tell them that my stock is nearly all Ure's stock, also with some of Robert Fulton's with it. George Ure himself bought heavily of Fulton. I think I can tell anyone about Pouters in this country and how they were all bred, and anything anyone wants to know about Pouter breeding or raising, I will gladly tell them all I know. I breed about 200 Pouters every year from 30 or 35 pair of breeders, and I would like to hear of anyone able to do it. Every bird in coops in Pouters, Jacks, Fans and feeders I bred myself.

When I judged Pouters and Jacobins at New York in '93 and '94, I wrote to all of my customers that showed birds, and asked them if they objected to my doing

so. They all wrote me that they would be glad to have me judge their birds. Glasgow knows this also. I never took a cent for judging, and always paid all my expenses. Two years ago when Glasgow judged Barbs at New York, he told me that all the birds he knew thoroughly were Barbs, and now he knows how to criticise a whole show. Where did he learn so much so quickly? It satisfies me that he does not know anything about pigeons, and anyone reading his criticisms will be awfully misled. When he judged Barbs in New York in '93, he called me to look at a few of them and I told him which had ought to win. I thought I would help him a little although I had no right too, and he did not do as I told him, and a big Barb breeder laughed at his awards, but as they were all his he did not care.

ELISHA J. CAMPBELL.

Greystone Woolen Mill,
Centredale, R. I.

A Plucked Bird.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

As it has come to my notice through private correspondence that there is some talk going the rounds *re* a bird I showed at New York and was disqualified, I take this opportunity of informing the fancy at large the facts in the case. The bird is from the loft of Mr. Bly, of Birmingham, England, and was sent to me as a sure winner at the late English show. Upon receiving him I noticed feathers had been removed from rump, and wrote saying that the bird could not win here in that condition if he could in England, but would show him and see what would be done with him. At New York I notified Mr. Crawford in writing of the facts *re* the bird so far as I knew, and he said he would notify the judge, to which I made reply that I thought it should not be done until after judging, as there were other birds plucked and I wanted to see how they were handled. I have written the party in England *re* the result, and expect some recompense on the misrepresentation of the bird to me.

FRANK W. GORSE.

Highlandville, Feb. 13, 1895.

Meridian Mentionings.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

The great New York show is already only a memory, but what a fund of memories it will prove to some of us who do not have the opportunity to attend many shows. Two days spent in a careful analysis of the exhibits and awards and in conversation with the famous fanciers of America are sufficient to convince one that we are slowly but surely gaining ground. Perhaps the time will come when England will send to us yearly for prize winners in the same classes in which she now excels. The quality of the birds in the pigeon classes was unusually high, especially in Jacobins, Turbits and Tumblers. I noticed a Red Jack cock, No. 2323; shown by M. B. Blauch, that ought to win many a special when thoroughly in condition. In Tumblers the Black Mottle shown by F. W. Gorse attracted general admiration and should have had the special over the Solid Black Muffed if they competed together.

CHAS. L. LANG, M. D.

Traced by a Glove.

John Kulb, of 2026 Niagara street, Buffalo, N. Y., is a fancier of pigeons, and he was naturally grieved upon going to the barn in the rear of his house Saturday night to find that someone had broken in and stolen a half-dozen of his well-bred birds. He found a glove on the floor, and after puzzling his brains for a few minutes he remembered having seen similar gloves on the hands of James Slair, of 10 Hoffman alley. A small boy was sent to Slair's house with the glove, and when the lad told him he had picked it up on the street Slair accepted it and thanked the boy. Having thus acknowledged its ownership, he was arrested by Specials Cornish and Coon. He admitted his guilt and restored the stolen pigeons.

A Note of Warning.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

I want to warn all the boys not to monkey with the deadly coal oil stove. We have had a blizzard every night, and I have been worried for two weeks over my White Fans. I finally, against my better judgment, started my coal oil stove every night and warmed up the loft before I went to bed, not daring to let it run all night, as I am "shady" on coal oil at best.

Last evening I put in a new wick, filled the stove, and started a nice heat, and went in to my supper. In about half an hour I went out, and found the whole building full of a nasty black smoke, the cause of which I have not yet found out. The consequence is that my beloved birds, which were white as snow yesterday, look to-day like a cross between White Fans and Ravens, and my heart is broken. How long it will take them to assume a normal aspect, the Lord only knows. I send you this, so that no other fancier may have the same bitter experience.

Evansville, Ind., Feb. 10.

Pigeon Flying.

Empire City Flying Club.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

At the regular monthly meeting of the Empire City Flying Club of New York and vicinity held at the rooms at 5 Park Place, N. Y. City, on the evening of February 12th, the following race schedule for old and young birds, southwestern course, season of 1895, was adopted:

OLD BIRDS.—Sunday, May 12, Wilmington, Del., 100 miles; Sunday, May 19, Washington, D. C., 200 miles; Sunday, May 26, Charlottesville, Va., 300 miles; Sunday, June 9, Rocky Mount, Va., 400 miles; Saturday, June 22, Statesville, N. C., 500 miles.

YOUNG BIRDS.—First series, March and April hatch.—Sunday, September 1, Wilmington, Del., 100 miles; Sunday, Sept. 8, Magnolia, Md., 150 miles; Sunday, Sept. 15, Washington, D. C., 200 miles; Sunday, Sept. 22, Washington, D. C., 200 miles.

YOUNG BIRDS.—Second series, June and July hatch.—Sunday, Oct. 6, Wilmington, Del., 100 miles; Sunday, Oct. 13, Magnolia, Md., 150 miles; Sunday, Oct. 20, Washington, D. C., 200 miles; Sunday, Oct. 27, Washington, D. C., 200 miles.

In all flights with old birds and in the first three races of the first series with young birds the membership of the New York and Brooklyn section and the Newark, N. J., section of the club unite in competition for district honors of the "New York and Vicinity District" of the National Federation of Homing Pigeon Fanciers, including club honors and prizes. The club also flies in united competition from 400 and 500 miles with old birds, and the second 200 mile race in each series with young birds, for club honors and prizes, all other flights arranged being independent competitions by each of the two sections of the club.

T. FRED GOLDMAN, Secy.
1694 Dean St., Brooklyn, N. Y.
Feb. 16, 1895.

A New Club.

TO THE AMERICAN FANCIER:

We have recently organized a new club under the name of "The West Side Homing Club of Newark, N. J." Although we are but boys fifteen years of age we will try and make a successful homing in the coming spring. We have some good birds in our possession, some of which have flown from 100 to 200 miles and some others which though untried are excellent breeders. The officers elected at this meeting are as follows: Harry Butcher, president; Eugene Geiser, vice-president and secretary; Carroll H. Hoagland, race secretary; William Jacobus, treasurer.

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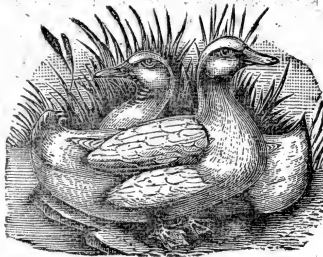


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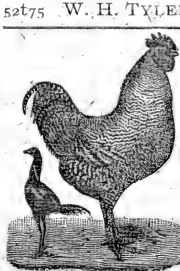
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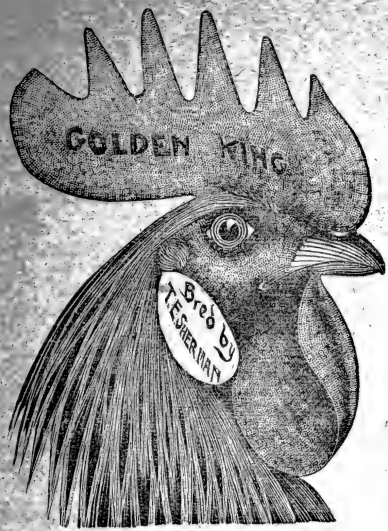
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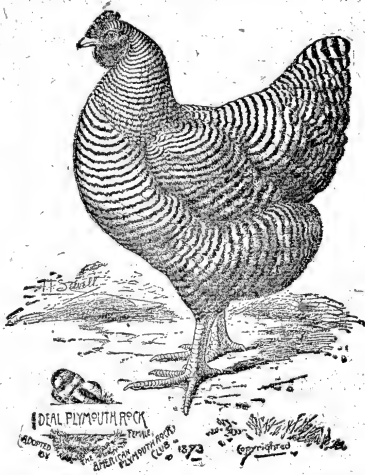
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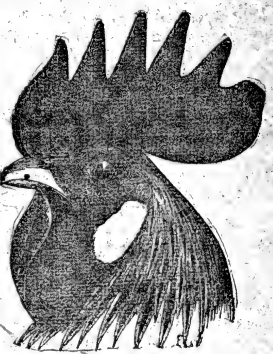
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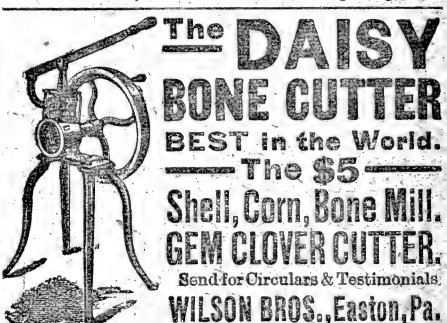
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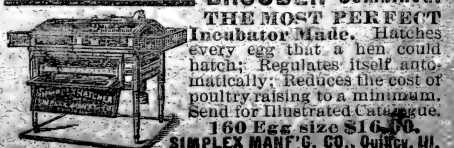
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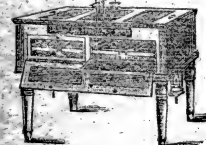
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At HAGERSTOWN, Md., October 9-12, 1894.—
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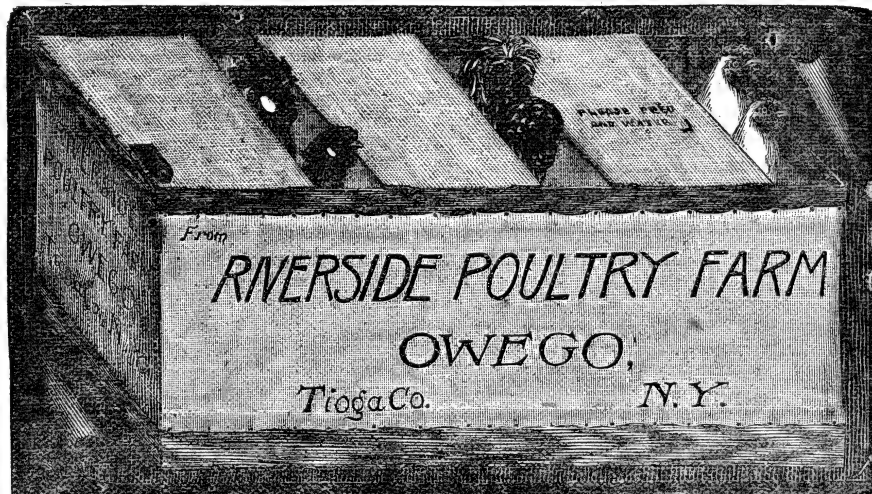
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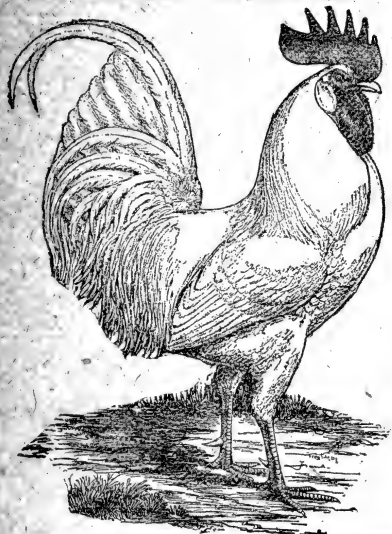
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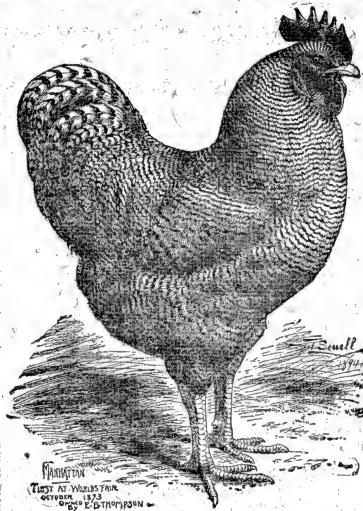
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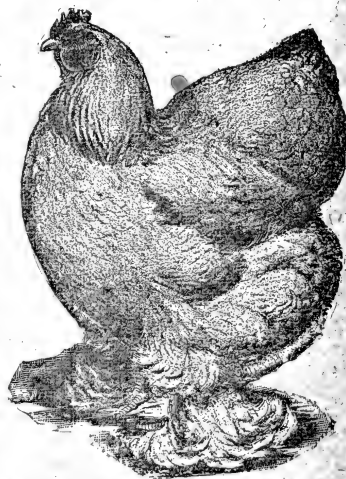
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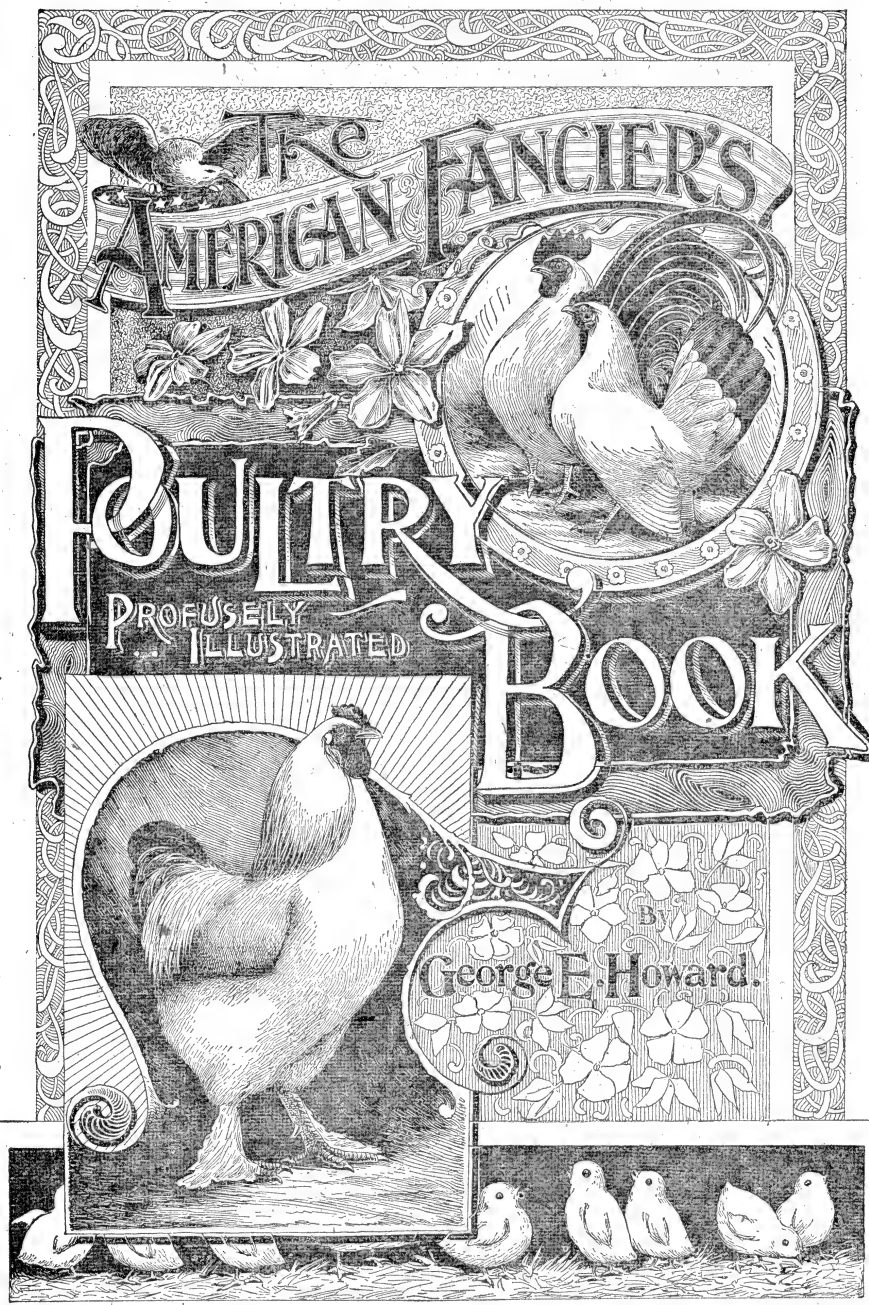


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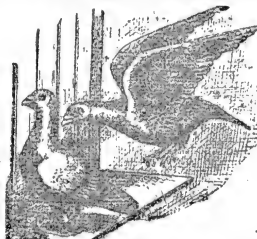
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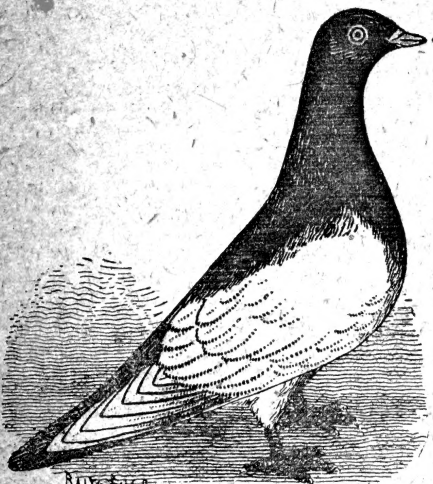
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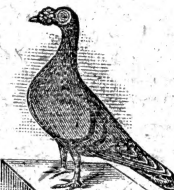
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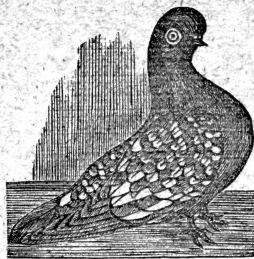
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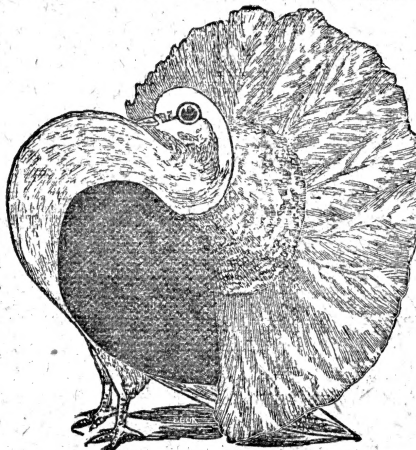
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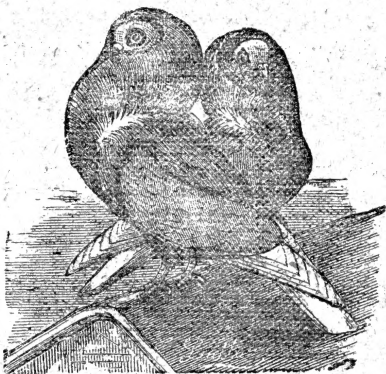
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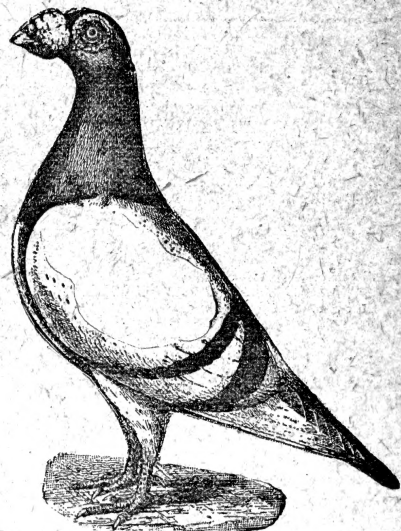


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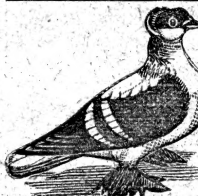
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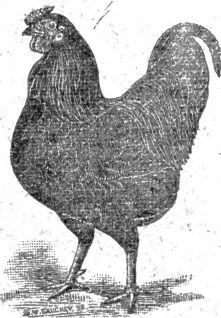
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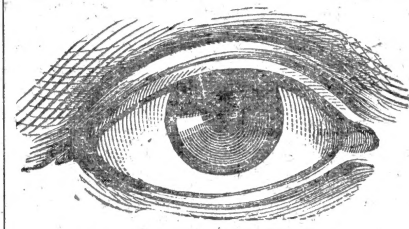
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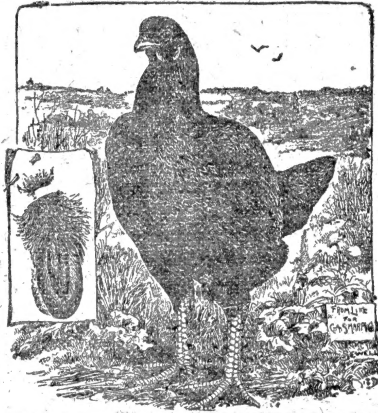
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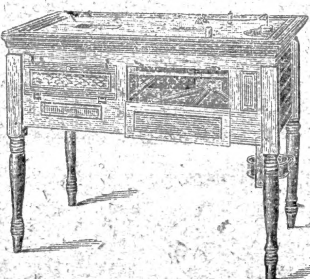
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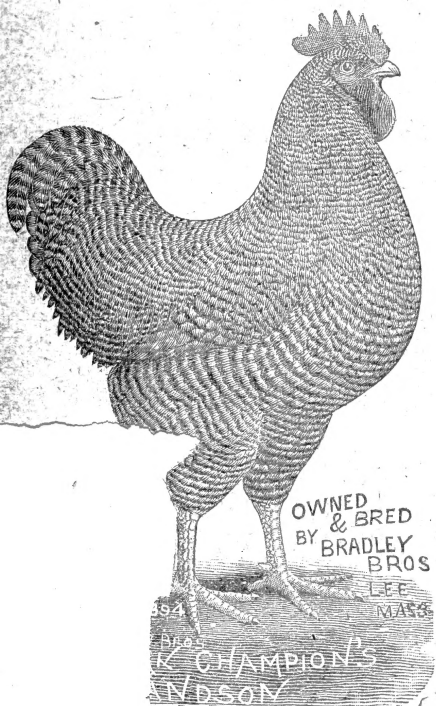
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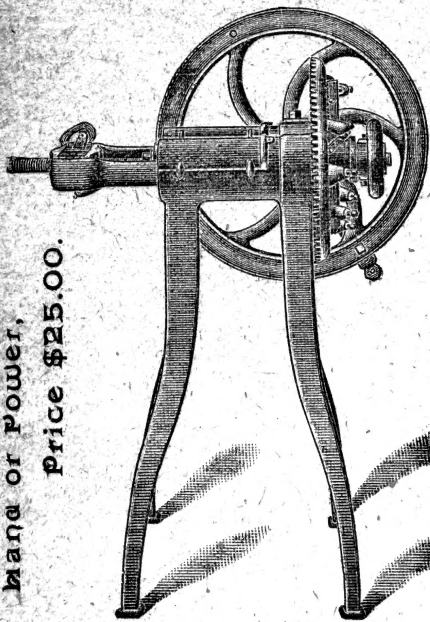
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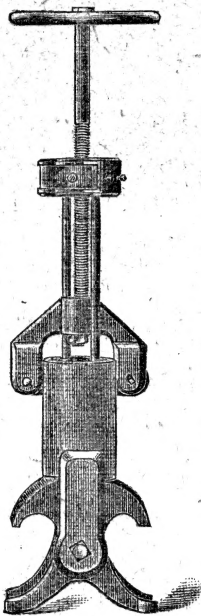
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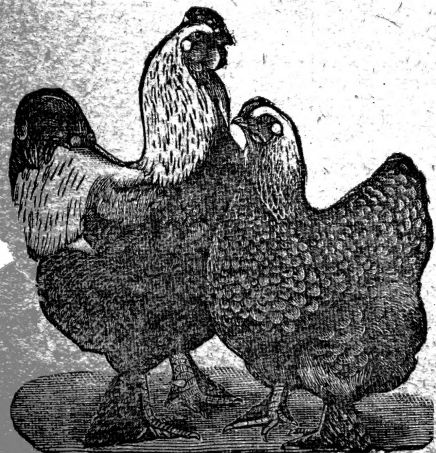
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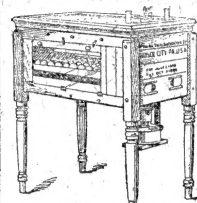
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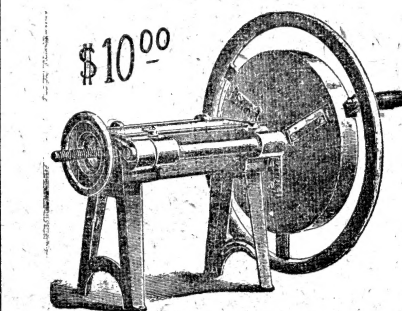
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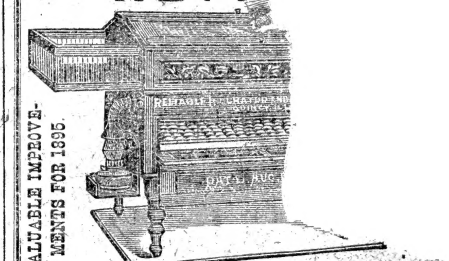
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